

Nobel winners discuss need for more food sources

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Staff Writer

Although Dr. T.W. Schultz and Dr. Norman Borlaug agreed Monday night on the problem of decreased food production in the world, the two Nobel Peace Prize winners disagreed on how to solve the problem.

Borlaug, who won the prize in 1970 for the development of new wheat varieties, said the answer lies in developing new agricultural ways to increase food production.

"Here we are fat and sick, all of us present in this room, while

there are people who stay on the verge of hunger and malnutrition all of their lives," said Borlaug, who received the title 'father of the green revolution,' when he helped increase crop yields all over the world.

If agricultural development was looked at as an hour on the clock, it would have begun in 23 hours and 57 seconds, Borlaug said. The same amount of development is needed within the next 50 years if the problem is to be solved, he said.

"In the past when a crises came, such as drought, insects or plague, the solution was to open more land for cultivation," Borlaug said. "But we can't do that anymore. The most increases in food production are coming from the application of scientific technology to improve the yields."

Schultz, who won the prize in 1979 for economics, said there are four issues that should be considered when solving the problem — science, efficiency, consumer choice and investing in people.

"Agricultural scientists made the mistake of emphasizing food crops," Schultz said. "They should concentrate more on imports and exports."

Science, the first consideration, creates the capacity to produce more wheat, Schultz said.

"Agricultural scientists are in some sense missionaries," Schultz said. "They are like Johnny Appleseed's. Dr. Borlaug travels around the world distributing the tons of wheat in his pockets."

Schultz said he sees distortions in governments of both rich and poor countries which cause a lack of efficiency — the second consideration.

One of these distortions is the famine scare, he said. "This is a tremendous distortion that has come in from public policy," he said.

Consumer choice, the third consideration, has been hindered because regulations have been violated in the United States, Schultz said.

The fourth issue is investing in people, Schultz said.

"We should invest in the quality from advanced knowledge and the quality of people," he said. "Not the quality of what people acquire, but the quality of their health."

Borlaug said that when petroleum products start being used more as fertilizers, people in the United States might have to choose between big cars or fertilizers.

"I hope we don't have to make those choices," he said.

Borlaug said another problem that might have to be faced is propaganda about harmful agricultural chemicals.

"During the next doubling of the world's population, we can't have obstacles like these," he said. "We won't make it to solve the problem."

There are 4.7 billion people in the world — an increase of 84 million people a year, Borlaug said.

"That comes out to 160 people every minute," he said.

Only 2 percent of the food in the world comes from the ocean, while over 90 percent comes from the land, Borlaug said.

Schultz said he is very critical of extension services because they treat young farmers as though they are all going to saty in agriculture.

"A first class extension service where the farmers have 12 years of schooling or less is productive," Schultz said. "With 12 years of education and more, the extension service is negative in contribution."

CSISD adopts 1984-85 calendar

By THERESA CORNELL
Reporter

The College Station School Board adopted the 1984-85 junior high/high school calendar and approved replacement of the junior high school exterior doors and auditorium stage lighting Monday night.

The school calendar will fulfill the required 175 student class days and 183 teacher school days. According to the calendar, the first day of school will be Aug. 29, Spring Break, Mar. 11-15 and the last day of school, May 30.

The board also approved the replacement of the junior high school exterior doors at an estimated cost of \$9,906 and its stage lighting and dimmer system in the auditorium at an estimated cost of \$6,850. Those replacements were included in the 1982 Bond Issue projects for the school.

In other action, the board approved the selection of over 100 new textbooks for use by junior high and high schools for the 1984-85 school year. The board said the books would fit district programs and provide adequate instruction for the students.

Considerations of the Food Services Operations were discussed on whether to continue to use Contracted Services, if the option is cost effective, or discontinue the service, based on the best bid received. Assistant Superintendent Donald P. Ney said the documents and presentation presented at the meeting were intended to provide background and decision-making information to board members. Further consideration of the Contracted Services will be analyzed at the April Board of Trustees meeting.

The board approved that the firm of Durst, Wood and Milberger be appointed to conduct the 1983-84 Fiscal Year audit.

The board also reviewed the Region VI Education Service Center Board of Directors Election candidates. The candidate

for position 6 is J. O. Alexander and for position 7, Dorie Damuth. Candidates for the board of directors positions for Brazos and Montgomery Counties will be elected sometime this year.

The board again approved the use of Southwood Valley Elementary School's cafeteria by Holy Cross Lutheran Church beginning in April.

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Council votes to support Option 1(b) in election

By SALLY SCHWIERZKE
Reporter

The MSC Council held their regular meeting of the year Monday night and voted unanimously to support Option 1(b). The council will also make available an evaluation of the council's activities during the year, hoping to help the new council members in the upcoming year.

Eric Conner, MSC executive president for administrative and student body referendum coordinator, initiated the motion that the MSC Council support option 1(b).

Option 1(b) recommends an increase of \$10 over a period of three years. Six dollars will be used for the University Center, while the remaining \$4 will be placed in a reserve fund.

The reserve fund will allow student input into the University Center services provided and will establish a means for future additions and improvements to the Center.

Applications for new council assistants are in the mail to those students qualified for the position. The council is looking for freshmen with a 3.25 GPR

or better who are truly interested in working for the council. Those students who are interested and qualified, and who don't receive applications in the mail, can contact the Student Programs office. An orientation program will be held on Wednesday for council assistant applicants. Applications must be in by Friday, interviews will be held next week.

The MSC awards banquet will be held April 7. There will be a reception and a slide presentation. Tickets are available for \$10 at the Student Programs office.

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