

## Institute gives world-wide view

### A&M foundation deals with international affairs, issues

By Melinda Cox  
The Battalion

It's located at the entrance of Texas A&M's Research Park and its sole concern is international affairs and issues.

It has helped establish the A&M campus as a center for international research and could link the University with the rest of the world.

It is the Mosher Institute for Defense Studies and Dr. Ron Hatchett is its deputy director for programs.

Hatchett says the primary objective of the institute is to help inform people on issues the country is facing in international affairs and policy. He says this form of education is important because the better informed people are, the better decisions they will make.

The Mosher Institute develops its objective and helps inform the public through the research done by "think tanks," Hatchett says.

Think tanks are small groups of people who analyze and research different regions of the world and the governmental, cultural and economical aspects of that region. Research is conducted on all levels of the government from local to federal. Members of think tanks are not elected by the government to conduct research; they are hired by industries or organizations.

Cory Ortigoza is a member of one such 'think tank.' He is an undergraduate student who works for the institute and focuses on the Soviet Union, concentrating on the country's domestic situation.

Ortigoza has published several articles in newspapers around the country, such as the Houston Chronicle and the San Diego Union.

He says he collects most of his research from the Sterling C. Evans Library and personal con-

tacts of his own or through Hatchett. He says he plans to accompany Hatchett on a trip to Russia in November to gather more research and establish more contacts.

Hatchett says the research done by think tanks is important because the demographic center is shifting to the Sunbelt states and Texas needs an articulate international voice.

This voice comes from commentary and published articles researched at the institute by think tanks. Because valuable research is being published by those involved with the Mosher Institute, the voice that is needed comes from A&M. He says A&M is an appropriate area of focus for this international voice.

"No university has a better record than A&M in terms of servicing the national interests and servicing the national defense interests and so it seems to me that Texas A&M is the logical place for that focus," Hatchett says.

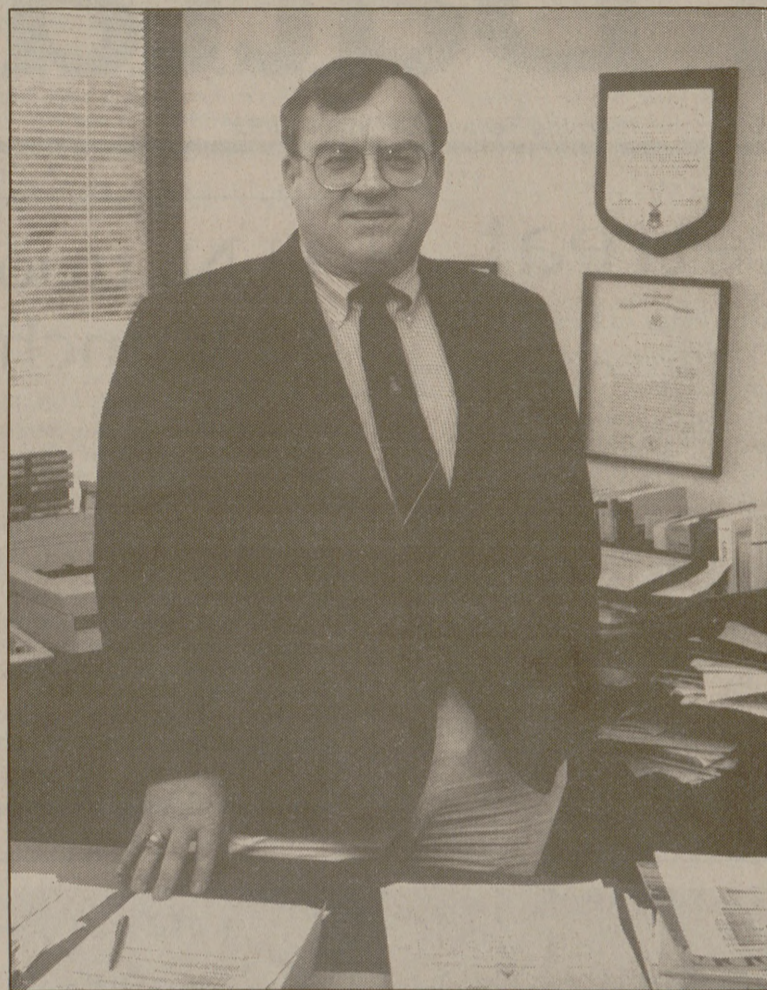
He adds that A&M supports this idea with a variety of international programs and educational connections with universities around the world, but says the University needs a center for international security and foreign policy.

