

# Saddle and Sirloin to hold stock show

by Brenda Davidson  
Battalion Reporter

Students will have a chance to prove their showmanship Saturday at the Little Southwestern Livestock Show.

The show, sponsored by the Saddle and Sirloin Club, will begin at 7 a.m. at the Swine Center. A sheep, horse and cattle show will follow at each livestock center.

Finally, the grand and reserve champions of each species

will compete in the Championship Drive. The finalists will show every specie of livestock for the Little Southwestern Champion Showman.

Contestants are judged on their showmanship ability rather than the quality of animal they are showing, Scott Cavanaugh, chairman of Little Southwestern, said.

Each year, contestants draw for animals and prepare them for the show. They choose a pig,

sheep, horse or calf and work from one to three weeks grooming and training the animal to show. Individuals and agricultural businesses donate trophies to the winners, he said.

"The purpose of Little Southwestern is to give students an opportunity to practice what is taught in the classroom," Cavanaugh said. The students are responsible for their animals and learn how to manage livestock by working with them."

# 'Texas Artist of the Year' displays paintings in MSC

Eighteen paintings by the Texas State Artist of the Year will be on display in the Forsyth Alumni Center in the Memorial Student Center through May 9.

The artist, James Johnson, is a Texas A&M veterinary medicine graduate. His exhibit is titled "Good for All Seasons" after his painting of an American black and a tan hunting dog.

The exhibit, consisting of paintings of sporting dogs and

wildlife, is sponsored by MSC Arts Committee and the Association of Former Students.

"I enjoyed raising dogs and working with animals as well as painting," said Johnson, who took up painting as a hobby 10 years ago.

"It was a hobby for a couple of years; in 1978 it became a full-time job."

Members of the Texas State Art Committee, made of nine elected members from the Texas Senate, nominate and select the Texas State Artist of the Year.



photo by Sandra Gary

Animal science majors, Todd Barden, left, from Fort Worth, and Steve Horak from Rosenberg, work with a brahma bull. They are practicing

for Little Southwestern Livestock Show sponsored by Saddle and Sirloin Club, which will be held Saturday beginning at 7 a.m. in the Beef Center.

# Second language helps draw jobs

by Kelli Proctor  
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Knowing a foreign language may be a big factor in job placement in both the United States and abroad, says Dr. Anne Elmquist, the head of the Department of Modern Languages.

Elmquist said Spanish is required primarily in the Southwest. French is the basic language needed in the Northeast,

but Spanish is becoming more common.

Elmquist has found jobs for graduates from Texas to Europe.

"Graduates are placed all over the world, primarily in the more underdeveloped countries," she said.

The majority of Texas A&M graduates who find work abroad are agriculture and business graduates, Elmquist said.

A foreign language helps the agriculture graduate obtain jobs in sales or any agri-business related job, she said.

For the business graduate with a foreign language, jobs can be found in banking, marketing and import-export corporations abroad and in the United States, Elmquist said.

The language most widely used and needed, especially by

scientists, is Russian, Elmquist said.

"Russian gives more of a technological advantage," she said.

Research reports and material used for information purposes in any technical field are printed in Russian. If a student has a technical job in mind, Russian is recommended, Elmquist said.


Dr. Wulf Koepke, professor

of German, said the majority of students take foreign languages as an elective with a specific area of work in mind.

Many medical students take Latin to learn the terminology and definitions of medical Latin terms, Koepke said.

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