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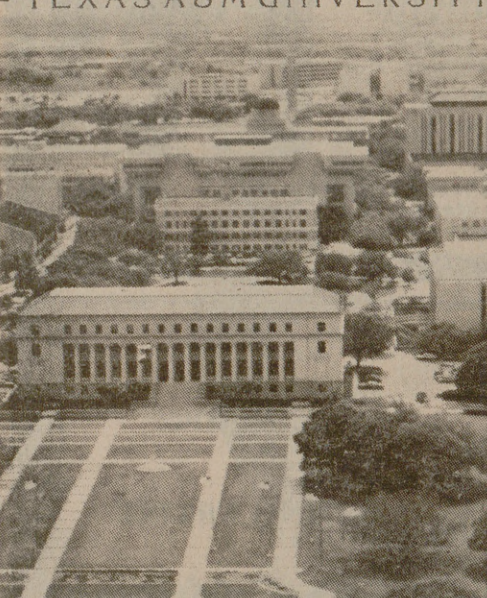
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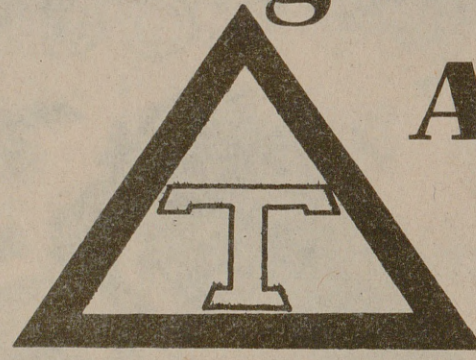
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# Art recounts donors' life

## Jordan Collection on display at MSC Library

By Melissa Naumann

REPORTER

The inscription on the silver plate in one of the glass cases says "biez-nella." Arabic for welcome, which is exactly how visitors to the Jordan Collection in the MSC Browsing Library feel.

The collection chronicles the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Leland T. Jordan whose memories from around the world fill the shelves and walls.

Jordan, Class of '29, began his career as a production engineer for Gulf Oil in Venezuela. Soon, Gulf Oil and British Petroleum created the Kuwait Oil Company and the Jordans moved to Kuwait to manage the company. Their position enabled them to travel extensively and meet many international leaders, said Elizabeth Edmondson, chairman of the MSC Jordan Institute for International Awareness.

"The Jordans were very important in both the social and political structures of Kuwait," she said. "They were pretty much the dignitaries of Kuwait."

The Jordans retired and returned to Lufkin, Texas in 1962 and after his death, Mrs. Jordan endowed Texas A&M with the Jordan Institute.

During their 33 years of international living, the Jordans acquired hundreds of treasures to remind them of their travels and now they have passed their memories on to the students of A&M.

While each piece in the collection is unique, some pieces are more unusual than others, Edmondson, a senior speech communications major from Columbia, Mo., said.

"For example, I don't think too many people have one of these in their homes," she said, pointing to an ornate lamp made out of a camel's bladder. "Each sheik had his own herd of camels and when His Highness Shaikh Sir Ahmad al Jabir al Sabah died, the lead camel of the herd was killed. Since the sheik, a ruler of Kuwait, was a good friend of the Jordans, they got this lamp."

Another ruler of Kuwait sent Mrs. Jordan a place setting.

"This way, when he visited her, he could eat on his royal china," Edmondson said.

The Jordans' relationship with the Queen of England also is recounted in the museum. Near her photograph on the wall are certificates the Queen awarded to Jordan for service to Britain's interests in the Kuwait Oil Co. She appointed Jordan Honorary Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1958 and then Honorary Knight of the Most

### Fire destroys five businesses in Florida

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — Smoke drifted through downtown Sunday while firefighters doused hot spots from a fire that roared through a two-story commercial building, destroying five retail stores.

The Saturday night blaze started and spread quickly through the building's empty second floor and then into the stores below and one nearby, officials said.

One firefighter suffered a back injury and the owner of a jewelry store ruined by the fire complained of chest pains and was hospitalized.

An investigation into the cause of the blaze is expected to begin Monday, after hot spots in the brick, wood and metal cool.

"There's so much rubble, we'll have to get each hot spot one at a time," Capt. Joel Moore of the Jacksonville Fire Department said.

"With the damage as extensive as it is, it will be difficult to determine the origin and cause of the fire," he said.

The largest firm destroyed was the flagship of the 26-store J.B. White Department store chain, which has occupied the 63-year-old building since 1951.

Owner John B. White estimated the store's losses at between \$250,000 and \$300,000. White said he was unsure whether he would rebuild the store, which was founded by his father.

"This is the first time we've been burned down," he said, adding that the depressed economy and other factors will have to be considered in the company's decision about its future.

