



Sculptor Paul Suttman is the current artist in residence at Texas A&M University. More than 200 artists apply for the slot each year. Joe Hutchinson, a professor in environmental design, picks the artist. This statue and others of Suttman's works will be displayed early next year in Rudder Tower, along with some pieces he will sculpt here.

## Prof picks artist yearly for A&M

By SUZIE HEMBY  
Battalion Reporter

Many people buy art. But few people buy artists anymore.

Joe Hutchinson, a professor of environmental design, sort of leases them for a year.

He selects the artists for the artist-in-residence program at Texas A&M University.

The program began seven years ago, he said, and has proved to be a valuable addition to the students and faculty of the environmental design department. Now about 200 artists apply for the job each year.

Paul Suttman, a bronze sculptor from Roundtop, is currently the artist assigned a studio in the Architecture Building.

The artist in residence teaches a class in environmental design, works independently with students, and continues to exhibit his work, including at least one show at Texas A&M.

Hutchinson said that the artist is employed at Texas A&M as a salaried faculty member and paid on the basis of his experience. He usually makes the same amount as an associate professor, about \$22,000 to \$27,000 per year.

Suttman is the 10th artist in residence.

"He is a man of considerable talent and experience," he said.

Suttman teaches a course on "Relationships in Sculpture." He's also

working on a number of projects that will be on exhibit in Rudder Tower sometime in February.

Hutchinson said that he sought a sculptor this year because the environmental design department doesn't have an instructor on staff who teaches sculpture.

Over the years, Texas A&M has had several types of artists in residence, including jeweler Charles Loloma, painter Joe Eastman and ceramicist Biz Littell. Hutchinson is considering hiring a woodcraftsman for 1981.

Hutchinson has screened and hired all 10 artists in residence. To find the University's artist, he attends annual meetings of the College Art Association. There he scans prospects and usually invites one to Texas A&M for an interview. He said he generally looks for an artist who's good in his field.

Hutchinson said the artist-in-residence job allows the artist an opportunity to develop some new ideas.

"Every artist who has stayed here for any length of time has changed his concept of thinking," he said.

In the contract that the artist signs, he is required to leave one piece of his work at Texas A&M. The pieces of art are displayed in the environmental design office in the Architecture Building.

## B-CS unemployment lowest across state

Being in last place usually isn't good, but Bryan-College Station residents should be happy. They made the bottom of the list for unemployment in the state.

Mid-September unemployment here was 3 percent of the civilian labor force. That's the lowest jobless rate of the month for any metropolitan area in Texas, according to Lonnie H. O'Dell, district director of the Texas Employment Commission.

The labor force moved upward to 40,600 in September while the number of employed residents rose to 35,700 and unemployment declined to 1,200.

In comparison, the unemployment rate across Texas averaged 4.6 percent and the overall U.S. unemployment rate was 7.1 percent.

A comparison to September 1979 reflects an increase of 1,800 or 4.6 percent of the Bryan-College Station labor force and an expansion of 1,400 or 3.8 percent in total employment.

The Bryan office of the Texas Employment Commission received 658 new applications for job-seekers and renewed 264 in September. The

office made 2,260 referrals to job openings and filled 547 vacancies.

Non-agricultural wage and salary employment rose to 35,700 in September. This represents a growth of 840 job (2.4 percent) over the month of August. The growth in employment was shared by both the manufacturing and the non-manufacturing segments.

Manufacturing gained by 2.6 percent over the month as both durables and nondurables added workers. Fabricated metal products, other durable goods and printing and publishing showed growth. All other sectors of the manufacturing segment either dropped slightly or remained unchanged from the previous month.

A gain of 2.4 percent was felt by non-manufacturing as local businesses increased their employment in order to accommodate the increase in customers that was caused by the fall semester influx of Texas A&M University students. All sectors of non-manufacturing experienced growth over the month with the exception of the construction and finance, insurance and real estate sectors.

## New zoning rules suggested for CS

By BELINDA MCCOY  
Battalion Reporter

Recommendation to create a new commercial zoning district is on its way to the College Station City Council.

The College Station Planning and Zoning Commission agreed to recommend the amendment of the present General Commercial District classification in a regular meeting Thursday night.

In the amendment, the present commercial district C-1 will be subdivided into two districts, C-1 and C-3, which will separate businesses according to the traffic flow they generate.

A C-1 district will designate low-traffic generators, such as dentist offices, doctor offices, banks and financial institutions, self-service car

washes, rental shops, mini-storage centers and small shopping centers. In addition, the amendment will not allow alcohol to be sold in a C-1 zone.

A C-3 district will designate high-traffic generators, such as hotels, motels, restaurants, theaters, alcoholic beverage sales, hospitals and large shopping centers.

The Commission also considered the proposed expansion and rezoning of a mobile home park located in a flood hazard area between Texas Avenue and the East By-pass. A decision could not be reached until City Engineer Elrey Ash could study the flood plain area and give recommendations for the elevation of mobile home pads (concrete blocks on which mobile homes are placed) above the flood plain.

## CAMAC sets comedy play at 8 tonight

Beware of witches haunting Rudder Theater tonight when the MSC Committee for the Awareness of Mexican American Culture presents "Brujerias."

The one-act bilingual play will be presented by the California-based Chicano theater group, El Teatro de la Esperanza ("The Theater of Hope") at 8 p.m.

The Spanish-English comedy, "Superstitions" in English, tells the tale of an elderly couple who live in a house occupied by a "brujia" — a witch. According to El Teatro de la Esperanza, "Brujerias" is a comment on people's easily aroused superstitions fears and the humor that arises from facing the unknown.

Tickets are \$1 for children 12 and under, \$2 for Texas A&M students and \$3 for adults. Tickets are available at the Rudder Box Office.

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## Tech-A&M seminar to focus on women

A conference examining the role of women in developing nations will open Monday at Texas Tech University.

The two-day conference is co-sponsored by Texas A&M University's Office of International Programs.

Women's role in developing nations will be the focus of the conference. Several workshops, discussions and lectures will cover such topics as expanding opportunities for women, resource development, culturally sensitive programs and others.

Male and female students and faculty who are interested in or are studying any aspects of international development are invited to attend the conference.

"Sixty to 70 percent of small farmers in some developing countries are women," said Dr. Pamela Horne, Title XII Strengthening Grant for Texas A&M. Recognizing the role of women in developing countries is important since they sometimes have different societal roles than in industrialized countries.

"Some technical personnel talk only to men and that deters development," Horne said.

Title XII is a federally sponsored

program that funds universities' project for international assistance and development.

For more information about the conference, contact Horne in the Office of International Programs, 351 Bizzell Hall.

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## More cars used less gas in Texas

United Press International  
AUSTIN — Gasoline consumption in Texas took a nosedive during the past year while the number of vehicles on the state's roads increased, Comptroller Bob Bullock said Thursday.

Bullock said during the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1980, Texas drivers consumed 8 billion gallons of gasoline. That compares with consumption for the previous fiscal year of more than 8.5 billion gallons. During the same 1979 to 1980 period, the number of motor vehicles registered in Texas increased from 10 million to 11.9 million.

"A half-billion gallon drop is significant at a time when the state's car and truck population is skyrocketing," Bullock said.

"Our analysis doesn't show whether people are driving less or getting better mileage, but they are definitely buying less gas."

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