

# State and Local

## MSC adds international objects, paintings to special collections

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Reporter

The Memorial Student Center, the home of special Aggie collections for many years, is now presenting two more additions to its family — a collection of international art objects by Leland and Jesse Jordan and a collection of paintings by the Texas Artisans titled "Color of Motion."

The MSC has played a large part in keeping Aggie traditions alive through its display of special collections donated to Texas A&M by its patrons.

The MSC Student Lounge is the home of the Texian Campaign Staffordshire China, circa 1850. The china commemorates the Texian campaign led by Gen. Zachary Taylor against Mexico from 1846 to 1847.

The china is featured in the original six colors produced by Staffordshire Potteries in England and was donated by Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Heldenfels as a permanent addition.

The corridor between the MSC cafeteria and the Student Lounge hosts a display of six centennial wood carvings tracing A&M's history from 1876 to 1976. The carvings were commissioned by the Association of Former Students to be done by Susan and Rodney Hill in 1974 and were carved from 8-by-3 foot American black walnut panels, each weighing about 200 pounds.

Each panel is a permanent addition representing a different part of A&M ranging from agriculture to veterinary medicine and science.

For gun enthusiasts, the MSC offers the Metzger-Sanders Gun Collection. This is a collection of antique firearms located in Room 342 commemorating significant historical U.S. events.

The Jordan Institute of International Awareness with its collection of international art objects, opened to the general public Monday, said Jane Bailey, adviser to the Institute. The objects have been donated by Jesse Jordan in the memory of her husband, Leland Jordan, to help foster an interest in A&M students to work and visit overseas.

Jordan also has given A&M a \$1 million endowment. The interest earned from the endowment will help fund various programs by providing scholarships to students interested in overseas travel, Bailey said.

Most of the art objects were gifts to the Jordans from various dignitaries during the almost 30 years they spent overseas. The objects include gifts from Queen Elizabeth II and the royal family, the Shah of Iran, Indira Gandhi, a pope and a Japanese prime minister.

Bailey said the collection even includes a ruby bracelet once belonging to Queen Victoria. Just as priceless are some works composed of jade, tiger's eye, ivory, crystal and gold-inlaid silver.

Beginning this week, the Jordan Institute will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information can be obtained from Stephen Biles, adviser to the foundation's student committee and the MSC Student Conference on Na-

tional Affairs at 845-5722. The Institute is located in the Browning Library on the second floor of the MSC.

The MSC Visual Arts Committee is featuring a guest collection of art. The collection, called "Color of Motion," features art from the Texas Artisans. The art includes the works of six Texas artists.

Featured are works by Bernice L. Brown, June Dudley, Dwade Engle, Johnnie Griffin, Jean Westbrook and Doxie Wootton. Themes include Texas landscapes, westerns, still life and human interest. The art will be shown at the gallery from June 8 to July 10 and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Texas A&M's College of Medicine is featuring an exhibit by artist Anthony Gauthier. The exhibit will be on display until Monday in the lobby of the Medical Science Building.

Gauthier is of Menominee and Winnebago Native American descent. He has studied at the San Francisco Academy of Art, the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, Highlands Academy in Las Vegas and Madison Area Technical College in Madison, Wis. He's currently living in College Station.

Gauthier is renowned for using the American Indian as his subject. His paintings are heavily symbolic and reflect American Indian culture. He has collections throughout the Southwest and Midwest United States.

This local sampling can be viewed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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## Paramedic sentenced for murder, assault

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A suspended paramedic was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday after he admitted slaying his teen-aged stepdaughter, whose body may be buried under tons of garbage.

Ray Moberg, 40, was sentenced to another life term and five 20-year consecutive terms after pleading guilty to burglary and five charges of sexual assault on children.

Two of the sexual assault charges involved Moberg's other daughter, an 8-year-old. The life terms will run concurrently with the consecutive terms.

Deborah Suzette Moberg, 18, disappeared Jan. 9, and hundreds of

family members, friends and neighbors searched for her during the early spring.

