# In Advance

### Vice Consul to discuss South Africa

South African Vice Consul Jacques Jordaan will discuss the po-litical and social climate of South Africa at 7 p.m. Wednesday in 301 Rudder.

Addressing Texas A&M's Young Conservatives of Texas organization, Jordaan will speak about recent reforms the South African government has made in

its system of apartheid. Jordaan will promote the position that U.S. ecomomic sanctions against South Africa will not benefit blacks in that country, Chairman of the Young Conservatives Dick Longuist said.

Jordaan works with the South African Consulate in Houston.

### MSC to sponsor lost and found auction

By Lisabeth Rabun Reporter

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Items that were lost before May 1987 and remain unclaimed will be auctioned from 10 a.m. to p.m. Thursday at Rudder Fountain, Linda Dysart, the director of the MSC Lost and Found Auction said.

"The most interesting items this year are a piece of Hebrew jewelry and a man's 14-karat gold and diamond watch," Dysart said.

Other items include books, clothes and sports equipment. The auction items accumulated at the MSC main desk, she said.

"There are several hundred umbrellas alone," Dysart said, There are about 30 basketballs and lots of sunglasses. We have some valuable computer and mechanical equipment and around 40 men's watches."

To make this year's auction more exciting, free bonuses will accompany certain auction items, and those who buy the secretly earmarked items will win the prizes. Two bonuses will be given away each hour.

Several restaurants are contributing free meals, and two MSC committees are giving away tickets to upcoming events, Dysart said. MSC Town Hall will contribute R.E.M. concert tickets, and MSC Great Issues will give away tickets to the upcoming Dr. Ruth

program.
"The auction functions as a fundraiser for MSC Hospitality's campus and community service projects," Dysart said. "It also gives the students an opportunity to purchase the accumulated items found on campus.'

If students see their own lost items, they must purchase them at the auction, Dysart said. The coordinators are very careful about giving the owners six months to claim the articles before they can be auctioned.

If it rains Thursday, the auction will be in the MSC Flag Room, she said. Cash and checks will be accepted for payment.

## Debaters discuss media evangelism

The Texas A&M Debate Forum will discuss the issue of mass media evangelism **Thursday at 7** p.m. in Room 201 of the Memorial Student Center.

Two speakers will each give a seven-minute speech on whether or not evangelists like Rev. Jerry Falwell and former PTL leader Jim Bakker should be allowed to solicit money over the airwaves.

Forum chairman Karen Telschow, a senior political science major, said two members would be chosen to speak at Thursday's debate based on the most convincing argument from a pre-

Telschow said after both views

are presented, the audience is asked to give their opinions and will be able to discuss the issue in an open forum. An audience vote will decide which side wins.

This is the last of three debates the forum has scheduled. Subjects for debate are chosen by speech communication faculty. Other topics have been increasing admission standards at A&M and affirmative action.

Telschow expects about 300 people at this last forum because attendance at one debate is required for a Speech Communica-tion 404 class. She said most students have put off coming and Thursday is their last chance

#### Scientist to discuss infant malnutrition

The International Development Forum will present a lecture on the causes and circumstances surrounding infant malnutrition in Third World countries at 7 p.m. Thursday in

510 Rudder. Dr. Katherine Dettwyler, an A&M assistant professor of anthropology, said she will discuss factors that cause poor nutrition in children in developing countries. She also will discuss the age children are weaned, what they eat, and who determines what

Dettwyler will specifically address the situation in the West African country of Mali, where she did graduate work.

"I am going to be looking at the economic, political and cultural aspects," Dettwyler said.

She also will discuss the controversy surrounding the use of infant formula and its promotion by multinational corporations in the Third World. Dettwyler said she will focus on whether this promotion causes malnutrition.

## Professor to discuss greenhouse effect

By Janet Goode

The University Lecture Series will host Dr. Wallace S. Broecker Thursday at 8 p.m. in 601 Rudder. Broecker will present his findings on the "greenhouse effect" and the consequent warming trend of the Earth's climate, which he says may be sudden

rather than gradual. The greenhouse effect is caused by atmospheric changes resulting from our industrialized society and has been well-theorized to lead to a gradual climatic warming trend.

Broecker, a Newberry professor of Geology at Columbia University, says there is now evidence that changes in the Earth's climate occur in unpredictable sudden jumps that would leave inhabitants of Earth unprepared.

Broecker is the author of numerous articles and has written four books on paleoclimatology,

isotope dating, environmental sci-

ence and ocean chemistry. In his July 1987 article, "Unpleasant surprises in the greenhouse?" that was published in Nature magazine, Broecker says the release of "greenhouse gases" are largely by-products of energy and food production. He compares this to an experiment over which we have little control.

