

# Renee Vandiver enjoys people

By CATHIE ANDERSON  
Reporter

Renee Vandiver, wife of Texas A&M President Frank Vandiver, is a "people person."

Her interest in people helps in her dealings with A&M and its students.

"Being the president's wife is a very difficult role, in that you can't be all things to all people," she said. "It's been neglected for so long. They used to be looked upon just as a person who only gave teas."

Having socials at her home is one of Vandiver's duties. However, many of her parties are designed to give students an opportunity to raise money or find lecturers for upcoming events like the Endowed Lecture Series.

By helping students bring lecturers from different backgrounds, Vandiver said she wants to further her husband's hope of making A&M a world-class university.

The Vandivers travel to many different countries, attempting to make agreements with other institutions which could increase the University's store of knowledge in some areas.

Renee Vandiver, who received her bachelor of fine arts degree from Newcomb College which is affiliated with Tulane University in New Orleans, said she is interested in seeing A&M attain a fine arts degree.

"I don't care for everyone to come out a painter," said Vandiver, who is an artist, "but I think that a school that has everything that this one has should find a place for the arts."

"Once I got up at a Board meeting, I kept raising my hand and raising my hand, but he (a department head) wouldn't call on me. He called on everyone except me, and I thought, maybe he knows what I'm going to say. Then I thought, he's closing the meeting, and he's not even going to call on me. I got up and introduced myself and went into my little spiel (about fine arts)."

Vandiver said she knows she causes static sometimes.

"My children always tell me, 'Mother, you'd never make a good secretary,'" she said. "I ask them

why, and they say, 'Because they'd ask you to do something, and you'd decide that it wasn't right and you wouldn't do it.'"

One idea which Vandiver has decided against is building a fence in the back of their house. The fence would aid in keeping people further away from the house, she said.

"They (those who support the fence) tell me, 'They'll say you live in a goldfish bowl.' I ask them, 'If we're eating supper, and they see us, what harm can it do? All they can say is we eat like everyone else,'" she said.

The Louisiana native has another reason for not wanting a fence built. Not only is she a "people person," but she is also a people watcher.

"Since I am an artist, I am a people watcher," she said, "I like to sit and watch the joggers (on the aerobic track) go by. Of course they can't see me because of the trees."

Vandiver watches the joggers from one of two benches which she added to the garden in the back of her house.

"When I came here, I asked if there were two old benches around that I could use," she said. "I wanted to put them out in the garden. They told me that they didn't know if they had any, but they said they'd look for two benches and try to make them look old for me."

The garden behind the Vandivers' home has attracted attention from several people. Once a graduate student wandered into the backyard to get detailed pictures of the flowers, Vandiver said.

A few families have even walked onto the patio in order to take pictures, she said.

While Vandiver enjoys her home, garden, and the visitors there, she also says that she loves the University campus and thinks that it's one of the prettiest left in Texas.

"I take walks on my own because no one knows who I am," she said.

The Vandivers used to take walks across campus together, but they discontinued them after being stopped so frequently when people recog-



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nized the University president. "We had Ladybird (Johnson) up last year," Vandiver said. "She didn't know one (a campus) like this still

existed. She was just overwhelmed. As Frank says, 'You can't help but love this place.' The traditions and spirit are something."

## Lewis to speak on Proposition 2 at the Student Senate meeting

By SARAH OATES  
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State Rep. Neeley Lewis will speak to the Texas A&M Student Senate at their meeting tonight. Bill Presnal, vice-chancellor of state affairs, and

the Student Senate legislative study group will join Lewis in discussing Proposition 2, which concerns the future of the Permanent University Fund.

On Nov. 6, Texas voters will vote

on a constitutional amendment to restructure the PUF.

The Senate also will hear a report from Mike Hachtman, its College Station City Council liaison, about the city's recent decisions concerning the Luther Street railroad crossing.

## PBS initiates weekly educational TV series

United Press International

NEW YORK — Public Broadcasting Station introduced "Wonderworks" this fall, non-cable television's first regularly scheduled educational series aimed at entertaining pre-teens and their families on prime-time air.

While ABC has its "After School Specials" and CBS has its "CBS School Break Specials," they're just that — specials.

"Wonderworks," conceived of by executive director Jay Rayvid, the WQED-Pittsburgh executive who brought to PBS the acclaimed "Once Upon a Classic" series, started broadcast Monday from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. as a weekly series.

Among the stars who will appear in the productions ranging from comedy to drama to fantasy are Henry Winkler, Susan Anton, Sam Waterston, Hermione Gingold, Jose Ferrer, Shelley Duvall, LeVar Burton, Dick Van Patten and Wally Shawn.

Rayvid said the first 26 hours of the series have been underwritten by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for \$6.25 million, the largest CPB grant ever for a single series in one year.

"We are working with what we think are the best producers in the world and we've been real lucky attracting performers," Rayvid said. "They're all working for scale."

"David Wolper ('Roots,' XXIII Olympiad opening and closing cere-

monies) and other producers something like, 'If you see public television want to know to do it come and see us.'

"So we did." While some of the program's original productions, others foreign films not seen before in country and still others award-winning theatrical productions that had limited runs.

"Booker" opened the series day with Duvall, Burton and Ross ("Diff'rent Strokes") stars a drama about a black boy who to learn to read when it was the end of the story it is about the black boy is educator Booker Washington.

Rayvid said the time slot selected for the series because it have shown most pre-teen to watch television at that hour there's a "family pile-up" — waiting for football, mom's there for a movie, everyone's there.

The executive producer of Harvard University study that the average 6 to 11-year-old watched 25 hours, 41 minutes of television per week, only 8 percent of which consisted of Saturday morning programming.

The Nielsen ratings show that rated shows during the 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. time period are comedy-drama-adventures, many of which consisted of Saturday morning programming.

## Garry Mauro criticizes Republican politics

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Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro and Senator Chet Edwards talked party politics to a group of 40 at a meeting in Rudder Theater Tuesday night.

Mauro spoke against the Republican Party and the Republican candidates while state Senator Chet Edwards emphasized the importance of having Democrats come together and vote in the upcoming election during a meeting in Rudder Theater.

Edwards tried to convince the audience to register as many people as possible before the voter registration deadline at midnight Sunday.

Mauro said Reagan has the ability to make the American public "feel

good," but he said that feeling is not enough. He insisted that

Mauro's programs were not working. "Each of us who cares about country should get out there and vote," Mauro said.

Mauro criticized the support of Phil Gramm by the group of Jesse Helms, who lies at the heart of the political spectrum.

"You let him get elected by people, and those are the people will pay attention to," Mauro said.

"I'm not sure you can predict someone like that," Mauro said of Gramm. "He was a liberator when he first came to A&M, he's gone so much further right."

"I apologize that we didn't win (Gramm's campaign) six years ago," Mauro said.

### Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Tuesday. MISDEMEANOR THEFT: A silver Motobecane 10-speed bicycle was stolen from outside Sterling C. Evans Library.



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