

Around town

Muse elected president of SBAA

Dr. William V. Muse, Dean of the College of Business Administration here, was elected President of the **Southern Business Administration Association** at the Thirtieth Annual SBAA meeting in Nashville, Tenn., on Nov. 4-5.

The SBAA represents approximately 225 southern institutions of higher education who have programs in business administration.

Arab professor to speak here Wed.

Dr. Dawood El-Sayed will speak on "The Place of English in Arab Universities," Wednesday at 7:30 in Room 203 Academic and Agency Building.

El-Sayed is a visiting professor teaching linguistics in the English Department at Texas A&M.

Q-Huts available for spring parties

If your **recognized student organization** is planning a party for the spring semester, and needs a place to have it, the Student Activities Office is now taking reservations for the **Quonset Huts**.

Reservations include an optional sound system or D.J. and are on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information or to reserve the Q-Huts, contact the Student Activities Office in Room 221 MSC, or call 845-1133.

Benefit variety show set for Sat.

The sixth annual **Songfest**, a benefit variety show with proceeds going to the Brazos County Rehabilitation Center, will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Bryan Civic Auditorium.

Sixteen different groups will be participating in the show, which is sponsored by Chi Omega Sorority.

Last year the sorority raised \$1800 for the Center.

Tickets for Songfest are \$3 in advance and \$4 at the door. For ticket information call 693-5340. For more information about Songfest in general, call **Laura Green** at 693-5900.

Holiday fashion show to be Wed.

The **MSC Hospitality Committee** is sponsoring a **Holiday Fashion Show**, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 201 MSC. Tickets may be purchased for 75 cents at the door.

Water to be topic of conference

The **1982 Water for Texas Conference** opens here this Thursday and Friday. Directors of the conference are anticipating over 250 scientists, state and municipal officials and water experts from throughout Texas.

At the top of the agenda is the topic of the state's rapidly shrinking supply of fresh water and the threat that the diminishing supply poses to agriculture, industry and urban life.

Pendleton to speak at SPJ meeting

Scott Pendleton, will speak on "What It's Like To Be a Journalist in Saudi Arabia," at **The Society of Professional Journalists** meeting, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in Room 308 Rudder.

Pendleton is a former Saudi Arabia stringer for the Wall Street Journal, and a contributing writer for a Saudi daily newspaper and The Financial Times of London.

Culture films to be shown bi-weekly

The **Texas A&M International Students Association** is sponsoring a series of documentaries to promote awareness and understanding among different cultures.

The films will be shown bi-weekly during the next semester. Films to be shown include documentaries from Sri Lanka, Egypt, Greece and Colombia.

The first film with be shown Tuesday night at 8 in Room 701 of Rudder Tower.

For more information, contact the International Students Association in the Memorial Student Center Student Programs Office.

Public hearing to be held Thurs.

The **City of College Station** will hold a public hearing Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Council Room of the College Station City Hall.

The hearing concerns possible future development of the Northgate Park, located at the corner of Church Street and Wellborn Road.

For additional information, contact the **Parks and Recreation Department** at 696-4753.

If you have an announcement or interesting item to submit for this column, come by **The Battalion office** in 216 Reed McDonald or call **Tracey Taylor** at 845-2611.

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Textbook critic defends views

United Press International
AUSTIN — Fundamentalist textbook critic **Norma Gabler** claimed she was voicing the concerns of parents, not advocating book-banning or censorship, by trying to police the contents of \$51 million worth of textbooks adopted Saturday by the State Board of Education.

The board unanimously approved a slate of nearly 100 books to be used in public schools beginning in 1983. Adoption of health and civics textbooks was delayed until January so publishers could expand drug abuse chapters in health books and add more historical documents and patriotic speeches to civics texts.

Gabler said Saturday she was representing the interests of concerned parents and denied claims by some anti-censorship groups that she and her husband, Mel, exercised too much influence in trying to ban books that fail to support their fundamental religious beliefs.

"We've never imposed our values on anybody, and the way a person votes or the way the board votes has nothing to do with what the Gablers say," said the Longview housewife, who is considered one of the most in-

fluential textbook critics in the nation.

"It has nothing to do with censorship. You can't take them all, but you can choose the best (textbooks). I don't call that book-banning or censorship. I think that's the right of selection."

She said she was pleased with the board's agreement to require changes in some books that treated evolution as a fact instead of a theory. She said parents also would be pleased that more emphasis would be placed on the dangers of drugs in health texts.

The textbook selection process in Texas, the nation's second biggest school book purchaser, began last spring when proposed books were made available for public inspection. A state textbook committee held public hearings last summer. Last week the Board of Education conducted three days of adoption proceedings.

It will cost \$51.3 million to purchase and distribute the books, which cover the subjects of health, civics, English as a second language, music, homemaking, accounting, math, marine science, physiology and anatomy, German, geography and cosmetology.

Cost to build dorms outweighs demand

by **Carol Smith**

Battalion Staff
The demand for on-campus housing at Texas A&M University is still growing, but chances are few that more dorms will be constructed in the next four or five years, says **James Wallace**, supervisor of housing services.

"Cost is the primary factor for not building more dorms," Wallace said.

The cost of dorm construction has increased tremendously over the last decade, he said.

For example, **Krueger and Dunn** halls, which were built in 1970-71, house about 800 students and cost approximately \$7 million. Underwood Hall, constructed in 1981, houses 300 students and cost approximately \$8 million.

Last spring, the Board of Regents approved plans for a 2,200-student complex, Wallace said, but the major prob-

lem is the estimated \$44 million it will cost to build the facility.