Hatchett says he wants the Mosher Institute to be the nucleus for that element of A&M's international character, adding that he believes the University should have a degree in International Studies.

Hatchett says the school should emphasize international policy and affairs because of the attention these areas receive from President Bush.

It would not be hard to structure such a school because the University already has many staff members capable of putting together an integrated program that would result in students receiving training for international relations, Hatchett says.

But such a program requires



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Ron Hatchett, deputy director for programs at the Mosher Institute. The institute informs people about international policy.

money and that is what the institute has little of.

Hatchett says the institute receives no money from A&M. All funds are provided by Ed Mosher, Class of '28.

The institute was established in 1988 and Mosher donates \$175,000 a year and will until 1998. The idea for the institute came about at an A&M football game.

Mosher was talking to then A&M President Frank Vandiver, and asked him what the University wasn't doing to become a top school. Vandiver said the University wasn't focusing on international issues. This gave Mosher the idea for the in-

stitute. Budgetary restrictions are one of the reasons A&M doesn't provide funds to the institute, he says. But Hatchett says he is encouraged that changes might be made because Mabley has the vision and knows an international focus is the way to go.

However, Hatchett adds that A&M cannot have a strong international voice unless the institute is provided with enough funds to do the research.

"The lack of support from governmental agencies and the university limits the institute in what we are able to do," Hatchett says.

## Redistricting plan faces unsure future

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is expected to rule Tuesday on the validity of Texas' state House redistricting plan, but the verdict is far from the end of the road for the controversial map.

Even if the Justice Department decides the plan does not dilute minority voting strength, several legal hurdles must be cleared before it can be used.

The House plan is one of four approved earlier this year by the Legislature. Only the state Board of Education map has not drawn the ire of minority groups and Republicans, who are fighting the legislative and congressional plans in several legal venues.

Challenges are under way in a South Texas state district court and federal courts in Austin, Brownsville and Washington, D.C.

The Justice Department, which will rule on the three other maps later this month, likely will find the House plan invalid, some con-

tend. "We think we're going to prevail not only in the Department of Justice but in the courthouse," said Fred Meyer, chairman of the Texas GOP.

An attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which also filed suit against the House plan, agreed.

"I don't think they are going to preclear the House plan," said MALDEF's Judith Sanders Castro. But the attorney general's office expressed confidence that no major stumbling blocks will block approval of the plan.

"What we are hoping is that if there are any objections that they will be minor objections and that we can resolve those problems (and) make whatever correction or compromise we need to make with the Justice Department," said Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Texas Attorney General Dan Morales.

## Galleries reopen MSC Forsyth Center features glass artwork

By Melody Dunne  
The Battalion

The MSC Forsyth Center Galleries celebrated its grand reopening this weekend, showcasing the glass art collection of Bill and Irma Runyon.

Runyon, Class of '35, donated the works in 1988 which feature a variety of 19th and 20th century glasswork. The Forsyth Center Galleries opened in February 1989.

Timothy Novak, curator of the galleries, said the Runyon's art collection is the largest monetary gift Texas A&M has received.

The galleries closed early during the summer and reopened almost one month ago after construction was completed on display cases.

Novak said he would like peo-

ple to know that there are many new things to see in the collection. Of about 1,140 art objects, only 150 have been seen before due to space in the galleries. Glass cases have been built in the galleries to allow the smaller objects to be fully seen.

Included in the collection are a diverse collection of American paintings and one of the world's best collections of English Cameo glass, Novak said.

The painting collections consist of western scene paintings from many major artists including Remington and Sharp.

American Impressionists from Mary Cassatt to Childe Hassam are also included in the collection.

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