

Folklore beliefs cause medical differences

by Chris Hunley
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The difference between American medical practices and those practices of other countries is folklore beliefs, a scholar from the University of California at Los Angeles said Wednesday.

Dr. Wayland D. Hand said that in some European and Asian countries the powers of a shaman, a person similar to an American Indian medicine man, are believed to be healing. He said the shaman is believed to be the only one in communication with the gods.

Hand discussed Indian medicine men, faith healers and herb medicine as a part of folklore and its relationship to American and European

medicine during a graduate lecture.

Some Indians believe the powers of healing inherent in medicine men are passed on through sons and the powers cannot be picked up by anyone else. Twins are particularly favored as healers, especially when there is a twin whose sibling has died.

In other Indian tribes, it is believed deformed children or children with strange markings are healers.

Cultures that believe in faith healing believe this power is a gift given to deserving people, he said. They also believe because it is a gift from a god, it should be given freely, where as in other medical practices, the medicine men

are paid by either money or barter.

Hand is emeritus professor of German and folklore at UCLA and was the first American to win the Giuseppe Pitre International Folklore Prize. He has chaired the UCLA Conference on American Folk Medicine and has served as president of the American Folklore Society and the California Folklore Society.

Hand is on the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress and has served as chairman of the board. In 1972, he is Knight First Class of the Order of the Lion of Finland.

60 winners in photo contest

Salon '82 'big success'

by Pam Baldwin

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More than 60 people walked away with honors from this year's spring photo contest, the chairman of the contest said.

Salon '82—sponsored by the MSC Camera Committee—was

a big success, with more than 200 students entering photos, Jimmy Jones said.

Students from Texas A&M University, the University of Texas, East Texas State University and Odessa College participated in the contest.

The best of show grand prize was awarded to Steve Wilson, from East Texas State University. Two other East Texas students received the next highest honors. Greg Kopriva was awarded best of show color and Brian Coates received best of show black and white.

Roberto Degaspera, of Texas A&M, took the second place best of show color, and Steve Bovee, from Odessa College, took second place best of show black and white.

The grand prize was a Braun 2000 side-mounted strobe, which is a professional level flash for cameras. Other prizes included a free 11 x 14 photo enlargement by Kodak, an Ilford XP-1 black and white photo processing kit and \$50 cash prizes.

Preliminary judging took place Saturday. The photos were graded on a point system, ranging from zero to 100.

The photos were judged on subject matter, composition, tone quality, and contrast.

The photos are displayed in the art gallery in the Memorial Student Center.

Scientist to discuss big-bang theory

by Charlotte Boyd

Battalion Reporter
Dr. David N. Schramm, professor at the University of Chicago, will speak tonight on "The Origin of the Universe — The Big-Bang" at 8 p.m. in 301 Rudder Tower.

Schramm, a theoretical astrophysicist, will try to explain the cosmological theories of the universes' origins.

A massive explosion, referred to as the big-bang theory, attempts to explain the existence of all galaxies and planets associated with the universe, said Dr. R. E. Tribble, Head of the Physics Department.

The big-bang theory explains how the universe began from a bundle of energy and expanded, Tribble said. The energy began cooling off, he said, and formed many different types of matter in the cooling stages.

The big bang represents expansion of a tight bundle of energy into planets, particles and matter, he said.

The explosion is dated between 8 and 13 million years ago. The original temperature of the universe was as high as 10 billion degrees and the original composition was pure hydrogen. In the beginning stages of expansion, some of the hydrogen was converted into

helium by fusion. Hydrogen and helium in the oldest stars is being used as a test of the big-bang theory.

Schramm's speech is sponsored by the University Lecture Series.

Campus Names

Dr. Melvin Friedman, a Texas A&M geology professor, will take over as the associate dean of geosciences effective Sept. 1. The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents' selection was announced March 31.

Friedman, a faculty member for 15 years, has served as director of both the University's Center for Tectonophysics and Earth Resources Institute, housed in the College of Geosciences.

In addition, he coordinated activities of the Undergraduate Fellows phase of the University's Honors Program for seven years. Undergraduate Fellows, who must by definition be among the top scholars at Texas A&M, may receive six credit hours for supervised research during their senior year.

The appointment of Friedman, a graduate of Rutgers and Rice Universities, fills a vacancy left by the resignation of Associate Dean John Handin, who has assumed part-time teaching and research duties.

Texas A&M Professor John E. Flipse, a pioneer in the development of deep-sea mining technology, has been elected to the National Academy of Engineering.

Flipse's election to the prestigious academy by his peers is the highest professional honor that can be given to an engineer and recognizes his outstanding leadership in marine mineral resource exploration, research and development.

A professor of civil and ocean engineering since 1978, Flipse is the former president of Deepsea Ventures, a private firm which was instrumental in developing the technology to gather mineral-laden nodules from the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. The firm uses a giant vacuum-like device to lift manganese, iron, copper and cobalt ore from the ocean floor.

A 33-year-old Texas A&M building construction major is the first woman to receive a \$5,000 graduate scholarship

from the Associated General Contractors Education and Research Foundation.

Janet M. Townes, of Grenada, Miss., received the Saul Horowitz Jr. Memorial Graduate Award from the Washington-based non-profit organization committed to improving construction through research and educational development programs. One of only two winners of the graduate scholarship this year, Townes plans to pursue a master's degree in construction management at Texas A&M next year.

The presentations were made at the organization's annual meeting in Houston in March and were among \$130,000 in scholarships—the largest scholarship commitment—awarded by the foundation.

Also during the convention, H.C. Heldenfels, a Corpus Christi contractor, was installed as president of the Associated General Contractors of America.

Local donations being taken for Paris tornado victims

Donations of food, clothing, furniture and money to help the tornado victims in Paris, Texas, will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Friday at the Central Baptist Church of Bryan on 600 South Coulter.

Local radio station WTAW is sponsoring the drive and will send three trucks to Paris Saturday morning to deliver the collected items.

The town of 25,000, 90 miles northeast of Dallas, was devastated Friday by a tornado. Eight people died and damage estimates range from \$35 million to \$50 million. City officials have filed for federal disaster relief aid.

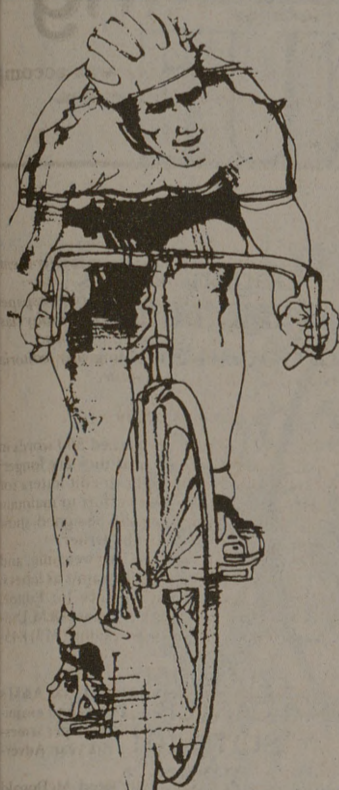
The Salvation Army has more than 330 volunteers in Paris to help the tornado victims. A spokesman for the Salvation Army said the most needed items are cash, clothing, infant supplies, canned goods, bedding, cooking utensils and furniture.

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