Students at the University subsidize on-campus housing to some extent, Wallace said, but the main revenue comes from bond sales. Financing bonds is somewhat prohibitive because of the cost of borrowing money, he said.

The term of debt for dorms is usually 50 years, Wallace said, and the University is paying off bonds on 16 dorms, including the Commons complex, the modular dorms and the balcony-style halls. The only ones that are paid for are the corps-style dorms.

But, he said he does not believe the demand will drop off.

"With the increasing cost of living off-campus, the demand is going to increase if anything," Wallace said.

The University, which has an enrollment of more than 36,000, has housing for

10,000 single students and 1,500 married students.

"The only potential alternative in which we would force a policy that all freshmen are required to live on campus," he said. **Bur Wallace** added that such a policy would be unwise and probably would not be enacted.

"The upperclassmen from on-campus would have to move out into the community, the parents are not going to want their kids to move off-campus," he said. "It becomes increasingly expensive to furnish your own food, paying for utilities and furnishing your transportation."

The lottery system used to decide which applicants receive rooms will continue until the demand for housing drops off, Wallace said. If demand drops, then the lottery system will be exchanged for one which goes by the order of application.

Prayer in public schools subject of talk Tuesday

The **Brazos Civil Liberties Union** will sponsor a symposium on religion in schools Tuesday night at 7:30 in the Brazos Center.

The objectives of the symposium are to promote an understanding of the problems and issues involved in the discussion of religion in schools and to discover cooperative approaches to resolving conflicts that arise occasionally in the Bryan-College Station area.

Dr. James E. Wood, Jr., director of the J.M. Dawson Studies in Church and State at Baylor University, will give the opening address. He will review the present legal status of religion in the public schools, the history of the conflict and the current religion in schools issue.

The symposium also will include a panel of local authorities

on the subject, including representatives from various churches, local schools and the Majority.

The panel members questioned by a Baylor professor, managing editor of **Eagle** and the news director **KAMU-TV**. Written questions also will be accepted from the audience.

Bill Youngkin, coordinator of the symposium, said that of the reasons for holding a public discussion is that there has been a lot of pressure on schools to restore prayer in schools.

The symposium will be open to the public.

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On Thursday, Nov. 18, and Friday, Nov. 19, 1982, representatives from the **Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research** (associated with St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston) will interview students interested in the Cooperative Education Program. They will choose (4) four students to start co-op this spring 1983 semester. A Minimum GPA of 2.7 is required.

The Stehlin Foundation wants to interview pre-med, pre-vet, and students as well as ANSC, Biomedical Science, Biology, Biochemistry, Bioengineering, Microbiology and Zoology majors. The pay is \$850.00 per month for the first work term, and the positions are in Houston.

You must call the Co-op office at 845-7725 or come by Room 107, Harrington Tower for an orientation to co-op and complete your application prior to your interview with the Stehlin Foundation.

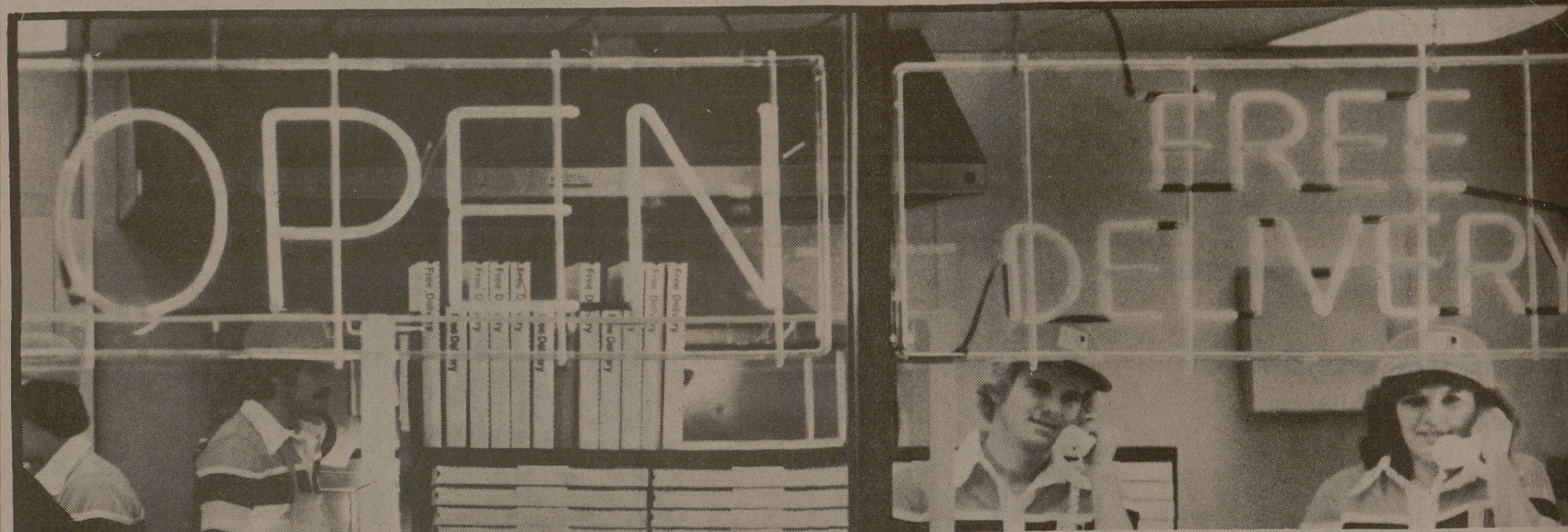
NOTE: In the past, the Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research has employed summer students from other universities and co-op students from Texas A&M University. All students who worked from them and desired to go on to medical school have been accepted to medical school.

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