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It's different ...

Amateur art critic Dave Spence, a senior English major, gets a new perspective on artist Dorothy Hood's "Visit to Paris." The print is part of an MSC Gallery exhibition entitled "Recent Works by Eight Artists" which is being shown this summer by the MSC Art Committee.

Will be consultant, lecturer

Borlaug joins Texas A&M staff

by Kelley Smith
Battalion Staff

While the most important work Nobel Prize-winner Dr. Norman E. Borlaug will be doing here is conducting seminars, says the director of research, he will be a great asset to a joint research project with a center in Mexico City.

Texas A&M has begun work with the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, or Simmyt, in Mexico City — one of several research centers that study agricultural production. Simmyt specializes in wheat and corn.

The center researches and develops different strains of wheat that are either more productive or more suitable to certain areas. Texas A&M will observe the work the center is doing, test the wheat here and possibly will cross some of their wheat with some Texas A&M researchers have developed.

"The research will involve Borlaug and will be enhanced by his being here," Neville Clarke, director and professor directors' office, research-general, said.

Borlaug won the 1970 Nobel Prize for his work in developing high-yield wheat and rice seeds that quickly boosted agricultural production in many of the world's poorer nations. He has accepted a part-time faculty position with Texas A&M effective Jan. 1.

Borlaug, known as "the father of the Green Revolution," in the 1970s, will hold a joint appointment with the experiment station and with the departments of soil and crop sciences and plant sciences in the College of Agriculture.

He will work here from January to June. The rest of the year, he will lecture and serve as a consultant for the center in Mexico City, the Rock-

efeller Foundation, and various government agencies.

Clark said he has the understanding Borlaug will come here every spring.

Borlaug retired in 1979 as head of the wheat research program for the center. He has lived and worked in Mexico since 1944.

Borlaug obviously has had great experience with wheat, Clarke said. "He was very definitely a plus factor in getting this project," Clarke said.

However, Clarke said, the joint research project would go on whether or not Borlaug accepted the position here.

Texas A&M already has begun working with the center to a certain degree, Clarke said. Work between the two institutions should increase over the years.

The center's work is aimed at improving and increasing agricultural

production around the world, Clarke said.

The interesting factor is the wheat is bred for resistance to disease and insects, he said. It's interesting because some of those diseases exist in the area.

Texas A&M is particularly interested in the research for what it could mean to the entire world, Clarke said.

Clarke accompanied Dr. Perry Adkisson, deputy chancellor for the A&M system, to Mexico City two weeks ago. Adkisson completed the arrangements of Borlaug's appointment while Clarke looked at the research the center was doing.

Borlaug will reach mandatory retirement age for Texas A&M System faculty in March. However, the Board of Regents could waive the 70-year age requirement. Borlaug's salary for the 4 and a half month appointment will be \$37,500.

Education committee considers \$2 billion teachers' proposal

by Tim Widdison
Battalion Reporter

The chairman of the Select Committee on Public Education named several subcommittees to consider a \$2 billion proposal presented by the Texas Federation of Teachers at the committee's first meeting last month.

Chairman Ross Perot of Dallas established the subcommittees to deal with such issues as teacher wages,

teacher competency and classroom discipline.

The Select Committee on Public Education was formed to research ways to improve the quality of education in Texas. Perot said the committee will take whatever time is necessary to carefully evaluate the state's education needs.

The \$2 billion proposal includes consideration of extra pay for teacher-related activities, establish-

ment of a top level teacher category, creation of a state board of teacher examiners and election of principals by faculty members on a periodic basis.

Teacher-related activities include attending parent-teacher association meetings, serving on textbook committees, sponsoring school clubs and other work incentives.

Teachers qualifying for the top level teacher category would be paid

25 percent above a regular salary.

A state board of teacher examiners would design and implement teacher competency tests designed to provide a fair statewide basis for evaluating teachers.

The election of principals by faculty members would require the reorganization of school administrations.

Dr. Dean Corrigan, dean of the College of Education at Texas A&M, is a member of the select committee.

A&M may open dorms for evacuees

by Kelley Smith
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Three years ago, hurricane Allen threatened to cause severe damage to Galveston and the surrounding coastline. The area was evacuated and the highways were crammed with people trying to find a safe place to stay. Some of those people came to

Texas A&M. It was early August and the residence halls were empty so the University opened them up to the public needing a place to stay.

Now with tropical storm Alicia heading toward Galveston and hurricane watches being issued, Associate Director of Student Affairs Ron Sasse, says if necessary, the dorms could

be opened to the public this weekend.

When it happened three years ago, it was early August and the dorms were empty so it was possible to open the dorms, Sasse said.

"But there is always a possibility, if it was a disaster situation, surely we would," Sasse said.

"We have a plan we have from several years ago. If we had to, we could get it out, dust it off and use it," he said.

The plan outlined the procedure used for moving the people in during the panic three years ago, when at least a couple of thousand people came on short notice, he said.

Hurricane safety

A&M Sea Grant Program publishes booklet for coastal residents

by Eric Evan Lee
Battalion Reporter

With tropical storm Alicia just off the Texas coast, many residents might find a new booklet helpful in preparing for hurricanes.

The Texas A&M Sea Grant College Program has published "Keys to Hurricane Safety," a booklet to help residents who live near the Texas coast and are affected by hurricanes most.

Before a hurricane, the booklet suggests that one know: the elevation of one's home; if one's home might be affected by a storm surge; where the nearest emergency shelter is; a safety

route if evacuation is necessary; an inventory of one's property and the amount of one's insurance coverage.