"We have so many options now," White said. "We'll have to get with the other businesses and decide what to do."

Four other retailers, including a jewelry store and two clothing stores within the building and a smoke shop next door, also were destroyed.

Estimates of losses suffered by the other businesses were not immediately available. About 50 people worked in the stores.

The four stores within the building, which was the oldest brick commercial structure in Jacksonville, had divided the first floor with plaster walls and false ceilings. The second floor, essentially a large room, was sometimes used for storage, White said.



Photo by Chuck Squatriglia

A porcelain figurine presented to Leland T. Jordan by the Italian government is one of the items on permanent display in the Jordan Collection at the MSC Browsing Library.

Excellent Order of the British Empire in 1961. The Queen also gave Mrs. Jordan a red scarf to wear when she performed royal duties without the Queen.

Other interesting pieces include an 18th century Kuwaiti wedding chest, fish plates given to the Jordans by India's prime minister and a jeweled brazier from China used to warm coffee.

"The Jordans went to many countries where if you said you liked something, it was yours," Edmondson said. "Mrs. Jordan was just admiring the brazier and the hosts gave it to her even though she felt embarrassed to take it."

The collection, open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, is just one way the Jordan Institute promotes international awareness. The Institute has sponsored presentations on everything from Margaret Thatcher to origami

and plans to show a film on the cultural effects of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

The Jordan Institute also oversees the MSC Overseas Loan Fund, a student exchange program and an international cultural travel program.

"Some people think we are a foreign entity connected with our country Jordan, but we're not," Edmondson said. "We stress awareness of all countries and everything we is open to everyone."

This kind of openness and awareness echoes the reason Mrs. Jordan chose to open the Jordan Institute.

"She said that Mr. Jordan felt A&M was lacking in information and knowledge from outside College Station and even the United States," Edmondson said. "They want people to live not just as citizens of a small community, but as citizens of the world."

## What's Up

### Monday

- HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL:** will have a spring introductory meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder.
- PHI BETA LAMBDA:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 206 MSC.
- MULTICULTURAL SERVICES CENTER:** will have a CIA minority internship and employment opportunities program at 4 p.m. in 231 MSC.
- RECREATIONAL SPORTS:** will have registration for team bowling, racquetball, singles, wallyball, slam dunk, archery doubles and a backpacking trip from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in 159 Read.
- UNITARIAN UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION:** will have a Chinese potluck at 7 p.m. at 307 Columbia in College Station.
- CORPUS CHRISTI HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 229 MSC.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at noon. Call the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280 for details.
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will have open auditions from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. for a Master of Ceremonies for the talent show at the MSC.
- CBA/BUSINESS STUDENT COUNCIL:** will have a "Women in Business" symposium from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Blocker classrooms.
- INTERNATIONAL WORSHIP HOUR:** will meet to worship and praise God at noon at All Faith's Chapel.
- PHI THETA KAPPA ALUMNI:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 704 Rudder.
- CBA HONORS ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 8 p.m. in 145 MSC.

### Tuesday

- COSGA:** will have a general committee meeting at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder.
- N.O.W.:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 507 Rudder.
- FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:** will have a Bible Study at 7 p.m. in 604 Rudder.
- MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.
- NUTRITION CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's.
- TAMU SURF CLUB:** will meet at 8 p.m. in 504 Rudder.
- OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY ART COLLECTIONS AND EXHIBITIONS:** will have a lecture at 4 p.m. in Rudder Exhibit Hall.
- STUDENT Y:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder.
- GAY STUDENT SERVICES:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 305 Rudder.
- TAMU METEOROLOGY SOCIETY:** will meet at 7 p.m. in the observatory.
- KLEIN HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 8 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.
- RECREATIONAL SPORTS:** will have registration for team bowling, racquetball, singles, wallyball, slam dunk, archery doubles and a backpacking trip from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in 159 Read.
- STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 507 Rudder.
- CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's student center.
- ON CAMPUS CATHOLICS:** will meet at 9 p.m. at All Faiths Chapel.
- ETA KAPPA NU:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 104B Zachry.
- SILVER TAPS:** will be at 10:30 p.m. at the Sul Ross statue.
- PRETHEOLOGY SOCIETY:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 228 MSC.
- TRIATHLON CLUB:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 230 G. Rollie White.
- AGGIE SPACE DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY:** will watch "Marooned" at 5 p.m. in 105 Architecture.
- TAMU SAILING TEAM:** will meet at 8 p.m. in 104 Zachry.
- TOASTMASTERS:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 105 Zachry.
- ALL NIGHT FAIR:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 310 Rudder.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at noon. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for details.
- COCAINE ANONYMOUS:** will meet at 8 p.m. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for details.
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** The international week committee will meet to coordinate Buffet International at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

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