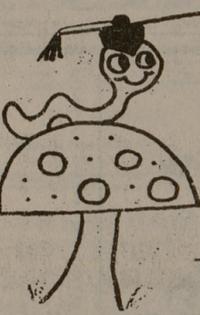


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Professor remembers poverty, people of Mali

By Tracey Streater
Reporter

Living in the fourth poorest country in the world did not prevent Dr. Kathy Dettwyler, assistant professor of anthropology, from having fond memories of the people and the land of Mali, as she showed in her presentation last night in the MSC.

Sponsored by the MSC Jordan Institute for International Awareness, Dettwyler presented a slide show and lecture on Mali.

Dettwyler accompanied the presentation with weavings and carvings made by the local people.

From October of 1981 to October of 1983, Dettwyler and her husband lived outside of the capital city of Ba-

mako, doing research for their doctorates in anthropology.

The Dettwylers found a home for two years in a country where the national average per capita gross national product was \$180 per year and the temperature can reach as high as 140 degrees in the harshest areas.

Most of the people in Bamako lived in family compounds consisting of a few small buildings, such as a kitchen and sleeping areas enclosed by a wall.

Sons would stay in the compounds with their wives and families.

For most of their stay in Mali, the Dettwylers managed and lived in the American Community Center, a building leased to house official rep-

resentatives of the U.S. government during their visits.

"The romantic image of a anthropologist is that you go out a mud hut and do everything the local people do," Dettwyler said.

"In reality, most anthropologists don't live like that, especially if they have children with them," she said.

She also mentioned the alien she experienced in going to a country where she was one of a crowd to a country where she was the alien.

"It can be an enlightening experience to be on the other end of the minority, to be the one that is out, that doesn't know the language," Dettwyler said. "It's a very different experience than of us ever have."

Train's derailment offers passengers new taste of Texas

SANDERSON (AP) — About 350 weary train travelers were treated to West Texas hospitality and barbecue Tuesday after a freight-train derailment stranded them in the tiny town for more than 10 hours.

The Sunset Limited, which runs from New Orleans to Los Angeles, was stopped at Sanderson about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday when a Southern Pacific Railroad freight train derailed about eight miles east of Alpine, Amtrak spokesman Debbie Marciniak said in a telephone interview from Chicago.

"We had several alternatives — we could have derailed, but we found it would take a minimum of 13 to 14 hours," Marciniak said.

"We made a decision rather than detouring the train, we would have it stay in Sanderson," she said.

So Amtrak officials started calling officials in the town of 1,200 people, to arrange accommodations for the 328 passengers and 18 crew. The impromptu accommodations included a class act massive buffet barbecue for dinner.

"We started working on it about 11:30 a.m. — just as soon as we called," said John Sandifer, who operates Kountry Kitchen, a "custom

barbecue" restaurant with his wife, Jeanie.

"We called in three extra people to work and started making food," he said of the feast in preparation.

"We're going to to have barbecued hamburgers, smoked sausage, brisket, baked beans, pinto beans, potato salad — all the stuff," Sandifer said.

In the meantime, the local historical society offered passengers brief tours of town, children were taken to a park to play and the movie "La Bamba" was proffered in the train's theater.

In addition, local folk drove some Alpine-bound passengers to that town about 1 1/2 hours away so that they would not be delayed further or miss possible connections there.

"We've had a problem and they've really come through to help us," Marciniak said of the townspeople. "Most people on that train would never expect to see historical sights in Sanderson, Texas, but it will probably be something that they will never forget."

The delay was expected to last until about 9 p.m., when Southern Pacific officials said they expected to have the tracks cleared.

Coach, student form music duo

FREEPORT (AP) — They are an unlikely pair — a red-haired, freckle-faced kid dressed in a plaid button-down and Topsiders, coupled with a full-fledged adult wearing hightops and a bright yellow Swatch. They have a common bond — they love to rap and they make beautiful music together.

Some may not think it's so beautiful, but the dynamic duo who call themselves Def Squad are confident that the music they make appeals to their peers at Brazosport High School. Sophomore Kenny Bomer and coach Norris Burse are so certain of their musical abilities that they joined forces to record a cassette tape of rap music aimed to please students, teachers and everyone else.

Burse, 31, a Freeport native who attended Brazosport High School and has coached there for seven years, says music is a big part of his life and everyone who knows him knows it. A disc jockey for Texas Southern University's campus radio station for three years, he moonlighted at local teen nightclubs and now spins discs at school dances.

Bomer, a junior varsity football

player, loves to rap. He and two friends wanted to make an album and sought help from Burse. Impressed with a "white boy gettin' off hard," (rap terminology for a young man who sings well) Burse decided to team up with the 16-year-old to make a recording of their own.

The pair have been working in a Richwood recording studio for the past a month and a half. Burse collaborates with Bomer to write lyrics to such songs as "Dog and the Ax," "Kingdom of Rhymes" and "Hard Hitting."

Burse mixes scratches and cuts in samples of other recordings while the pair raps to the beat of a drum machine in the studio.

The duo say they pattern their style after rap masters Run D.M.C.

"It hasn't been out of intent to copy them," Burse says, "we use them as a frame of reference."

"We listen to them for enthusiasm," Bomer says.

The trio's influence is apparent. Burse and Bomer agree that their

recordings sound amazing. Run D.M.C.

"I've heard our stuff and it was them," the coach says. "Def Squad (definitely, sinfully good)" in rap lyrics they have a "def" chant coming a hit.

"I've heard worse stuff than that," Burse laughs as he shows his thrown bad tapes out the window.

"And it sells," Bomer says. His rhythm with his partner's speech. Def Squad's tape is targeted to high school crowd both students and teachers. Burse says he has support from the coaching group of guys who like to rap as much as himself.

"In the field house you can hear music from the Fat Boys and Walker," Burse says as a student turns a large jam box to Def Squad. "We've played everything but."

And, although almost everyone at Brazosport High School is making the recording is what they do in their spare time.

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