

Present indicative of future

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John Hoyle can see the future.

But he doesn't see it in the space stations of science fiction writers. Or in the apocalyptic theories of contemporary authors. He sees it in children and in the people who will train them.

"There's nothing more important in the world than teaching," he says.

Hoyle is a futurist, but he is a teacher before all else. His biggest concern as a professor of educational administration at Texas A&M is teaching people to plan for the future.

Hoyle's office in Harrington Tower is as different from a fortune teller's tent as possible. Team photos of his baseball days here at A&M hang on the walls and pictures of his family clutter desk and shelves. And despite his doctorate in philosophy and his awards on the walls, the man is as comfortably cluttered as the room itself.

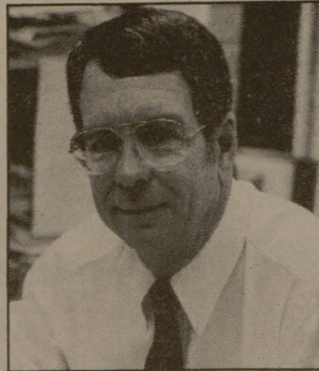
The future, he says, depends on what we teach our children in school and at home. Hoyle has worked with public schools and corporations as well as other universities teaching

them to think long term and to plan for it. And Hoyle says current trends in education to increase public schools funds but cut funds for higher education are short-sighted.

"One of the reasons public schools are not as good as they could have been is that our educators are not as prepared as they could have been," he says. "It's a paradox to me as an educator and very bewildering to me as a futurist."

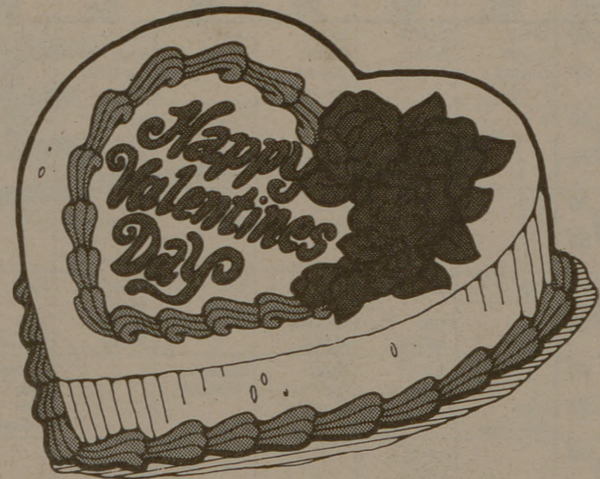
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	Beginning Pottery-Wheel	Feb 11, 18, 25, March 4, 18, 25	7:30-9:30 pm	\$25*
	Quilting	March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22	6:00-8:00 pm	\$22
	Watercolor	Feb 18, 25, March 4, 18, 25	6:00-8:00 pm	\$18
Tues	Decoy Carving	Feb 12, 19, 26, March 5	6:30-9:30 pm	\$25*
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Wed	Basket Weaving	Feb 20, 27, March 6	6:00-8:30 pm	\$14
	Batik	March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24	6:00-7:30 pm	\$15
	Bike Maintenance	March 20, 27, April 3, 10,	7:30-9:30 pm	\$15*
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	Beginning Woodworking	Feb 13, 20, 27	7:00-9:30 pm	\$25*
Thurs	Drawing	April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2	6:00-8:00 pm	\$18
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