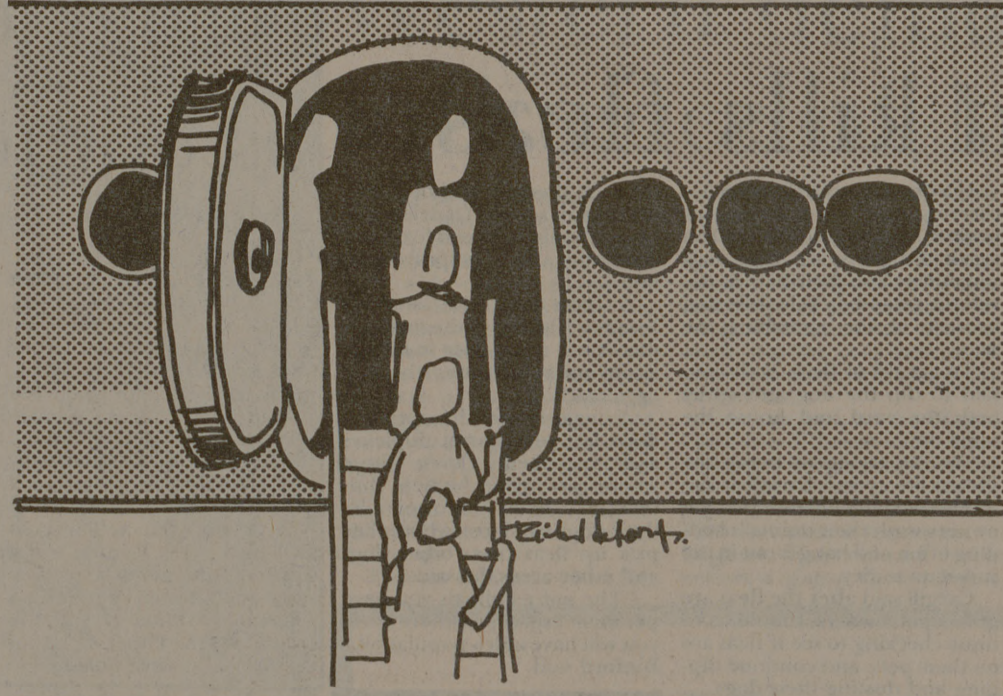


Studies in Italy offered in summer

by Julie Farrar
Battalion Reporter

A study abroad program that will allow students to visit Italy's many cultural centers and museums while simultaneously earning course credit is being offered this summer. "We feel it's important for an individual in today's society to have an international experience," Dr. Dan MacGilvray, assistant dean of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, said. MacGilvray is coordinator of a five-week program in Italy offered May 15 through June 18 for undergraduate students. The program is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts in conjunction with the College of Architecture. Students who participate may register for courses in English, history, philosophy and environmental design. Each student must take at least two courses and will receive six hours credit, he said. The focus of the courses will be on the Renaissance period, he said, since much of what is studied today evolved from forms and ideas developed during this time. The English courses will include the study of novels and poetry as well as music and theater that originated during this period in Italy, MacGilvray said.

The history courses offered will emphasize the life and works of Italian scientists, while the philosophy courses will consider developments of thought and man's relationship to the world, he said. Environmental design students will concentrate on the sculptures, murals and architecture of Italy as well as the works of great artists there. All students will take the same tours, no matter in which course they are enrolled, MacGilvray said, because the courses are all interrelated. Many students may choose to take the philosophy of art along with the history of art, he said. Any two courses like these will complement each other and give the student a broader view of the subject. While in Italy, students and faculty will stay at the La Poggerina monastery in Figline, Italy, near Florence. The monastery, also known as the Italtart Study Center, will provide excellent living accommodations and classroom environments, MacGilvray said. "Students will be exposed to all the faculty members, he said, since they will live and work in the same place," MacGilvray said. "There will be all sorts of opportunities for interaction that you don't have on campus." Estimated cost of the trip is



from \$2,100 to \$2,300, he said. This includes air fare, excursions, room, board, tuition and a small amount for personal expenses.

So far, about 20 people have paid a \$200 deposit and 15 more are expected to do so soon, he said.

"If we get 30 people and they all take two courses, then we'll have enough to go," he said. Financial aid will be available through the Financial Aid

Office for eligible students, he said. Short-term loans of \$750 are available to anyone, but must be paid back within one year, MacGilvray said.

Students who are interested should inquire at the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible, he said.

Students normally register for classes in study abroad programs when they would be registering for summer school classes, but since the group will leave on May 15, before summer

school registration starts, a special registration will be arranged during late April, he said.

A&M ag students going to Peru

by Debbie Schard
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College credit and a chance to study abroad are being offered to students in the College of Agriculture this summer. The Department of Agricultural Education is sponsoring a trip to Peru for junior and senior students who are interested in international agricultural development.

The three credit hour field experiences course involves travel to Peru "to examine agricultural developing efforts in a developing country," Dr. Gary Briers, associate professor in agricultural education, said.

The trip, which will cost about \$1,200 including food, airfare and accommodations, will leave Houston May 15, arriving in Lima, Peru the next day. Students will return to Houston May 29.

While in Peru, students will stay in Lima, Huancayo, Tarma and San Ramon. Field trips have been arranged to the National Agrarian University in La Molina and Cuzco, which is near the lost city of the Incas.

Enrollment in the program is limited to 15. Students interested in the trip should contact Briers at 845-2951 for further details.

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Italy trip open to A&M, youths

by Julie Farrar
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A group of high school students will leave for Italy on June 15 as part of an overseas study program co-sponsored by the Texas A&M Gifted and Talented Institute and the Center for Free Enterprise. The GTI, established in 1980, provides educational services and opportunities for school-age youth who have outstanding academic and creative abilities. The institute offers training for professionals interested in the education of these students, as well as research opportunities in the education of the gifted and talented. "We will offer a three-week program in June for about 15 high-ability high school students in grades nine through 12," Dr. William Nash, director of the Gifted and Talented Institute, said. In conjunction with that, a four-hour undergraduate field

experience course, Educational Psychology 484, will be offered for about the same number of undergraduate students, he said. The undergraduate students will attend the Italy program with the high school students, help with the instruction and supervision of the students and get experience working with high-ability young people in the process, Nash said. Texas A&M University students who are accepted for the program will spend the first four days in classes preparing for the trip, Nancy Roberts, instructor and program coordinator, said. During that week, Roberts plans to discuss the various methods of identifying a gifted child and how to develop programs suited to the needs of the high-ability student. While in Florence, the group will stay in a villa near the La

Poggerina monastery, she said. Total cost of the overseas segment is \$1,800, which includes round-trip air fare, food, lodging and trips around Italy, she said. Registration and fees are not included. The entire program will run from June 1 to June 26, she said, and students will register on May 31.

In a kind of buddy system, each undergraduate will be assigned to one high school student, she said. The students will visit art galleries, museums and industries and factories such as shoe and leather factories, a glass factory and artisan workshops. Side trips are also planned to Assisi and Venice, she said.

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