"Keys to Hurricane Safety" also explains what to do if a watch or warning is issued, and gives suggestions for those evacuating their homes and those remaining in their homes during a hurricane.

The hurricane season runs from June through October, with most hurricanes hitting the Texas Coast in September.

Some of the terms explained in the publication are:

● eye — the calm area in the center of the hurricane.

● hurricane — a tropical storm with sustained winds of 74 mph or more.

● storm surge — a rise in the tide which usually hits low-lying areas blocking escape routes.

● landfall — the area where the center of the hurricane passes over land.

● tropical storm — a storm with distinct rotary circulation at the surface of the water with sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph.

The booklet has extra inserts for areas of Texas that are hardest hit by hurricanes, such as Corpus Christi and Galveston.

The inserts outline evacuation and flood zones of the area and the frequencies of radio stations that give information in emergencies.

The inserts contain maps showing evacuation zones and contingency zones. Contingency zones are areas that will flood from storm surges of hurricanes with sustained winds more than 130 mph.

The booklet can be obtained free by calling 845-7524 or by writing to: Sea Grant College Program, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

Hurricane Alicia aims for upper Texas coast

United Press International

GALVESTON — Hurricane Alicia churned slowly toward the upper Texas coast today, packing wind gusts of more than 100 mph and threatening to make landfall by late today.

Alicia, with sustained winds of 80 mph and gusts to 103 mph, at 2 a.m. was centered at latitude 27.8 north and longitude 94.2 west, 110 miles south-southeast of Galveston and drifting at 5 mph toward the west-northwest.

"The storm is continuing to intensify," said Bob Case, with the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Although the storm center was not expected to make landfall until late

today, accompanying gale-force winds and heavy rain began buffeting the coast just before dawn.

The National Weather Service in Texas predicted the storm would make landfall between Galveston and Victoria, about 125 miles to the southwest, with the heaviest activity to the north of the eye. Galveston was given a better than even probability of the center of the storm passing within 65 miles.

Hurricane warning flags were up from Morgan City, La., to Corpus Christi, Texas. Tides along the upper Texas and western Louisiana coasts were running about 3 feet above normal and were expected to reach 4 to 6 feet above normal.

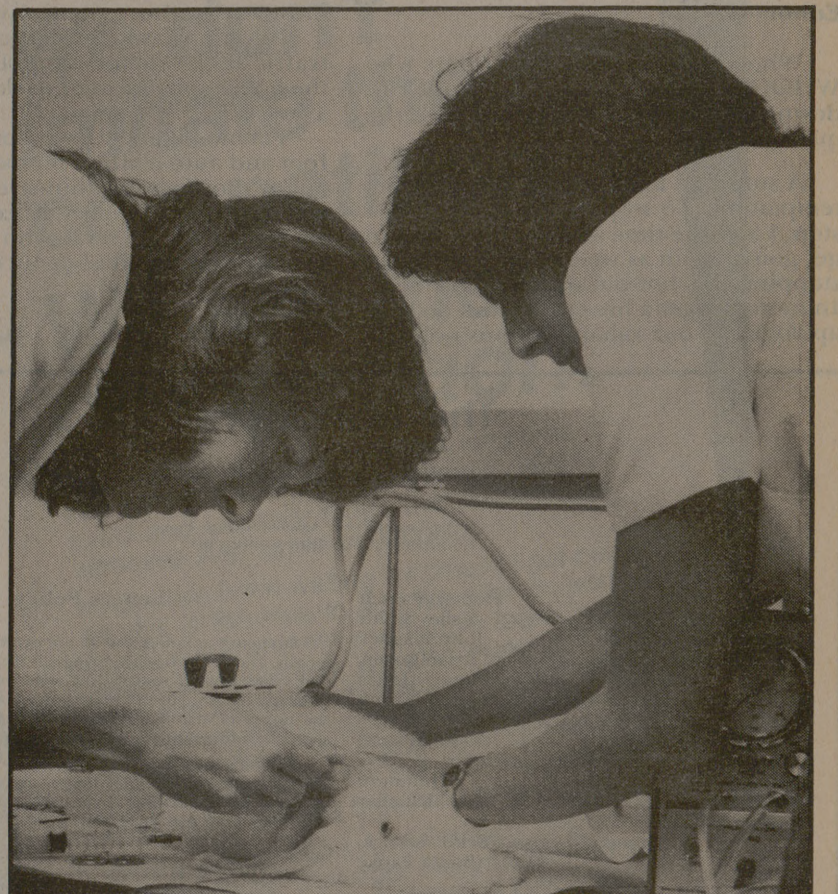


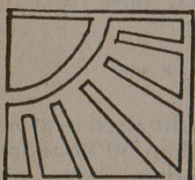
photo by Ann Brimberry

Hold it steady

Amy Jacobson, a junior biochemistry major, and Pamela Hall, a second-year medical student, conduct glaucoma experiments on a rabbit for the pharmacology department at the University.

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forecast

Clear and hot today with a 20 percent chance of rain. Today's high will be in the mid-90s, tonight's low in the mid-70s. Easterly winds are expected at 10 to 15 mph.

B-CS to offer utility service sign-up in MSC

The cities of College Station and Bryan will be accepting student requests for utility service at stations located on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center.

These stations will be open in addition to the respective offices. The stations in the MSC will be open Monday through Friday, August 22 to August 31, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Louann Shulze of the Off Campus Center says forms for utility service may be obtained at her office in Puryear Hall prior to the sign-up.