If the change comes suddenly, rather than gradually, Broecker suggests that the Earth's wildlife may be "dealt a serious blow" and our food supply may be threat-

"We have little choice but to let it continue," he says. "All we can do is try and prepare ourselves to

cope with its effects.
"We play Russian roulette with climate hoping that the future will hold no unpleasant surprises. No one knows what lies in the active chamber of the gun, but I am less optimistic about its contents

## Default

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the GSL program, but the department would like to change it to a 90 percent guarantee to give lenders a bigger incentive to track down those in default, Bertak said. The department so far has been unable to get Congress to agree.

University financial aid officials said they feel lenders should be held more responsible for the high de-

James said, "Our hands are tied. We have no control over who gets the loans. All we can do is counsel students about their responsibility to repay the loan.

As a result of the plan, Texas Southern University could be in trouble. As announced, the plan gives Texas Southern two years to bring its default rate down from its current 29 percent to 20 percent or

Yancy Beavers, director of financial aid at Texas Southern, said if the school fails to decrease the default rate, it could lose between \$10 million and \$12 million in federal stu-

If Texas Southern lost all its fi-nancial aid, the results "would be very obvious," Beavers said.

Texas Southern will be doing all it can to lower the default rate, but doesn't have a concrete plan for action, Beavers said. Once a student leaves a university, it is up to the student and the lending institution to take care of the matter, he said.

Torres said the program itself also is a large part of the problem of high

"If you wanted to create a loan program with a high default rate, you've got one with the Guaranteed Student Loan program," Torres said. "Because the program gives loans to students with no credit history, a low family income and no collateral, you are going to have a high default rate.'

Taft Benson, A&M's director of financial aid, said that if A&M is held responsible for its default rate, then A&M should be able to determine who gets the loans and how much they get.

Beavers agreed and said the cur-

rent system is "totally unfair."

"It has the potential to be like a noose around your neck," he said.

The plan will unfairly punish needy students who haven't even taken out loans by making it hard for them to get the loans, Beavers

"What happens to those students who don't get in because we had to raise the admission standards?" he said. "What happens to those students who can't get a loan to con-tinue their education because someone doesn't think they will graduate?

If needy students are not able to get loans, Benson said, it could end up costing taxpayers more than the current cost of defaulted funds.

"If a young person is not able to attend school because they can't get a loan, then what do they do?" he a loan, then what do they do?" said. "If they can't get a college education it could end up costing Americans more in the long run.'

# Student

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Like many other A&M students, Smith works summers to help pay his college expenses. He worked for his father this summer, who owns L&L Drilling Company, a well-drilling company in Hye.

"Drilling wells is a really hard job, using some heavy equipment," Smith says, shaking his head again at the memory of aching muscles. "It pays pretty well, though.

With his sun-bleached blond hair and moustache and healthy tan, Smith brings to mind the picture of a cowboy just in from a day in the hot

"That's from working outside," he

Smith, who lives in Crocker Hall and eats meals at Sbisa Dining Hall, says he usually enjoys the food.

so noisy," he says. "There's so much yelling.

Marak explained that too much noise can become distorted through a hearing aid.

"It picks up everything, and produces a lot of noise on its own," he says. "When you're not used to anything it's just too much all at once.

In his free time, Smith enjoys playing softball — "especially coed" — and seeing movies. He also enjoys spending time at the Dixie Chicken.

I go every Thursday," he says. Smith got his freshman room-mate, Keith Knauber, as a 'potluck'

assignment. Although he doesn't know sign language, Knauber says Smith is easy to live with.

"His hearing disability doesn't "But I don't like going there on cause problems with us living to-Fridays before football games — it's gether," Knauber says.

## 60,000 Muscovites will lose jobs, Soviet paper reveals

fired in the next two years under Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev's campaign to streamline government by cutting 50 percent of all ministry

The newspaper Socialist Industry said the order to eliminate every second government job by the year 1990 has resulted in turmoil in the Moscow-based ministries, with tearful employees lined up to appeal their firing orders.

The report raised the usually taboo subject of unemployment in the Soviet Union, although it never referred to the "reassigned" workers

unemployment in this country because of the advantages of a socialist economy. But some officials have estimated that about 5 percent of Soviets are without work at any given

MOSCOW (AP) — A national not make clear how many others in newspaper disclosed Tuesday that cultural, educational and other statebe fired. Across-the-board cuts of 50 percent in all ministries will likely put hundreds of thousands out of work. The exact number of ministry employees is not publicly reported.

The report portrayed the firings and the disruptions they were causing as necessary sacrifices in Gorba-chev's campaign for "perestroika," or wholesale restructuring of the economy and society.

Ministry workers were told months ago their numbers would be cut by 50 percent. But the newspaper report appeared to be the first discussion in the state-run media of the broad measures Gorbachev, the as unemployed. Communist Party secretary general, Soviet officials contend there is no has ordered to trim the top-heavy administrative bodies.

The ministries previously dictated day-to-day operations for all Soviet industries, but the restructuring campaign has put more of the decitime due to firings and voluntary job sion-making in the hands of factory changes. and enterprise managers. With re-The newspaper said 60,000 Sovi-ets would lose their jobs in Moscow-istries, fewer workers are needed, based industrial ministries, but it did according to the reform philosophy.

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