

## Night shift not bad at Evans Library

by Hope E. Paasch

**Battalion Staff**  
Some things — like parking spaces — come easier at night. And that's one of the big advantages of working the night shift at Sterling C. Evans Library.

But the advantages don't stop at parking spaces. Many projects requiring uninterrupted effort can only be tackled in the late night hours when most library staff members have gone home. Steven Honeycutt, a current periodicals department worker, said, "All the activity behind the desk during the day makes it difficult to concentrate on the task at hand, he said.

Honeycutt, a junior industrial technology major, has worked both day and night shifts during his three-year employment at the library.

As the University has grown in number of students who use the library at night has increased, Honeycutt said.

Most of the students who use the library during the late night hours are there to study, which

means workers have to field fewer questions. The night hours generally allow more time to help those patrons who do have questions, said Erin Plumb, a worker at the reference desk. The atmosphere is more relaxed, and people are more understanding when they have to wait for help, she said.

Plumb, a senior geography major, began working nights because those were the only hours available, but has since decided she likes the night shift.

"I like being responsible for myself," Plumb said. "During the day, there are lots of people behind the desk and it's more hectic. At night, everything slows down, and I have more time to help the people that come in."

A suffering social life is one of the hazards of working several nights a week at the library, said Clare Dorotik, a student worker in the microtext department. She, like Plumb, works four nights a week.

"I feel like in a way it's good," Dorotik said, "because it keeps

me from going out as much." Studying also is more difficult for Dorotik, a junior management major, since she does her best studying at night.

The interaction with students and professors is much freer at night, Cindy Hunter and Scott Goode said. Hunter and Goode have worked in the map room for much of their respective college careers, and both said they enjoy working the night shift.

"I love working nights at the library," Hunter, a senior recreation and parks major, said, "because of all the people you meet. Everyone seems to be more talkative and relaxed. It's students talking to students, and students to faculty. There's a lot more freedom."

Goode, a senior geography major, agrees the evening hours have a certain advantage.

"All the administrative and librarianship (tasks) are done during the daytime," he said. "Interspersed is the information-transfer aspect. Our responsibility is to keep up with and use the tools that the admini-



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J.C. McDonough, a freshman environmental design major from Corpus Christi and a student worker, helps Ray Hayworth copy a news article from

microfilm in the library. Hayworth, a senior agricultural economics major from San Antonio, was working late night on a research paper.

nistrative and librarianship organize.

"We get the fun part of distributing the information."

Students who visit the map room at night are more at ease, Hunter said.

"They can take a study break and come in here for a while," she said. "People come in here all the time to plan trips. That's very relaxing and an exciting idea to plan where you're going."

## Arts festival coming to park Saturday

by Joe Sloan

**Battalion Reporter**  
Original works from 36 artists will be displayed and sold Saturday at the annual Spring Arts Festival at Oaks Park at the corner of Highway 30 and Stallings Drive.

The festival, which will be sponsored by the College Station Parks and Recreation Department, will begin at 10 a.m. and last until dark. Admission is free.

All art work will be original,

handmade work created by the artists. Displays will include such items as watercolors, pottery, stained glass and jewelry.

Five food booths manned by members of local churches and organizations also will be at the festival.

Activities will include a presentation by the A&M Consolidated High School Jazz Ensemble at 11 a.m., followed by Valerie Martin's School of Dance at noon and 1:30.

Beginning at 12:30 p.m., the

Carter Creek Bluegrass Band will perform for an hour. At 2 p.m., Don Buzzingham of the Texas A&M Parks and Recreation Department will present new games for the audience.

The King's English Band, a group of Texas A&M professors, will perform at 3 p.m., followed by John & Larry, a country/western, bluegrass and folk band.

In case of rain, the festival will be rescheduled for April 10 at the same location.

## Aggie debaters invited to national tournament

The Texas A&M debate team (Ruby Daniels and Arnie Derickson) has been awarded a bid to the National Debate Tournament April 2-5 at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla.

The invitation was extended to Daniels, a sophomore in general studies from San Antonio, and Derickson, a freshman political science major from Lico, on the basis of their performance throughout the season. They advanced to the elimination rounds of every tournament they attended with the exception of Middle Tennessee, where they lacked one speaker point.

"At times you wonder why you put in all the hours of constant research and work that is required for each tournament," Daniels said, "but when you learn that you are one of the 62 teams invited to the NDT you know that the effort was worth it."

The invitation marks the second time, and the second

year in a row, that Texas A&M has been represented at the NDT.

"Qualifying for Nationals has been our goal all year," Derickson said. "That's part of the reason I came to A&M."

Derickson had been offered a position on the Texas Tech debate team, but decided to attend Texas A&M instead.

Wayne Kraemer, director of the University's debate program, said this year's invitation to

the NDT establishes Texas A&M's program as one of national caliber.

"Going to NDT two years in a row does great things for our program," Kraemer said, adding that it "helps our recruiting by giving the high school debater who is already interested in A&M academically an added incentive to attend, and it enhances the reputation of our program as well as the reputation of A&M."



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