

# State and Local

## MSC Council discusses plans for endowment

By Jeanne Isenberg  
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A \$1 million endowment will come another step closer to implementation when the MSC Council meets at 1 p.m. Saturday to hear several recommendations and summer updates about the endowment and other programs.

The Leland T. and Jessie Jordan Institute for International Awareness has been formally in the works since MSC Director Jim Reynolds laid out the first proposal in October, 1984.

Jordan was a former Texas A&M student, and his widow has been working with the A&M Development Foundation as well as the MSC to decide exactly how the endowment will work.

The goals established in the original proposal say the institute would be used to expose students to international cultures; to provide them with the knowledge, skills and resources they need to experience international cultures; and to interest the students in internationally-related careers.

The proposal says these goals would be carried out through five main elements: international travel, arts programs, lecture series, conferences and symposia and special seminars.

Specific criteria are now being developed for the implementation of the program's elements and goals. Recommendations on some of these criteria will come before the council for approval Saturday. But Reynolds estimated it will probably be about a year before the institute will be operational.

Along with the \$1 million cash endowment for the institute, a number of valuable art pieces and furniture which the Jordans collected during their travels have been donated for display in the MSC, Reynolds said.

He said the old west television room of the Browning Library will be converted to house the exhibition and the institute's office will be in what is currently the Browning Library's game room.

## County begins hot check crackdown

By Sondra Pickard  
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The Brazos County Attorney's Office, in association with Crime Stoppers, announced on Wednesday plans to crack down on local "hot check" writers by launching a new program that includes publication of their names.

This specific action is the first of a four-phase program recently initiated by Brazos County Attorney Jim Kuboviak.

Beginning immediately, a list of hot check defendants will be made available to local TV stations and

newspapers on a weekly basis, and individuals knowing the whereabouts of these people are urged to report them to Crime Stoppers.

Brazos Valley Crime Stoppers is offering a \$50 per person reward for information leading to the arrest of these individuals.

Other phases of the program include:

- preventing people from writing hot checks.
- getting more accurate information on the person after the check has been written.
- shortening the time between

when the check is written and the time of arrest.

Kuboviak emphasized that the objects of the search are not those who write bad checks and do so unknowingly, but rather individuals who deliberately defraud merchants through the use of bad checks.

According to Kuboviak, the majority of the people who write hot checks write them within the \$20 to \$200 range, which is considered a Class B misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail.

Writing a bad check for \$200 to \$750 is a Class A misdemeanor with a penalty of up to one year in jail, while an outstanding check written for \$750 or more is a felony offense in the district attorney's jurisdiction.

Last year, the county inherited 4,500 outstanding hot check warrants.

Although there are some Texas A&M students on the list, Kuboviak said they comprise the smallest group per capita of hot check writers.

## 'Fifth of July' presented through Saturday

By Mary Frances Scott  
Staff Writer

Eight Texas A&M students who make up P.S. Theater will present "The Fifth of July," by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lanford Wilson tonight through Saturday at 4110 College Main (formerly Dr. G's).

Peck Phillips, a theater arts major who is the play's director, describes P.S. Theater as "a group of people who really enjoy theater." And their

enthusiasm has brought them through a month of rehearsal and set design without the luxury of a budget.

They've relied on the generosity of the theater arts department for various props and equipment and on Patsy Graham for use of the building at no charge. Other needed materials have come from their own funds and labor.

The play, set in the late 70s, concerns the Talley family's Fourth of

July gathering at their farmhouse in Lebanon, Missouri.

The cast of eight portray what Phillips called "very extreme characters," among them a gay Vietnam veteran who lost both his legs in the war and a racy ex-Berkeley radical who once firebombed her own company during a protest.

The show runs through Saturday. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$4 for non-students. Alcohol will not be served but can be brought in.

## Texas man charged in fraud case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After a statewide manhunt of more than a year, authorities have arrested a Bible-quoting man sought in connection with \$800 million in investment frauds.

District attorney's investigators in Bexar County said they arrested Donald Scott, 54, Wednesday on a tip from Dallas authorities.

Scott had been a fugitive since his indictment in May 1985 on felony theft charges in a building construction scam.

Investigators said Scott often spoke of Christian ethics while posing as a financial coordinator and is accused of selling \$500,000 in shares in nonexistent oil wells and fraudulent office construction projects to up to 20 people.

Scott, described by employees as "a talkative man who made frequent references to the Bible," has been identified by at least nine Bexar County residents who invested \$125,000 with him.

## Provisional program eases adjustment

By Kathryn Greenwade  
Reporter

While many high school graduates were packing for the beach or starting summer jobs, hundreds were enrolling in summer school at Texas A&M as part of a provisional freshmen program.

Gale Wood, associate director of admissions, said there are approximately 450 provisional students enrolled in the University this summer. The number is up from the last few years when the provisional program averaged between 375 and 380 students, he said.

Wood said the University offers this program to give students a chance to prove themselves and because it's good public relations.

Alicia Thompson, a provisional student from Houston, said she decided to enter the program because she didn't want to go to a smaller school that was academically easier.

"I was willing to face the challenge and see if I could make it," she said.

Wood explained that a student must be a Texas resident and meet all admission requirements except for the SAT score to qualify for this program.

The students go through the normal

application procedure. But if their SAT score is deficient the university sends them a letter outlining the provisional program, he said.

If a student decides to choose the provisional program instead of retaking the SAT, they sign an agreement, return it to the admissions office, and are admitted for the summer in general studies, he said.

"We require them to take nine hours of content classes and maintain a 'C' average with no failing grades," Wood said.

The content classes consist of English, history, political science, math, and psychology classes.

Over the last three summers an average of over 65 percent of provisional freshmen have met the requirements and enrolled in the fall, Wood said, but the retention rate through the sophomore year for provisional students was not as high as that of a freshman class in general.

Wood said the only weakness in the program is its short duration.

"I'm not sure nine hours is necessarily enough hours," he said.

The biggest pressure facing the students is the fact that they might not be at A&M in the fall.

"My biggest fear was not passing," Thompson said. "I was afraid I might not make it."

Wood added that students having trouble studying or coping with college pressures can find help in the general studies program.

Wood said that provisional freshmen who enroll in the fall do have an advantage over incoming freshmen. They can take fewer hours in the fall since they have nine hours out of the way and they are familiar with classes and the campus, he said.

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