

performance of Summer and Smoke Thursday in Rudder Forum.

Summer and Smoke close but fizzles due to length

Battalion Staff

The theater arts program almost came through with another good play, but it suffered from its length. The performance opening night lasted four hours. "Summer and Smoke" is a long play, but the theater arts production could use faster pacing to keep it from being too long.

The sound effects need some work. The scene with the winter

work. The scene with the winter wind howling has too much wind, but in contrast the party scene with the Mexican band could have been louder.

Wendy Pesek, who played Alma Winemiller, needs to polish her projection during the sound effects. She also needs to

face the audience more when she is delivering her lines. Despite these problems, she did present a believable Alma.

act in comparison to Strayer. The use of Spanish dial added to the play, but it too be potential for greater things.

She also did a good job of changing character when Alma was supposed to become a more liberal women.

Review

The portrayal of Dr. John Buchanon Jr. by Richard Strayer saved the play. He shone throughout the entire performance. He came off as the lady's man he was supposed to be. The charisma, body language and sex appeal were where they should have been.

supposed to be the fiery, wild lover but she couldn't hold her

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potential for greater things. All of the players spoke the language with what seemed to be ease, except for Gay Culbertson who played Gonzales. His act as the mad drunken father was almost comical instead of Theatre Festival.

One comical relief that was on target was Mrs. Winemiller. Joyce Hayes did a great job of keeping the play from becoming too somber. She managed to successfully portray a crazy woman and kept the scenes that

man ne was supposed to be. The charisma, body language and sex appeal were where they should have been.

His performance hurt Rebecca Hernandez, though. She played Rosa Gonzales and was supposed to be the fiery, wild lover here.

The period costumes helped

also adding to the overall play. It was obvious that work went into making these beautiful cos-

If these problems are corrected, the play will be the right choice for the American College



appear in the opening night Lab allows A&M faculty, students to study policies

exas A&M students and fanow have the chance to

Wendy Pesek and Richard Strayer

down elp state leaders solve complex

September on the first floor of

Increase planned for bike parking ireas on campus

by Chris Cox

Texas A&M is planning to exand the number of bike racks campus in response to an inase in need, the director of urity and traffic with the Uni-

ersity Police says. The University is exploring ne idea and some sites are being onsidered for the new racks, irector Robert Wiatt said.

"There is no specific commit-nent on where they will go," he aid. "Several places are under sideration.

study is underway but the inal decision for placement of he racks has not been made. Wiatt said a resolution on the unding should be announced oon with sources and sites inder consideration.

Funding for the project also sbeing explored, Wiatt said. As oon as the funding is approved, onstruction will begin, he said. Waitt said while the funding nasn't been approved, the pro-ect is "extremely optimistic."

policy problems by working with the University's Public Policy Resource Laboratory.

Harrington Tower, was estab-lished with \$180,000 in special funds from the state.

The PPRL, which opened in

"The cost for the racks, which

could exceed 300, is more ex-

pensive than meets the eye," Wiatt said. "The cost could run

work involved than some people

may think, he said. Landscap-

moval of trees and drainage all have to be consideded before

final plans are put into action,

ing, purchasing bike rings, re-

There also is more detailed

in the thousands of dollars.'

The idea has been at A&M for about 10 years," Dr. Arnold Vedlitz, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and director of the laboratory, said, "but we've just now convinced the state legislature and the Uni-

versity to go along with it.

"The lab is not like a biology lab," Vedlitz said. "It's really a center or institute that people can use. We'll also offer seminars or talks on certain topics, but no academic credit is in-

University students and facul-ty from several social science disciplines, including political science, psychology, sociology, economics and history, can work on real-life policy problems faced by public and private sector leaders at the center, Vedlitz

"The state leaders have expressed the need for assistance in developing the most efficient and effective means of serving the needs of our state," Vedlitz

Five areas will be researched through the PPRL:

• The Texas Poll, a semiannual telephone survey of Texans' attitudes on public policy

• Texas Data Archive, a computerized archive of historical and modern Texas public re-

• Social Science Research Group, a progarm which emphasizes health policies, so-cial policies, industrial relations, and management of new tech-

nology.

• Economic Development, a program which examines regulatory issues, decision-making analysis and political economy.

• Data Processing, a program designed to help faculty, government and private sectors in the development of computer software and other data processing applications related to the social policy sciences.

The involvement of students in the PPRL projects is very important, Vedlitz said.





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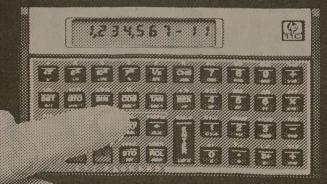
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