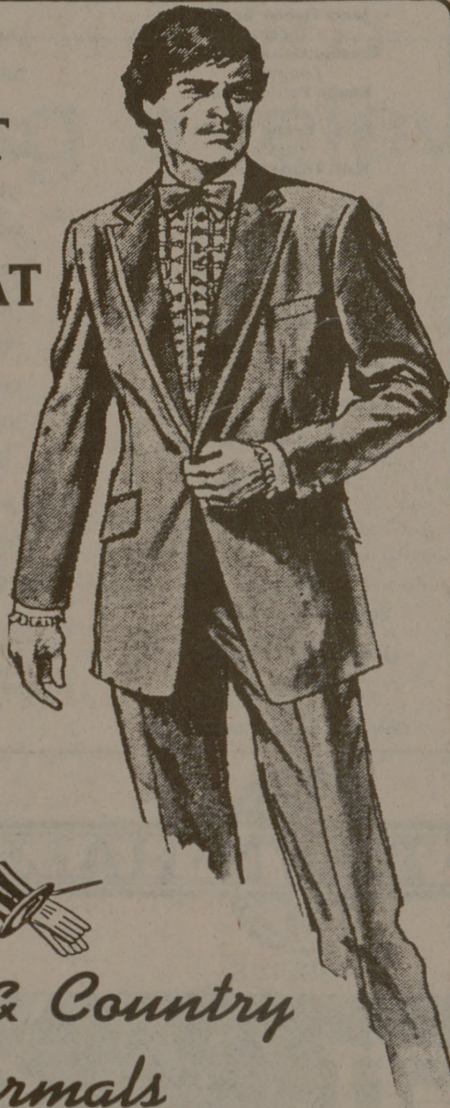


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A&M prof helps vets cope with war stress

University News Service
A young soldier left for dead in the snow during World War II now is helping older veterans — especially ex-prisoners of war — deal with the same kinds of post-combat stress suffered by their nephews and sons after Korea and Vietnam.

Dr. Merrill Lipton is reluctant to dwell on his own combat experience, but he feels it gives him a bond with the veterans with whom he talks.

"They know I understand what they went through," says Lipton, an associate professor of psychiatry with Texas A&M's College of Medicine.

Even though most publicity has focused on Vietnam post-combat stress disorders, these problems can be so long in developing that some World War II veterans and former prisoners of war have just recently begun to have serious symptoms, Lipton said.

These usually include such problems as nightmares, flashbacks of disturbing experiences and a severe "hit-the-dirt" startle reflex, he said. Now, in a part of Texas that has ex-POWs numbering in the hundreds, Lipton and his colleagues are blazing new ground in researching the problems and treatment of World War II and Korea post-combat stress.

"Central Texas appears to have a high percentage of combat veterans of the three wars, and a higher than average number of ex-POWs," he said.

The first group started a few years ago as a Vietnam veterans discussion group led by Dr. Frank Floca and James Deaton, a certified medical social worker. In 1981, a group for veterans over 40 was started by Lipton and social worker Dr. William Schaffer, a 20-year Air Force veteran.

Since then, Lipton and Schaffer have been invited to speak to ex-POW groups in Temple and Austin.

"One of the goals of talking to these organization is to help some members feel that they can now come forward and talk about their experiences," Lipton said.

"Many of the vets returning from World War II and Korea grew up in a time when nerve problems were regarded abnormal, as evidence of defects in character. You were a weakling if you had fear or nerve problems."

Lipton and Schaffer have begun to develop questionnaires on post-combat trauma and stress, information which may lead to new findings for psychiatry.

"My own interest in this problem is natural since I was a young combat soldier in World War II," Lipton said.

Zindler to talk here

Houston news commentator Marvin Zindler will speak on "Got to Hit a Jackass on Its Head with a 2-by-4 to Get Its Attention" at 2 p.m. today in 204C of the Sterling C. Evans Library.

A former law enforcement officer in Harris County, Zindler is probably best known for

his controversial reports on consumer fraud. His investigative report on the Chicken Ranch, a famous house of prostitution in La Grange, eventually resulted in the closing of the ranch.

Zindler's coverage of the ranch was later portrayed in a Broadway play and movie —

"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas."

The speech is one of the activities planned in recognition of National Library Week. There will be a reception immediately following Zindler's speech in 204B of the library.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

Comanche Peak's safety questioned

United Press International
ARLINGTON — The regional Nuclear Regulatory Commission administrator has said he opposed licensing the controversial Comanche Peak nuclear

power plant until construction is fully reviewed.

