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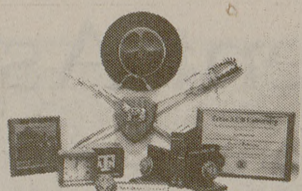
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Geography quiz stumps students

By TANYA WILLIAMS

Reporter of THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M Geographical Society stumped over 500 A&M students with a 10-question geography quiz — with surprising results.

The average score on the quiz was only 50 percent. During National Geography Awareness Week, Nov. 15 — Nov. 21, the A&M chapter of the National Geographical Society offered students a chance to test their knowledge of world geography.

Members of the society staffed a table in the Memorial Student Center offering students a chance to take the quiz which was created by two officers of the organization.

Teresa Ohnysty, president of the A&M Geo-

graphical Society, said the quiz represented all facets of geography and felt that it was important for people to know more than just land mass. The questions ranged from questions about French speaking countries to time zone conversions. The question that stumped people the least was, "Your French class is planning a trip to the second largest French-speaking city in the world. What city is it?"

Only 19 percent of those quizzed missed that question. The most difficult questions were, "What Mediterranean island is administered on one end by people loyal to Greece and on the other end by people loyal to Turkey?" and "You are standing in the desert about 200 miles west of Alice Springs and see a huge rock 1,069 feet tall and five and one half feet across. What is the name of the rock?" 54 percent of those quizzed missed each of those

questions. "We didn't want to merely ask students they knew where places were," Ohnysty said. "But because geography encompasses much more — in terms of people, politics, and economics of the world — we included that in our quiz."

Ohnysty said she felt by understanding disciplines of geography, students can gain greater awareness and understanding of the world.

"In understanding where, why, and what facets of geography are students can understand how it all fits together," Ohnysty said.

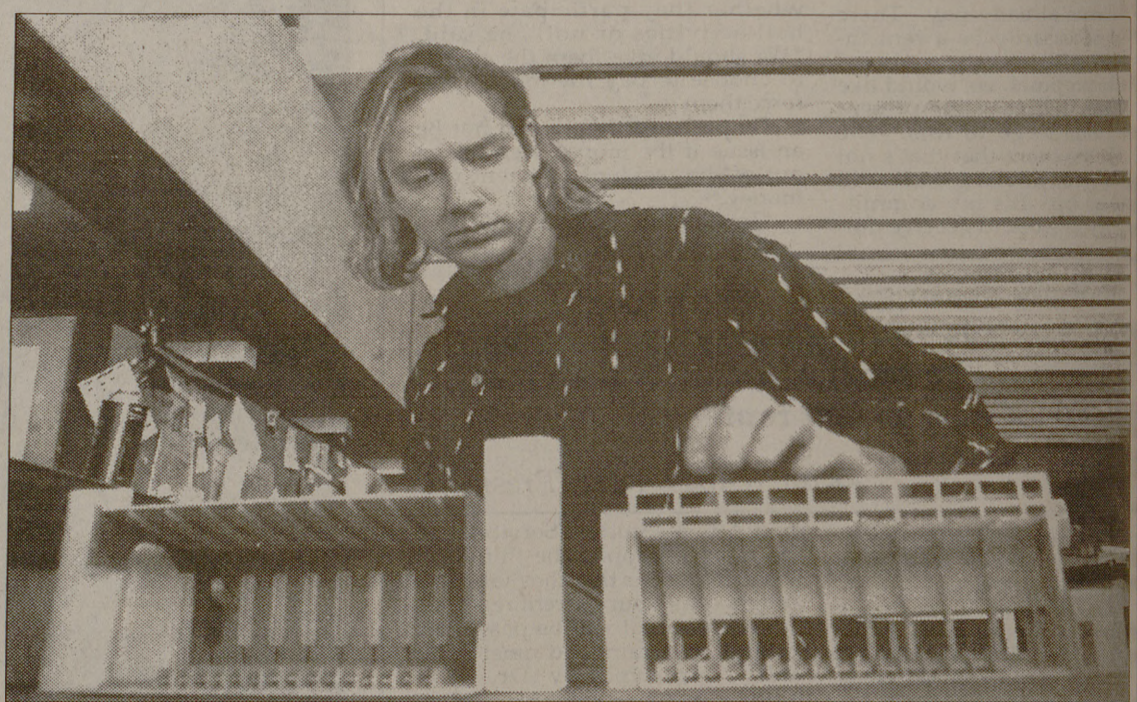
Ohnysty said she hoped that by celebrating the week on campus, A&M would become more aware and dispel perceptions that people to be satisfied to just know where places are.

Geography Test Questions

How Geographically Literate is A&M?

- 1) What Mediterranean island is administered on one end by people loyal to Greece and on the other end by people loyal to Turkey?
 a. Cyprus b. Crete c. Sardinia
- 2) If you wanted to meet Basque people what two countries would you visit?
 a. Turkey & Bulgaria b. Hungary & Czechoslovakia
 c. France & Spain
- 3) You are in Australia's most populous metropolitan area. Where are you?
 a. Melbourne b. Sydney c. Perth
- 4) You read in a travel brochure that one of the driest spots in the world is in the Atacama Desert. In what country is the Atacama?
 a. Egypt b. Chile c. Bolivia
- 5) True or False? The Amazon River is the longest river in the world.
- 6) Your French class is planning a trip to the second largest French-speaking city in the world. Which city is it?
 a. Lyon b. Paris c. Montreal
- 7) What religion do most of the people in India follow?
 a. Buddhism b. Christianity c. Hinduism
- 8) You are standing in the desert about 200 miles west of Alice Springs and see a huge rock 1,069 feet tall and five and half miles across. What is the name of the rock?
 a. Avers Rock b. Rock of Gibraltar
 c. Enchanted Rock
- 9) If you are in the smallest independent country in the world, where are you?
 a. Vatican City b. Monaco c. Andorra
- 10) If you flew west from New York City to Los Angeles, California, you would probably want to set your watch to local time. How far back or ahead would you set it?
 a. 2 hours ahead b. 4 hours back
 c. 3 hours back

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Andrew Vrana, an environmental design student from Houston, works to finish his project for Professor William Barbie due next Tuesday. Vrana puts an addition on to a model of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

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