

Architectural study aids TV designer

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Battalion Staff
A former art director for the television show Saturday Night Live, who also is a former Texas A&M student, said here Wednesday that his background in architecture was instrumental in his success as a set designer.

Chris Nowak, who also helped with the art direction for the movies "Arthur" and "Fort Apache the Bronx," told a group of Texas A&M environmental design students that students considering set design as a career should seriously consider getting a degree in architecture. Nowak graduated from Texas A&M in 1972 with a degree in environmental design.

After Nowak got his master's degree from Yale University in 1975, he went to New York City and worked on Broadway plays. Although he continued to work on plays, in 1977 he decided to move into movies and television because he was not making enough money working on Broadway, he said.

Whether a set designer decides to work with plays or film, he said, it almost is a necessity to live in a large city.

"If you want to be in this field, you really need to live in a large city like New York," he said.

"Even if you are a really good set designer, most of your success will come from who you know," he said.

Because Yale is a well-known school, Nowak said he was able

to make many contacts with successful people.

"Once you get in with the right people, then you will have a good chance of always being able to get a job," he said.

Nowak worked for Saturday Night Live for one year because he wanted to learn how to work with live television, he said. Although there were many advantages to the job, Nowak said, he left because he didn't want the pressure associated with it.

"Monetarily it was a good job ... but I worked over 80 hours a week and I never got to see anyone ... not even my family," he said. "When I accepted that job, I condemned my life to doing nothing else."

Financial aid director to be hired in spring

A new financial aid director will be hired at Texas A&M later this spring, the vice president for student services said Monday.

Dr. John J. Koldus said the new director will be on the job by the beginning of summer school.

Thirty-seven people have applied for the position and the number of applicants has been narrowed to 15, Koldus said.

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, assistant vice president for student services and acting financial aid director, said he is not being considered as a permanent replacement for the job.

Koldus said none of the remaining applicants are from within the Texas A&M system.

Members of the financial aid staff, department heads, student leaders and a faculty advisory committee will assist in the

final selection of the new director once the applicants are narrowed down, Koldus said.

The selection process, which began last October, has been lengthy because certain requirements are expected of applicants, Koldus said.

"We're looking for someone with a high energy level, superior administrative style and public relations and leadership abilities," he said.

Building burglarized; \$1,000 damage done

Between Jan. 3 and Jan. 10, the Model Railroad Society at 2520 Roundtree in Bryan was burglarized. An AM-FM portable radio, an extension cord, and a phone headset were taken, and over \$1,000 worth of damage was done. Several other buildings in the area also were broken into during this time span.

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Blood

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Lang proposed that a joint blood drive be held on campus, with separate locations for donations to Wadley Blood Bank and to Red Cross. Wadley Blood Bank presently collects about 4,000 units of blood a year from Texas A&M, Lang said, and Red Cross wouldn't be able to use that much blood.

"We don't need to be the sole source for blood drives," Lang said. The Red Cross has facilities to handle a large blood drive, but it would not result in the most efficient use of blood, he said.

Phyllis Swanton, administrator of the Central Texas Red Cross Blood Center, agreed.

"We recognize that Wadley has a tremendous need in Dallas," she said. "We in no way want to interfere with the tradition here."

Dr. Norwood Hill, president of Wadley, said he would agree to the joint blood drive if Student Government made that decision.

"We'd like to have all the blood," Hill said, "but we'll go with whatever you (Student Government) decide."

Student representatives did not like the idea of a joint blood drive because it could confuse students who were accustomed to donating blood to the Wadley Blood Bank each year.

Linda Thomas, assistant continuing programs coordinator for Student Government, said a joint blood drive would promote unhealthy competition between the two organizations.

Wally Brewster, continuing programs coordinator for Student Government, said the main issue was whether Texas A&M students and faculty have a responsibility to the community to supply the extra 175 units of blood needed.

Figures provided by Red Cross and Wadley Blood Bank show that Texas A&M students and faculty already participate in Red Cross blood drives to some extent, Thomas said, so Texas A&M students are

already fulfilling their responsibility to the community.

"We are already giving blood to the community, and their argument is not really substantial," she said.

The student committee de-

ecided to renew its contract with Wadley Blood Bank for the next two years. It suggested that Red Cross increase publicity to encourage participation in its blood drives to make up for the 175-unit shortage.

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