The opposition by Arlington-based administrator John Collins Eisenhut represented a major shift in the NRC's opinion of the plant.

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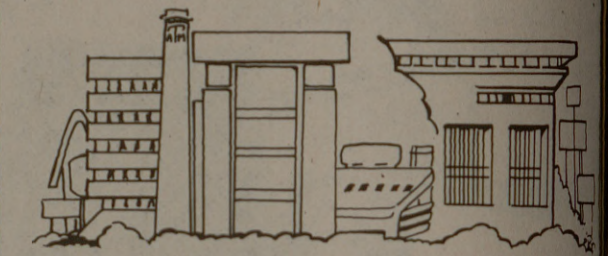


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Around town

Actress to speak on world hunger

MSC Great Issues will be bringing **Sally Struthers**, National Chairman of the Christian Children's Fund and star of the TV series "Gloria" to speak on "Compassion: First Step in Ending Hunger." Her presentation will be Monday at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

This presentation will conclude her two day stay in Aggeland that will have included dinner with the Corps, receptions with student body leaders and visits to the veterans and medical schools.

Struthers has just finished touring Africa and will be filming her CCF special here. Admission is free.

EDG Outstanding Student chosen

Gary Wayne Ledford, a student from Killeen, has been selected the most outstanding student in the Department of Engineering Design Graphics.

A mechanical engineering major, Ledford won a gold watch and a plaque during the annual T.R. Spence Competition.

Placing second in the competition was **Yun Seong Choi** of Kenner, La., and placing third was **Arthur Yuan-Fon Hsu** of Altheimer, Ark.

Funds of the award are given by Bovay Engineers of Houston.

Seminar offered to special parents

Dr. Virgie Nolte, Counseling Psychologist with Texas A&M's Student Counseling Center, will teach parents of handicapped children to stand up for their rights with a program called "Assertion Training." This program, sponsored by the Association for Retarded Citizens will be held on April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at New Trend Industries, 309 N. Washington Street in Bryan.

Nolte believes that assertiveness is a life skill which helps everyone deal with confrontation in a constructive manner and exercise control of their lives.

RSVP to offer volunteer workshop

The **Retired Senior Volunteer Program** will sponsor an orientation workshop for supervisors of volunteers on April 27 from 1:45 to 4:15 p.m. in Room A at the Holiday Inn North in Bryan.

Dr. Ruth Schaffer, sociology professor here, will speak on "Marketing Volunteer Management in the 80s." **Corrado Boykin**, San Saba RSVP director and senior volunteers for San Saba will discuss "Developing Volunteer Leadership." The workshop is free and open to interested persons. For additional information, call RSVP director Shirley Plapp at 775-8111.

Rabbi to speak on biblical astrology

Rabbi Joel Dobin from Port St. Lucie, Florida, will be visiting College Station on Friday and Saturday to conduct sabbath services at Hillel Jewish Center and present a lecture.

His lecture will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. in Room 401 Rudder. The topic will be **Judaism and Astrology** with emphasis on the Kabbalah, the mystical religious stream of Judaism. The public is welcome to attend.

Dobin is the author of "To Rule Both Day and Night," a book that explains astrology in the Bible. He is a member of the National Astrologers' Society and the National Council for Gescosmic Research.

TAES director receives award

Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has been named a "Graduate of Distinction" by the Oklahoma State University Department of Animal Science.

Carpenter, a 1957 animal science graduate of OSU, received the award April 16 during a departmental spring banquet.

Hunger project set for Saturday

A **hunger project** will be held Saturday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Room 701 Rudder. This four hour seminar will explore the facts surrounding starvation and what individuals can do to help solve the problem.

The facts on which the Hunger Project is based are:
— people are starving
— the resources and technology necessary for the elimination of hunger exist
— the first step towards solving the problem is to the become educated about it

Engineers to hold annual banquet

The **National Society of Black Engineers' Annual Banquet** will be held April 28. For ticket information, please call 693-1353 or plan to attend their meeting in 127B Zachry at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

If you have an announcement or item to submit for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McPherson or contact Tracey Taylor at 845-2665.

Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department on April 18 and 19.

THEFT:

• A wallet was stolen from a hallway of the Herman Heep Building April 18.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

• The gatearm to parking

34 was broken April 18.

• A door to building 33 grounds maintenance

was broken April 18.

AVOIDING ARREST:

• A motorcyclist who was around the outside of the Commons area April 19.