

Bryan family makes wine

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The art of winemaking has come to the Bryan-College Station area under the name of Messina-Hof Wine Cellars — a family owned and operated winery.

Winemaker Paul Bonarrigo and his wife Merrill are setting up a winery northeast of Bryan. It will be the fourteenth operating winery in the state.

The Bonarrigos began growing grapes in 1975 on a quarter of an acre of land.

Today, the Bonarrigos are growing 17 acres of grapes and employ a full-time vineyard manager in addition to two other full-time employees.

The Bonarrigos began with an experimental vineyard with the help of the Texas A&M Extension Horticulture Service. The service helped with choosing the grapes and herbicides.

The remaining work in the vineyard, however, was a family affair.

"Paul is basically the winemaker," Mrs. Bonarrigo says, "I do the scheduling and the purchasing of equipment."

"We pick by hand, we even crush and press our own grapes."

The Bonarrigos have been making wine for years, but the first commercial crush is scheduled for July through Septem-

ber. The first commercial release will be in November.

The Bonarrigos will blend five different types of wine — a dry white, a sweet white, a dry red, a sweet red and an estate port.

The wine will be produced and bottled under the name of Messina-Hof Wine Cellars. "Messina" is the home of the Bonarrigo family, and "Hof" for Hof, Bavaria, is the home of Mrs. Bonarrigo's family.



staff photo by Eric Evans

Grapes at the Messina-Hof Winery near Bryan.

Local group opposes war

by Gwendolyn Hattaway
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A local group opposing war and social injustice claim that Bryan and College Station have been left out of the peace movement.

"We feel it has been assumed that there is only one way to solve a conflict — war," Marjorie Coppock, a participant in the Brazos Valley Peace Action group, said Sunday.

The group wants a halt of nuclear weapons production, what Coppock called a "mutually verifiable freeze between Rus-

sia and the United States."

The group formed seven months ago after members of a Texas A&M Political Awareness Day booth, sponsored by a branch of the Quaker organization, took names of people interested in non-violent alternatives to war. Later everyone who signed up was sent a list of the names. After calling each other, they decided to form a group, Coppock said.

The group has no rigid structure with a president and members. Instead there is a coordinating committee of six people. About 95 names are on the mail-

ing list of the group which meets twice a month, Coppock said.

The participants come from varied backgrounds. There are families, students, people from religious backgrounds opposing war and people claiming no religion at all, she said.

"We are a diverse group — just people who have a concern," she said. "Our purpose is to raise awareness of how to solve problems in a non-violent way. We are not just against nuclear weapons but also object to the death penalty, low pay of migrant workers and other social injustices."

To raise local public awareness, participants held an 18-hour candlelight vigil April 14 — the day before income taxes had to be mailed — in protest of tax money going toward nuclear weapons, Coppock said.

"So much of our tax dollar is going toward projects to kill people, and that takes away from money that could go toward education, health care and other human needs," she said.

"We realize people have different opinions," she said. "We are not condemning people for that but we feel it is time we brought our concerns out into the open."

DeBakey resuming transplants

United Press International
HOUSTON — Dr. Michael DeBakey will soon resume per-

forming heart transplants at Houston's Methodist Hospital, a

procedure he abandoned in the early 1970s, a hospital official

said.

DeBakey has said he stopped transplants because of the enormous financial and human costs and because techniques for warding off rejection were inadequate. In the 1970s, most recipients lived for only a short while after transplant surgery.

But with the development of an anti-rejection drug, other heart centers, such as the Texas Heart Institute with Dr. Denton Cooley and Stanford University in California, report great success in transplants. The experimental drug is called Cyclosporine and is expected to be approved by the food and drug administration by the end of the summer.

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Student arrested for 'flashing'

by Angel Stokes
Battalion Staff

A naked Texas A&M student was arrested in the Sterling C. Evans Library and charged with indecent exposure Wednesday.

Jon A. Moore, 24, was arrested by undercover police-woman Cabrina Tomlinson.

University Police Chief Elmer E. Schneider said there had been several reports of a flasher in the library. Both male

and female plainclothes officers had been placed in the library to attempt to catch the flasher, he said.

Tomlinson was reading a book in a third floor study area in the Cushing Building, an old-

er part of the library complex when someone approached from behind and tapped her on the shoulder, Schneider said. She turned around and the suspect was standing nude, Schneider said.

When Tomlinson told the flasher who she was, Schneider said, the man ran toward the library stacks. Tomlinson grabbed him, placed him under arrest and then allowed him to depart before taking him to the University police station, he said. Moore was taken to the Brazos County Jail, where he was released on \$100 bond.

"This is the first time a female plainclothes had seen the flasher," Schneider said. He said that good because the police will have to worry about someone deciding not to testify in court. Moore probably is not responsible for all the flashing incidents around campus, Schneider said.

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