

Burt elected president of Texas teachers group

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Battalion Reporter
Dr. Forrest D. Burt, director of Texas A&M University's graduate English studies program, has been elected president of the Texas Association of College Teachers.

His two-year term begins April 1. TACT expresses views of some Texas faculty members, librarians and other professionals on legislative and agency issues.

One of Burt's concerns is that public colleges and universities in Texas are losing qualified high-ranking teachers because salaries

have fallen behind inflation, he said.

Many teachers' compensations don't provide a decent standard of living. Teachers realize they can do better financially in other jobs, Acting TACT President Philip L. White said.

Texas is falling further behind other states in attracting and holding faculty members of superior quality, White said.

"If we continue to fall behind in the quality of faculty, then tomorrow's leaders will be deprived," Burt said.

Burt said he will back a legislative program, adopted by TACT

and the American Association of University Professors, that supports increased expenditures for salaries and fringe benefits, state retirement contributions, full state payment for faculty social security, an unbridged tenure system and school governing board improvements.

Faculty members should have a say in how a public college or university is governed, Burt said.

He said his dedication to TACT in the past, present and future is because TACT is "the only voice that faculty members have specifically for their interest."

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INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Meets at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

"OBSERVATIONAL MEASUREMENT: APPLICATIONS IN BOTH BASIC AND APPLIED PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH": Dr. Marco J. Mariotto, of the University of Houston Psychology Department, lectures on this topic at 4 p.m. in 204 Harrington.

AERO RECOGNIZANCE OF HURRICANES: Will meet at 7 p.m. in 1209 O&M.

TAMU SAILING CLUB: Has a weekend sailing outing at Lake Somerville-Welch Park

"CAVE CAT": Will be presented at 8 p.m. in Rudder Forum.

AGGIECON XII: Tonight is an animation movie festival with "Watership Down" at 7 p.m., "Wizards" at 8:50 p.m., "Allegro Non Troppo" at 10:40 p.m., and "Fantastic Planet" at 12:30 a.m. All are in Rudder Auditorium.

SATURDAY

FIRST YEAR VET STUDENTS: Will bathe and dip your dog at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. behind the veterinarian school. Bring your own leashes and towels.

WHEELS: The Tamu Rollerskating Club will skate at the Gym from 12-4 p.m. Non-members may skate too, for \$1.

FLORICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE CLUBS: Will conduct a spring plant sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Floriculture Greenhouse.

ACCOUNTING SOCIETY: Will have its second annual Luncheon at 1 p.m. at the Briarwood Blue Room.

MSC BASEMENT: The Pat Metheny Group appears at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theatre.

"CAVE CAT": Will be presented at 8 p.m. in Rudder Forum by the Aggie Players.

TAMU WOMEN'S SOCCER: Will play the Texas women's team at 1 p.m. at Cain Field.

SCUBA CLUB: Will have an Underwater Hockey Tournament with teams from Houston beginning at 8 a.m. in the indoor pool.

AGGIECON XII: "Close Encounters Of The Third Kind" will be shown at 7 p.m., with "2001 - A Space Odyssey" at 9:20 p.m., "Sleeper" at 11:45 p.m., and "The Day The Earth Stood Still" at 1:30 a.m. All will be shown in Rudder Auditorium.

SUNDAY

MARKETING SOCIETY: Has a picnic with the Petroleum Engineering Society at Tanglewood Park from 1-4 p.m.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS: Will have a car wash at the Texas corner of Texas Avenue and Jersey from 12-5 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for wash and vacuum.

PAKISTAN CLUB: Meets to elect officers at 2 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

Metheny to play at Rudder Saturday

The Pat Metheny Group, nominated for a Grammy for its album "American Garage," will be playing to a sell-out crowd at Rudder Theater 8 p.m. Saturday night.

The band, brought by the MSC Arts and MSC Basement committees, is headed by Pat Metheny, 25, who is, according to Down Beat magazine, one of the best jazz musicians of the decade.

With the strong talents of Lyle Mays on keyboards and Denny Gortlieb on drums, the group will be playing some new music written especially for this tour, Metheny said in an interview with WTSP Radio.

Neal Tesser of Down Beat labeled Metheny's music as neo-fusion or the link between old and new jazz. Those who like the music of pop-jazz songster Al Jarreau or Devo, Tesser said, would like the Pat Metheny Group.

Metheny, a guitarist, studied music at the University of Miami for a year before being hired to teach there at 18.

At 19, he moved to the Berklee College of Music in Boston where he was hired to teach guitar to the top 30 Berklee guitar students.

Lyle Mays, co-leader and keyboard player for the group, was a student at Northwest Texas State University where he orchestrated and arranged an album for the college jazz band. It became the first college band album to ever be nominated for a Grammy Award.

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