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Shhhhh ... be vehwy, vehwy quiet

Paul Vinger watches a jogger run Wednesday through the President's house. The class is preparing the students for an upcoming mock military drill.

Destination... Japan

Student wins trip in Japanese-speech contest

By Katherine Coffey
The Battalion

After winning second place in the Japanese Speech Contest held in Austin last month, one Texas A&M student is planning the free trip to Japan she was awarded.

Sylvia Morrison, a sophomore general studies major taking Japanese courses, won a free round-trip air fare to Homestay, Japan. The contest was in cooperation with the University of Texas Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, the Consul General of Japan and the Japanese Foundation.

Ilisa Tjakra and Scott Esserine, both senior speech communications majors and taking Japanese courses, also participated in the contest with 80 other students from universities in Texas and Oklahoma.

"I'm proud because these students are very motivated and eager to learn Japanese," said Zaidi Shamshad, an assistant lecturer of the Department of Modern and Classical languages.

Zaidi, who attended the conference with the students, said Morrison competed in the second level speech contest, ages 18 and older.

Zaidi said the annual contest consists of each participant speaking between three to four minutes in Japanese about a chosen topic.

This year the topic was "Why Japan's and the United States' relationship is important."

"Morrison did well, and the judge said she should of won first place but that she spoke a little less than the required three minutes so she placed second," Zaidi said.

"It was a big competition with over 30 students, and she did

very well," Zaidi said.

"I always encourage my students to do these competitions because this way they can show their talents and abilities," she said.

Zaidi said the Japanese study program at A&M is getting larger, and presently has 80 students studying the two-year language course.

Dr. Victor Arizpe, interim head of the Modern and Classical languages Department, said students cannot yet major or minor in Japanese, but the department is implementing a new program.

"The Japanese program is under development and has great prospects as we establish interdisciplinary programs such as with the school of business," Arizpe said.

Starting Sept. 1, the depart-

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Budget falls \$4.6 billion short

Legislators: services will suffer

AUSTIN (AP) — A House committee late Wednesday approved a proposed 1992-93 budget that would fall \$4.6 billion short of funding current state services, with lawmakers saying the public should know that taxes are necessary to provide programs.

"It means criminals on the streets, it means uneducated children, it means mentally ill walking the streets," said Rep. Ric Williamson, D-Weatherford, vice-chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

"But if that's the state of Texas we want, that's the state of Texas we're buying, that's the state of Texas we're paying for, that's the state of Texas we're going to get," Williamson said.

The \$52.3 billion budget would stay within the state's projected revenue and would require no new taxes, lawmakers said.

However, legislators said, it also would cost the state about \$4 billion in lost federal matching funds. Thus, the total shortfall below current spending would

be about \$8.5 billion.

"That's what the people want. All my cards and letters say no new taxes," said Rep. Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield, chairman of the tax-writing committee.

"I would hope the people of Texas can truly see ... the truth of what this can do. But if they don't, they don't understand, then I don't know what will happen," he said.

The committee's vote was only the first step in a lengthy budget-writing process.

Doctor gives healthy tips on Easter treats

Editor's Note: Dr. Jane Cohen is the health education coordinator and nutrition specialist at the A.P. Beutel Health Center.

By Jane Cohen
Guest to The Battalion

A traditional Easter basket might have more than 2,000 calories and 100 grams of fat. If you're planning a basket for someone, consider some healthy alternatives.

"Peter Cottontails" baskets — full of decorated eggs, candy bunnies and other goodies — might be too many calories for people who are watching their weight.

A basket with a creme-filled egg, milk chocolate rabbit, jelly beans, peanut butter-filled eggs and malted milk eggs can add up to almost 3,000 calories.

Consider a healthier basket with nutritious foods and fun treats. Use raisins, snack cookies, boiled eggs, string cheese,

jelly beans, grapes, pretzels and covered peanuts for an Easter basket.

Some candy can be included, but choose wisely. Wise food choices allow for some variety in your foods. Variety and moderation are ways to keep some of the tradition, but seek a balance of fewer calories and fat for a healthier diet if you're watching your weight.

Add stuffed rabbits, animals or other toys to round out the basket.

52nd ARTFEST

Attention Aggies!

MSC Visual Arts is sponsoring its 52nd annual student art competition on April 8, 1991. In addition to exposing & honoring young talent at Texas A&M University, we will also be offering cash prizes!!!

Rules

1. All entrants must be currently enrolled as full-time students at TAMU. A current status I.D. must be shown at the time of the admission.

2. Entries will be accepted in room 138 and 141a of the MSC from 10 am to 3 pm on April 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Works submitted to previous MSC Visual Arts "Artfest" art competitions will be ineligible for Artfest '91.

3. Artwork accepted for the exhibition must be substantially framed and under glass or plexiglass when appropriate. Three-dimensional works should be ready for presentation. Pieces that are poorly or inappropriately presented, matted, or framed will not be considered for awards or exhibition. MSC Visual Arts reserves the right to reject any entry that does not meet these guidelines.

4. Upon submission, entrant must pay an entry fee of \$4.00 per piece. Make checks payable to TAMU. There is a limit of four submissions per student.

5. Entries should be submitted in the following categories:

- A. Drawing — includes pencil, pastel
- B. Painting — includes oil, acrylic, watercolor
- C. Sculpture — any material
- D. Crafts
- E. Computer Art
- F. Photography

(mixed-media pieces should be entered in the category of the primary medium.)

6. MSC Visual Arts will not assume any responsibility for loss or damage of the entries incurred in handling or storing.

7. Work not reclaimed by entrants within 30 days of the judging shall be considered "abandoned property" and become the sole property of the MSC Visual Arts Committee.

8. A \$100 cash award will be given for the "Best of Show." Cash prizes will be awarded for each of the four categories:

- 1st place: \$30
- 2nd place: \$20
- 3rd place: \$10

9. Entries will be judged prior to the exhibit. The decisions of the judges are final.

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