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## Theater department discovers new talent in prize-winning writer

By Bridget Harrow  
Reporter

Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Charles Gordone has joined the theater arts department at Texas A&M this fall as a distinguished lecturer.

Gordone is best known for his play "No Place to Be Somebody," which received a Pulitzer Prize, the Drama Desk Award and the Los Angeles Critics Circle Award in 1970. The play has been translated into four languages and recently underwent a revival in Los Angeles.

After being asked to teach at other universities such as Sarah Lawrence, Columbia, Carnegie-Mellon and Harvard, the 61-year-old playwright says he chose to come to A&M because he felt he could be of good service.

"Why should I go to some other acknowledged institution, be appointed and just fall into the politics of the school?" he asked. "I've had a history of wanting to put my theater experience in a teaching situation at a grass-roots level. So where else but in the South would I get the opportunity to do so?"

"Besides, I'm an Easterner, and I was getting tired of New York."

Gordone will teach acting, playwriting and directing courses. He also will be deeply involved in the recruitment of young black and Hispanic students, especially in theater. He says that is another reason he chose A&M.

"A&M is spending \$3 million on the recruitment of minority students," he says. "I don't know of any other university that is spending that much money."

When Gordone began his career in theater as an actor 30 years ago, he says blacks were cast in stereotypical roles. He says now he doesn't want minorities to just be in their own separate theater, but he wants

to put political organizations on it, and we certainly have not asked anyone about their sexual orientation in terms of serving on this panel," she said.

David Fowler, a member of Action on AIDS, said the absence of homosexuals on the panel is ludicrous.

"She is missing the people that AIDS is affecting most," he said, referring to the mayor. "We have lots of brilliant gay people she could have chosen."

Annie Parker, president of the

to see them playing roles more substantial than servants.

"I never just wanted an all-black theater, but instead I wanted to see an American theater — non-traditional, cross-cultural, integrated theater, with the use of minorities in a logical, historical way," he says.

Gordone says that when he directed "A Streetcar Named Desire" by Tennessee Williams, he cast Stanley as a creole and a light-skinned black man played the part.

"I've been down in New Orleans and I don't know of many Poles who live in the French Quarter," he says.

"Some people have suggested that Williams would have done the same, but back then it just wasn't cool." Gordone will be directing Williams' "Moon's Kids Don't Cry" this year for the Aggie Players.

Besides teaching and directing, Gordone has been active in various other projects. He recently was awarded the D.H. Lawrence Fellowship by the University of New Mexico and spent his summer at the D.H. Lawrence Ranch in New Mexico. He also has just completed a play he has been working on for the last five years called "Roan Brown and Cherry," and is writing a pilot for CBS, which is a comedy — a cross between a comedy and a drama — about a black family in Harlem.

"I will always keep writing," he says, "because when you write, the only person who could fire you is yourself. Maybe someday I will write something that someone will say, 'Hey, that will be here for posterity.'"

He says he hopes students will learn something from his teaching and writing because he feels he is learning something new every day.

"If the day comes when I'm not learning, I'll just go home and sit in front of the television," he says. "But by then, maybe, I'll be watching my own show."

## Homosexuals blast lack of representation on AIDS panel

HOUSTON (AP) — A 29-member committee formed to apply for AIDS grants and government money has been criticized because it doesn't include anyone from a homosexual organization or someone with the disease.

"I think everyone in Houston is aware of the significant problem that exists as a result of the spread of AIDS," Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire said Tuesday in announcing the task force with Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay.

"We have not tried to politicize it,

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, said the panel was overdue.

"But I have qualms about the makeup of the panel," she said.

Bill Teague, president of the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, is chairman of the new panel, which also includes members of medicine, politics, academia, the clergy and business.

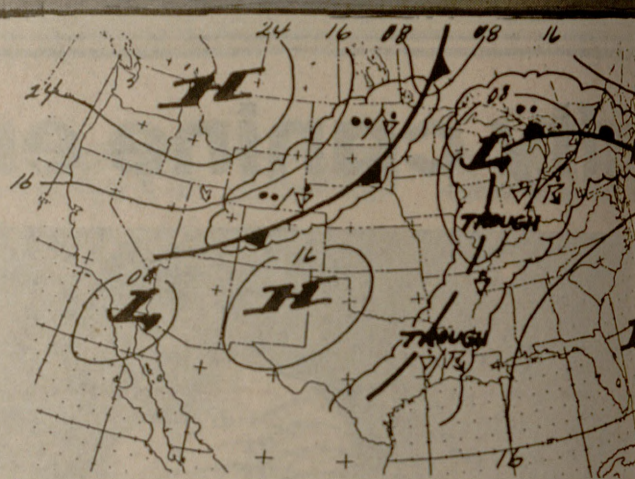
"I am pleased the mayor and the judge have taken the initiative to do this," Teague said. "There's a lot to do and I think they have selected the people to get it done."

The Houston Health Department has recorded 1,393 confirmed cases of AIDS, with 84 percent of them homosexual or bisexual figures show.

Brown McDonald, executive director of the AIDS Foundation of Houston and a member of the task force, said the panel needed to be a top health priority.

"Houston is missing opportunities for millions of dollars of funds," McDonald said.

## Weather Watch



Valid: Noon today

Sunset Today: 7:28 p.m.

Sunrise Friday: 7:09 a.m.

**Map Discussion:** The trough of low pressure from Lake Michigan to southern Texas continues to be the focal point, producing heavy rain locally over southern Texas, most of Louisiana and the Great Lakes states.

