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Official: A&M successful part of global village

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Texas A&M's role as an integral pawn in the success of the "global village" continues.

But in order for this concept to become permanent, everyone must keep opening their minds to world events so that different cultures may be understood and appreciated, A&M's director of International Coordination said Tuesday.

Dr. John Norris, who was the guest speaker at the Association of Professional Support Staff's monthly meeting, asked the audience to run their eyes over a map of the world and be aware of the cities they recognize.

"Focus your attention on the world as a whole, then on Texas and finally focus on our community of College Station," Norris said. "Think about all the other places in the world, and you'll sense that we really live in a global village."

Norris said when he reads the paper it becomes very hard for him to ignore where the story takes place, and when he looks at a label on a piece of clothing, he always notices and thinks about where the cloths is made.

"Many times it's other countries," Norris said. "We should all take time to think about these other countries — where they are, what the people are like and what their lifestyle consists of."

"Closer to College Station," Norris said, "look back at the events of the last two weeks and you'll see the presence of the global village at A&M with the SCONA program focused on Japan, and the program in Houston that Moshier Institute for Defense Studies sponsored on arms control."

Norris said the program in Houston had potential and literally did have an impact on the way the world operates.

Leaders from all over the world met and talked to each other about things that have an effect on all of us, Norris said.

"A&M is active internationally — so active it almost scares me," he said. "There is not enough time to know everything that is going on, but it's still important to understand and learn."

Norris said it's also important to look back in the past in order to produce what we are today.

He went through the history of internationalism at A&M and told of the growth the institution has gone through.

"As the University grows it attracts faculty of various backgrounds," Norris said.

"Many will have international experiences, and as they begin to settle in to A&M they will publish things. Someone in another country might read it, and get together with the person who wrote it because he's doing similar research — another example of a global village," Norris said.

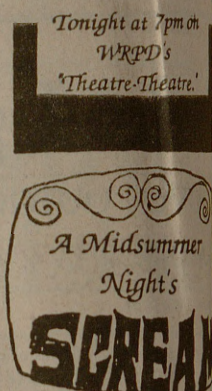
A&M has 1,900 international students representing 110 countries, Norris said.

"Many of these students will go out of their way during International Week to show and tell everyone about their country," he said.

"The theme for International Week, which is Feb. 27 — March 4, is 'Our Global Village: Separate Pasts ... a Common Future,' and I urge everyone to go experience some of the programs the students are putting on."

Norris said it's another way of continuing the evolution of global village.

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Investigators locate clues in air ambulance wreck

TYLER (AP) — Federal investigators Tuesday recovered flight instruments from the wreckage of an air ambulance helicopter that struck a high-voltage power line and exploded in a fireball, instantly killing its crew of three.

The pilot and two nurses died Monday night when the BK-117 helicopter hit a 120-foot-tall utility tower during rain in fog in muddy woodlands 1.5 miles south of Interstate 20. Electrical service was not disrupted, utility officials said.

The victims were pilot Gerald Morgan, 46, of Houston, and nurses Kathryn Lea Ohnheiser, 31, of Haltom City, and Jeanne Lackey, 29, of Lindale. They were part of the Mother Frances Hospital Flight for Life team.

"I think it's safe to say they died instantly," Warren V. Wandel, an air

safety investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board, said.

The helicopter at 10:14 p.m. had begun a flight to Pittsburg, Texas, to airlift a cardiac patient to Mother Frances Hospital.

Five minutes later, the helicopter crashed after Morgan had radioed back to the hospital that he was aborting the flight because of bad weather, authorities said.

The patient was later brought to the hospital by ambulance and was in stable condition Tuesday. "That's

a happy note," Bobbie Burks, spokeswoman for the hospital, said.

Wandel said his team of six investigators, which includes a Federal Aviation Administration investigator, probably would remain at the crash site through Wednesday.

Investigators trudged through mud and the woods, photographing the wreckage and making diagrams of the site.

Wandel said some of the helicopter's flight instruments already had been recovered.

In Advance

Student governments hold annual conference

Texas A&M will be host to 400 student delegates from around the world during the annual Conference of the Student Government Association Feb. 25-28 in Rudder Tower.

Marie Slimak, director of COSGA and a senior psychology major, said the conference brings student leaders together so they can exchange ideas on how to run

Student Government programs. The conference, which will include workshops, round tables and speeches will cover topics on leadership, motivation and communication skills.

Slimak said 85 schools will be participating in the conference. In the past, delegates from as far away as England and Canada have attended.

Marketing workshop advises small businesses

The Small Business Development Center-Contract Procurement Office, the Technology Business Development and the Service Corp of Retired Executives will have a marketing workshop for small businesses on Feb. 16 at the College Station Community Center.

The "Marketing for Small Business" workshop will focus on

development and marketing information use. Speakers will include Otto Hannaeman, associate director of the Texas Product Development Center, and other marketing leaders.

For information and reservations, contact the Small Business Development Center at 823-3034.

British actors perform Shakespearean tragedy

William Shakespeare's tragedy "King Lear" will be performed by the Alliance for Creative Theatre, Education and Research, Thursday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

Five British actors who are alumni of the Royal Shakespeare

Company, the National Theatre of Great Britain and the BBC Shakespeare series will portray all the roles in the play.

Tickets for the performances can be purchased from the Rudder Box Office. Student ticket prices are \$4.50 and seats for the general public are \$7.50.

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