

# Satirist's art shocks group

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The MSC Arts Committee knew James W. Johnson, a painter from Lubbock, was a social satirist when they ordered an exhibit of his paintings for the Memorial Student Center gallery.

But committee members weren't prepared for what they saw when the paintings arrived.

Theresa Chiang, adviser to the committee, said Johnson's paintings were chosen on the basis of a pamphlet he sent to universities throughout the nation. But she said the paintings they received were completely different from those in the pamphlet.

"We thought the paintings would relate to the same things in the book," Chiang said. The paintings are social satires, Chiang said, but they weren't projected in the same way that the ones in the book were.

The paintings, done in muted colors, depict grotes-

que characters. Some of the paintings, though somewhat abstract, portray graphic nudity.

Chiang said the committee voted in a closed meeting Monday night not to display the paintings. She said that the decision is now up to the MSC Council, which will meet tonight.

Each year the arts committee receives applications requesting exhibit space in the gallery. The gallery selection committee, a subcommittee of the arts committee, narrows the applications down to 15 or 16 and recommends them to the arts committee, Chiang said.

One of Johnson's paintings shows a baby crib with a large head rolling across the floor. A quote beneath the picture penciled in by the artist says "Catch the baby, rollin cross the floor. Seems she's been kicked but she's just Laughin at Life."

## 'Fix the system,' Hansen says

# U.S. business lead said lost

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System Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen said Tuesday night that the United States has lost the lead in competition for the world market and that national decisions will have to be made to meet the challenge of foreign competition.

Hansen told the student chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers that one way to make those decisions is to look at the systems of other countries and see what worked — and what failed — for them. One such country to look at is Japan, he said, because it is one of the countries which has taken a substantial share of the market from the United States.

It has done so by long-range planning, employee education, collaborative research and sacrificing short-term profits for a long-term market share, Hansen said.

However, because of the social, historical and cultural differences between the two countries, it isn't enough simply to copy Japan in order to become

more competitive, he said. Instead, Americans must concentrate on problems that are indigenous to the United States.

One such problem is the adversary relationship between labor and business. They need "less of the cut-throat and more of the cooperative" in their relationship, Hansen said.

In dealing with problems such as the labor-business relationship, he said, decisions will be made which will alter the political, economic and social system of the United States. Therefore, today's students, who will be tomorrow's leaders, need to examine the basic assumptions upon which that system is built.

"We don't have to change," Hansen said. "But if we do, what do you want for our society? What values do you want to uphold? What are the trade-offs? The entire structure will have to be looked at."

Referring to the system, he said: "Fix it. Change it. Alter it or there will be serious consequences in the future."



Dr. Arthur G. Hansen  
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"(Foreign competition) is something we're going to have to put up with and accept or compete against. We are being challenged. And I hope we'll respond to that challenge."

He compared the present situation to a war in which everyone needs to pull together.

"There's a lack right now, and that (lack is) a common goal," he said. "If you have an ethic, a national goal, that pulls you together."

# Senate to discuss bicycles

The Texas A&M University Student Senate will discuss the bicycle situation on campus and how it relates to parking and the traffic flow tonight at 7:30 in 204 Harrington Center.

The Student Services Committee is recommending that a committee be formed to research the bicycle situation because of frequent bicycle accidents and pedestrian-bicyclist disagreements, said Gilbert Gonzalez, head coordinator for the Student Services Committee.

Furthermore, the committee hopes to form a crime stoppers program to cut down on bike theft, Gonzalez said. He added that the committee also would like to see bike registration made mandatory and more bike trails added around campus.

During tonight's meeting, senators also will discuss reapportionment of the Senate and revision of current election regulations.

In addition, the Senate will discuss a recommendation that advisers and pre-registration workers stagger their lunch hours so they are available to register students during the noon hour.

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