### Forecast:

**Today:** Expect overcast conditions through the morning becoming partly cloudy this afternoon with a high temperature of 94 degrees and southerly winds at 10 to 16 mph. Locally, rain will be concentrated along the middle and upper Texas coastal areas, extreme eastern Texas and over much of Louisiana. Chance of rain for Brazos and surrounding counties is less than 20 percent.

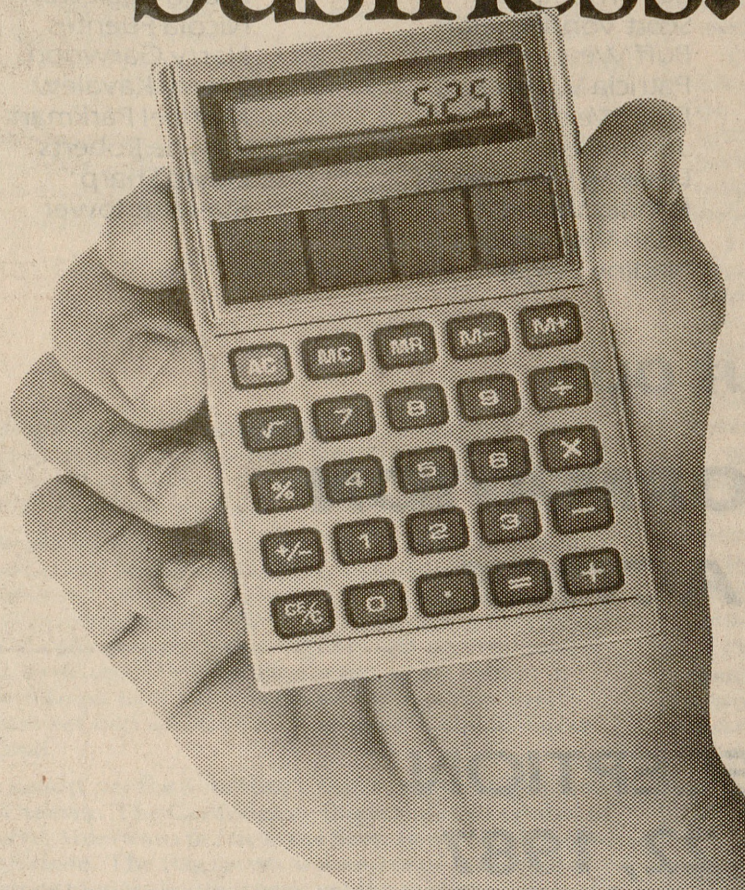
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy and mild with a low temperature Friday morning of 73 degrees with wind from the south at 3 to 8 mph through the night.

**Friday:** Expect little change. A stratus of overcast should prevail through the morning, then become partly cloudy for the remainder of the day. The high temperature should reach 95 degrees and the southerly flow will continue at 8 to 14 mph. The chance of rain will be less than 20 percent.

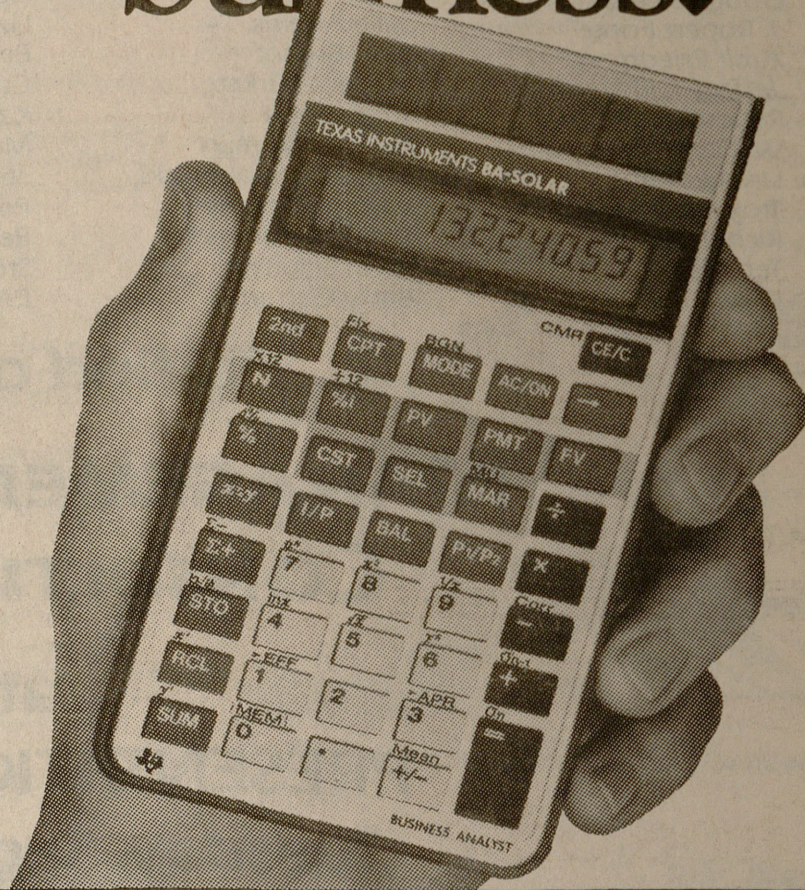
**Weather Fact:** The cold frontal system currently extending from northern Minnesota to southern Nevada should be within 50 to 75 miles of College Station Saturday afternoon, increasing our chance of rain to 30 percent. Thus, you may wish to think "umbrella" as part of your Aggie-Huskie game plan.

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