

Road to forum has been tough

by Angel Stokes

Battalion Staff
The road to Monday night's "NATO and the Western Alliance" forum has not been a smooth one, but the forum's organizer said most of the plans now are final.

Not until after the program with former President Gerald Ford, former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and former British Prime Minister Edward Heath will the MSC Endowed Lecture Series chairman be able to relax.

Dale R. Tampke, chairman, said the lecture series was established because funds were available and the series was an excellent way to use the money. The estimated cost for the whole program is over \$90,000, he said.

Tampke is a graduate student in agricultural economics from San Antonio.

Originally, the idea was to have Henry Kissinger speak, but Kissinger alone wouldn't be an effective program, Tampke said. Instead, he wanted to ask Alexander Haig, Dean Rusk and Edmund Muskie to speak. Conflicts, however, caused that program to fall through.

Tampke said that from the beginning he was sure Ted Koppel, from ABC's "Nightline", would be the moderator.

However, due to several complications, Marvin Kalb now will moderate.

Harry Walker, Inc., a speakers' agency, was hired to find speakers, but problems arose, Tampke said.

"The agency kept saying that Koppel was ready to come and then he (the agent) called and said that there was a scheduling conflict," Tampke said.

But through former student Frank N. Manitzas, who works for ABC, Tampke said he found out that the only way Koppel would come to Texas A&M would be if ABC's "Nightline" or "Viewpoint" attended the lectures. "Nightline" could not come because of budget problems, he said.

After he was informed Koppel would not attend, Tampke said he decided to try to get John Chancellor or David Brinkley to be moderator. While negotiations were under way for Chancellor, Tampke said he found

out through another former student that Brinkley wanted to do the program.

Everything was going as planned, he said, but then Brinkley was offered a chance for an interview in the Soviet Union for the same week-end.

"So we went back to our agent again to continue negotiations with Chancellor," Tampke said. Everything was fine until the agent said Chancellor was obligated to a book tour at the same time.

Marvin Kalb was chosen to moderate because he is the chief diplomatic correspondent for NBC, Tampke said.

"Since he will be dealing with former diplomatic leaders, I think he will work well as moderator," he said.

Plans for the program began around November 1981, when Tampke was appointed chairman. He worked on the program alone until last semester when a committee was formed to work on the project.

Heath will arrive Sunday at Texas A&M, when Ford and Schmidt have tentatively been scheduled to arrive. Kalb's travel arrangements have not been confirmed. However, University airplanes, a plane from a local builder, and a plane from Pennzoil Corp. are available to help transport the men.

If the speakers stay overnight, they will stay in the Board of Regents quarters in the Memorial Student Center.

Ford will bring four Secret Service men, Schmidt will bring three and Heath will bring two. Tampke said the University police have been notified of the speakers' visit and are preparing for the event. He said a Secret Service representative will be on campus today to determine what arrangements will be made for security.

Local car dealers have donated cars for the men to use, but Ford will bring his own car.

Several national publications have expressed interest in conducting interviews with the men while they are here, Tampke said. They include Time Magazine, USA Today, U.S. News and World Report and the Christian Science Monitor.

Cable Network News also wants an interview, Tampke said.

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Restaurants offer local taste event

by Pamela J. Franklin

Battalion Reporter
Fifteen local restaurants will offer samples of their wares in the first annual "Taste of Brazos Valley" on Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m. in the Brazos Center.

The tasting event is being sponsored by the Brazos Valley Chapter of the Texas Restaurant Association.

The restaurants will offer such samples as seafood, barbecue, Japanese, Italian and Mexican foods.

Mark Conlee, president of the Brazos Valley Chapter, said he hopes the tasting event will illustrate the Texas Restaurant Association's theme "Eating Out is Fun".

Mary Newton, a member of the association's board of directors, said that the event is being sponsored so that the association can encourage more people to eat out at local restaurants.

The local TRA has wanted to

have a tasting event for a long time, Conlee said. Other TRA chapters across the state have held successful tasting events, he said.

Craig Kites, the event chairman, said that such food sampling events are not a new idea. "The concept of the taste (events) is statewide and becoming more popular," Kites said.

Participating restaurants are donating food and paying all expenses, Conlee said. Proceeds from the event will go to a charitable organization, he said.

Door prizes and entertainment are part of the activities for the event. Local high school groups and Sneaky Pete, a guitarist-singer, will provide the entertainment. Door prizes will be donated by participating restaurants.

Tickets for the food sampling event are \$10 per person and can be bought at local restaurants.



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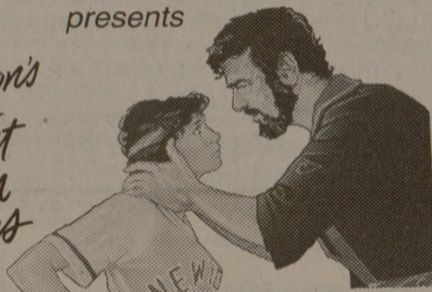
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Sartre's 'No Exit' begins 3-day run

"No Exit," a play by Jean-Paul Sartre will be presented tonight, Friday and Saturday in 301 Rudder by the Pre-Theological Society.

The theme of the play is existentialism. It tells the story of three people in hell and how they find the meaning of death and responsibility.

Tickets are available at the door and the MSC Box Office. The cost is \$1.50 for Texas A&M students, faculty and staff and \$2 for all others. The play begins at 7:30 p.m.

Following tonight's performance, there will be a reception and discussion of the philosophy

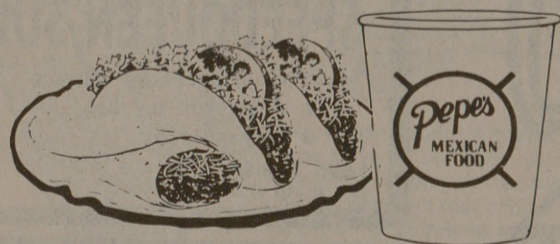
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