In a confession, Moberg said he had broken into his ex-wife's home on Jan. 9, and when the girls entered a short time later, he shot the 18-year-old twice with a .22-caliber pistol.

He said he handcuffed the younger girl, took her to a car, put her sister's body in the trunk and drove around while trying to decide what to do with the body. He said after putting the body in a trash bin, he then went to a motel. The 8-year-old was released the next day and told authorities she had been sex-

ually molested.

Deborah Moberg's body is now believed to be in a private landfill, and authorities are trying to convince landfill owners to allow them to search it, Bexar County District Attorney Fred Rodriguez said.

Janie Moberg, the slain woman's mother, said, "I always wanted to be able to find Debbie alive. But hearing it today from Ray that he confesses to murdering her, I guess I will never be able to give her that one last kiss."

In the plea bargain, prosecutors agreed to dismiss several other sexual assault cases and not seek capital murder or aggravated kidnapping

indictments against Moberg.

Rodriguez said, "Sending Ray Moberg to prison with two life sentences and five others totaling 100 years provides justice for the victims and spares the victims further pain and suffering."

Assistant District Attorney Tina Tussay said Moberg expressed some remorse about the slaying.

"He really did not give us an explanation as to why it happened," she said. "Just that it did happen. What he did state in the confession was that unfortunately he had taken Debbie's life through this ordeal, and if he could do something to change that, he would."

## DEA agent gets lucky break, finds 415 pounds of cocaine

EL PASO (AP) — A "once-in-100 years" break helped smash a major Colombian cocaine ring when a federal drug agent stumbled across 415 pounds of the drug in a house he was selling, officials said Tuesday.

Five men, including two Colombians and a former Mexican police officer, were arrested after the cocaine was found in the home of the Drug Enforcement Administration agent,

said Ernie Perez, agent in charge of the El Paso DEA office.

DEA agent David M. Petz was making a last-minute sweep through the home he was selling when he found 415 pounds of cocaine the new owner had stashed in boxes inside a closet, a DEA affidavit said.

After staking out the house for three days, five men were arrested Friday night.

## Officer calls 2 killed in crash safe pilots, not 'hotdoggers'

AUSTIN (AP) — The pilot and co-pilot of an Army Reserve helicopter that crashed at Fort Hood, killing them and eight others, were so safety-conscious they were called "the two grandmas," their commanding officer said.

Disputing claims of witnesses who said the pilots were "hotdogging" was Col. Clifford Cantrell, commander of the 353rd Engineer Group of Oklahoma City.

"It's hurt us a lot here because it's almost inconceivable to us that these people would be guilty of any kind

of aberrations in their operation of aircraft," Cantrell told the *Austin American-Statesman* Monday.

The newspaper earlier reported that three witnesses, all Texas Guardsmen, had characterized the helicopter's flight as "hotdogging."

Pilot Robert E. Fisher, 42, and co-pilot Bruce E. Lyons, 40, died June 22 when a UH-1 Huey helicopter crashed during the annual summer training exercise of the Texas Army National Guard's 49th Armored Division and its Army Reserve support elements.

## What's up

### Wednesday

**GAY STUDENT SERVICES:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 407 A-B Rudder. Call GAYLINE at 846-6051 for information.

**INCOGNITO (MYSTERY AND DETECTIVE FICTION ORGANIZATION):** will meet at 7 p.m. in 305 Rudder.

**1987 ALL-UNIVERSITY CALENDAR:** recognized student organizations should submit dates for the fall calendar by today to the Student Activities Office. Spring dates may also be submitted.

### Thursday

**CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** will meet at 6 p.m. in 110 HECC.

Items for *What's Up* should be submitted to *The Battalion*, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three working days before desired publication date.

## Police Beat

The following were reported to the University Police Department from June 23 through Monday:

**MISDEMEANOR THEFT:** A student reported someone stole the right rear wheel of her 1983 silver Porsche.

Someone removed 41 street signs from the A&M Research Park.

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