

Classes to apply to careers

# Department plans changes

by Kellie Dworczyk  
Battalion Reporter  
The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences has proposed changes in its curriculum to include an emphasis on business management and to allow students to choose classes that apply to their career goals.

The changes will better prepare students to face the job market of the next decade, Department Head Dr. Wallace Klussmann says.

According to a departmental survey of the 1978-81 wildlife and fisheries sciences graduates, more graduates are working for

private companies than are working for state and federal agencies.

The proposed curriculum changes have been approved by the College of Agriculture and now are waiting for University approval.

The changes do not constitute a new program, and therefore don't require the approval of the Coordinating Board, Klussmann said.

Under present and proposed curriculum guidelines, the students — after a year and a half of standard courses — choose either an aquaculture, wildlife

ecology, fisheries ecology, natural history, museum science or teaching option for their degree emphasis.

If the proposed curriculum changes are approved, the natural history option will emphasize continued education, Dr. Richard L. Noble, wildlife and fisheries sciences professor, said.

According to the study, which was conducted by faculty members, about 20 percent of the wildlife and fisheries sciences graduates take the history option.

Continued education in-

cludes graduate school, law school and vet school, Noble said.

The other five options will focus on students who want to go to work after receiving a bachelor's degree, Noble said.

Graduates are working in many different fields, he said. For example, consulting firms, zoos, youth camps and utility companies are hiring wildlife and fisheries sciences graduates.

If approved, the new curriculum would require business management, computer science and technical writing classes in the five options emphasizing undergraduate work, Noble said.

Classes specializing in marine fish, fish nutrition and diseases found in captive fish are included in the curriculum changes.

"Courses will be allowed to become more specialized," Noble said. This allows for more hands-on, field experience, he said.

The department also is revising its approach to student advising, Noble said. There will

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In preparing the curriculum changes, Noble said the department checked its courses for overlapping and proper sequencing of material, and designed five new courses. The new courses have been tested as 489 Special Topics classes, and the department is ready to teach them as full-fledged courses.

One of the new courses will be an introduction class for freshmen which will explain the wildlife and fisheries sciences options and introduce professors.

The proposed curriculum includes an internship course so that students can "spend time working in real facilities learning day-to-day operations," Noble said.

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Klussmann said the proposed changes probably will not be approved in time to meet the 1984-85 undergraduate catalog deadline, but will be in the 1985-86 catalog. He said students can organize their courses to fit the new curriculum for Spring 1983.

## Professor has art exhibited

by Leslie Yoder  
Battalion Reporter  
An extensive painting and drawing collection by Alan L. Stacell will be displayed through the month of October in the gallery on the second floor of the Langford Architecture Center.

Stacell, an environmental design professor, says he hopes the exhibit will focus attention on the talented people within the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

Future exhibits including works by other architecture professors would serve as an inspiration to students and bring more recognition to the college, he says.

Stacell's collection of 48 paintings on exhibit in the gallery took him almost three years to complete.

Stacell's interest in art began as a child. He began by drawing dump trucks and dogs, he said. Now, the major-

ity of his artwork is done in a medium he has been working with for the past years — because the technique is so versatile, he said.

Stacell attributes his ability to being able to see things in a different way. "I paint from the way having eyes," he said. "It's enough to take the fact that can look at our surroundings for granted."

Stacell said he considers himself a "hit and run" artist because he paints whenever he has a chance to — usually on weekends at his studio.

"Painting is more of an avocation than a vocation to me," he said.

Stacell's studio, which is positioned under a large tree, adjoins his house. The light that comes into the studio is beautiful, he said. "It's a sanctuary, a playground."

Any of his Stacell's paintings purchased during the exhibit will be donated to the college. A price list of his paintings available in the college office.

## Four men slain on Texas ranch

United Press International  
SHERMAN — Four men — including a deputy sheriff and a former policeman — who shared a penchant for ultralight planes were found shot to death in a makeshift hangar located on a rural Grayson County ranch, authorities said Sunday.

The bodies of three of the men were found Saturday night underneath a small pile of carpet and the body of the fourth man was discovered near the doorway of the small tin shed, about 35 feet from the others.

Authorities identified the victims as Deputy Sheriff Phillip Good, who had been with the department only eight days; former Sherman policeman Ronald Mayes; Bob Tate, the owner of the B&B ranch; and Jerry Brown.

Grayson County Sheriff E.L. "Jack" Driscoll said Mayes, who apparently had tried to escape,

was shot twice in the lower back and the other three had been shot at least twice in the head, possibly by a .22-caliber weapon.

He said nine .22-caliber cases were found at the scene, indicating the weapon was automatic. No weapon had been recovered, however.

Driscoll said the men planned to meet with a fifth identified person at the ranch located about five miles east of Sherman, to discuss sale of an ultralight plane.

Driscoll said officials were investigating a white 1981 Saab that was found at the scene. There were no suspects. He said there was no evidence of a struggle and the men had no bound or gagged.

The sheriff said robbery virtually had been ruled out as a motive since one of the victims had at least \$100 in his wallet and the others had from \$40 to \$100.

Driscoll said the men's penchant for ultralight planes was the only known link between them.

Tate's wife and son discovered Mayes' body near the doorway about 8:30 p.m. Sunday after going to the hangar to look for Tate. Deputies found the other three bodies hidden under the carpet.

Driscoll said the door was locked and the lights were inside.

"They were well concealed (underneath the carpet) that officers who had been there for about eight hours didn't see them. We spent several hours in the building, doing for fingerprints and examining physical evidence," Driscoll

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