

Students to travel in Europe

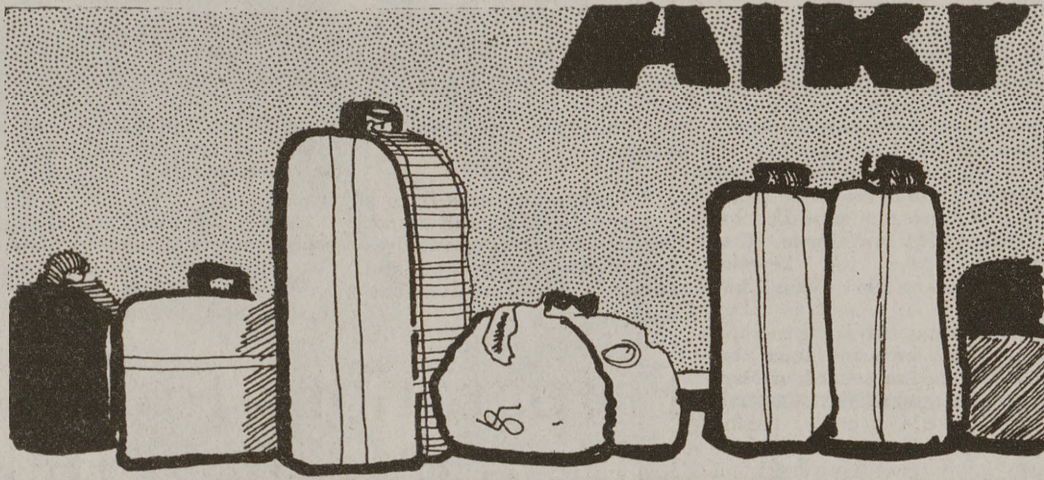
Ruhr University offers tour

by Steven B. Larkin
Battalion Reporter

A group of Texas A&M engineering students will tour Europe as a result of a "Memorandum of Understanding" that was signed late last year between officials of Ruhr University Bochum in West Germany and Texas A&M University, Dr. Leroy S. Fletcher, associate dean of engineering, said.

The College of Engineering is offering the tour to increase co-operation between the two universities in the areas of faculty and student exchanges and joint teaching and research efforts.

The 19-day trip, beginning May 13, will include a two-day stay in Amsterdam, with a bus tour through Holland, before the students arrive at Bochum in the Ruhr River Valley. Activities at the university will



include lectures and seminars, tours of a robot-controlled Volkswagen assembly plant, a refinery and coal facility and other engineering industries in the Ruhr Valley.

The trip costs approximately \$1,000, which covers round-trip airfare from Houston, bus

transportation to Bochum, industrial tours, admission fees and some accommodations and meals. Students will board with university faculty families. Applications can be picked up at the Dean of Engineering's office, 204 Zachry. Deadline for applications and a \$100 deposit is April 12.

Discussions leading to the signing of the Memorandum began in October when Ruhr University President Dr. Knut Ipsen met with University officials in College Station at that time. Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver and Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert agreed to the program.

A delegation of University officials traveled to Ruhr in December to accept the agreement.

Fletcher said the tour offers a unique educational and cultural experience.

Play tonight promotes Black History Month

by Rebeca Zimmermann
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The MSC Black Awareness Committee is presenting "The Further Adventures of Black Lovers" tonight at 7:30 in Rudder Forum as part of the Committee's celebration of Black History Month.

The performance will be given by the Shape Community Theater of Houston. This all-black group performs throughout the year in the Shape Community Center and performs only original works by Houston playwrights, Deloyd Parker, executive director of the group, said.

The players in the group have diverse backgrounds — ranging from a University of

Houston professor to a bus driver to a telephone repairman.

"The play deals with serious relationships between black men and black women," Parker said. It speaks universally, but deals with some unique cultural experiences of blacks, he said.

The author of the play, Thomas Meloncon, is a folk singer, poet and playwright from Houston, Parker said.

Black History Month began as Negro History Week in 1926. Negro History Week, founded by the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, originally was celebrated the week of February nearest the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Black Awareness has planned

other activities to celebrate Black History Month. A formal dance will be held Feb. 12, and an art exhibit of Clarence Talley's works will run from Feb. 15 to 28 in the MSC Gallery. A reception for the artist will be held Feb. 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., also at the MSC Gallery.

A panel discussion on the Voting Rights Act is planned for Feb. 25. Participants on the panel have not been named yet, Arlene Manthey, MSC staff adviser for the committee, said.

A public reception will be held in the forum lobby after the play.

Admission is \$2.50 for students with a Texas A&M I.D. and \$3.50 for the general public. Tickets are on sale at Rudder Box Office.

Texas succeeds in slowing half of speeding motorists

by Sheila Frazier
Battalion Reporter

Texas succeeded last year in ticketing, warning and arresting Texas drivers into 50 percent compliance with the national 55 mph speed limit.

The Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Highway Department, in conjunction with the Texas Transportation Institute, conducted a year-long program to meet the standards ordered by a 1978 federal act, which called for increased compliance with the 55 mph speed limit.

The aim of the act is to decrease the rate of high-speed re-

lated accidents. In 1981, the compliance rate was 50 percent and the 1983 goal is to reach 70 percent compliance.

Under the terms of the Surface Transportation Act, every state is subject to a cut-off of federal highway funds if the pre-set percentage of driver compliance is not met yearly. Last year the amount of money at stake totaled over \$5 million.

"We did it, just barely," Dr. Stephen Roop, research specialist for TTI, said. Roop and Dr. R.Q. Brackett, also a research specialist for TTI, were hired to evaluate the effectiveness of the program in the areas chosen for

increased enforcement.

It was found that the enforcement efforts, concentrated on transient traffic areas, actually had "little, if any, lasting effect on speeds and no measurable effect on accidents," according to TTI's evaluation report.

"We've got to improve each year in order to keep our piece of the pie," Roop said. "It's been a learning experience."

In the evaluation, Roop and Brackett recommended that the enforcement effort must be more visible to leave a lasting mark on Texas drivers' habits and that future enforcement should focus on commuter traffic on a repetitive basis.

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