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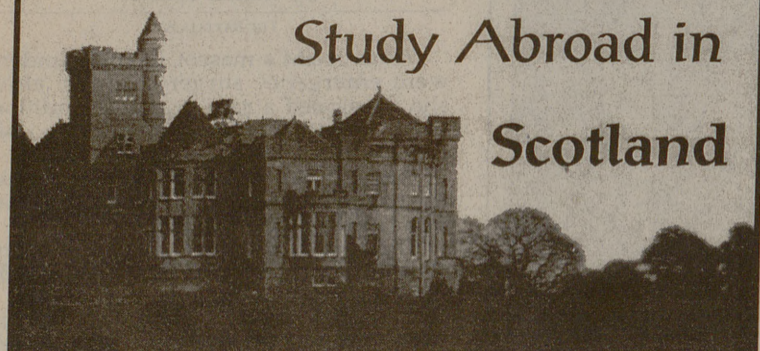
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Monday, November 1, 1993

## Hellhouse spooks with reality

The Associated Press

NEDERLAND — A Christian church says it doesn't need goblins and ghosts to scare local residents.

The way they see it, reality is spooky enough and if their version of a haunted house doesn't scare visitors straight into the arms of God, nothing will.

Take abortion for instance. Triumph Church's alternative haunted house has actors depicting 10 scenes of horror, including abortion, drug use, suicide, satanism. There's also the church's view of heaven and hell.

Visitors go through Hellhouse in sets of four, with a masked demon as their guide. In the abortion scene, a nurse assures a pregnant teen-ager that the fetus isn't really a baby.

Afterward, the nurse shows the girl a metal tray holding a baby doll with fake blood poured over it.

"One person said he didn't enjoy it," said O.J. Olivier, Triumph's youth minister. "Everybody else said they did. A lot of people came out crying

their eyes out and said they wanted somebody to pray with them."

Olivier said about 1,000 people have gone through Hellhouse and about 60 actors are involved in the project.

Another room depicts a cocaine-addicted high school athlete who points a gun at his chest as the demonic tour guide eggs him on. Then he shoots himself as visitors watch.

"I don't want to comment about the suicide room," Olivier said when asked what reaction it had on people who saw it.

Olivier's wife, Sylvia, also has worked on the youth group project. "This is real life," Mrs. Olivier said. "Overdosing, Suicide, Alcoholism, Abortion. Do you know how many babies are killed every day? It's a controversial subject."

Parental supervision is advised, and children younger than 14 may attend only with parents or guardians, Mrs. Olivier said.

"If you turn on the TV, you can see a lot more horror," she said. "A 6-year-old can see sex acts or violence on television. What we want to do is prevent things from happening to our young people."

## Gilstrap

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Donna Williams, assistant coordinator for Support Services, said the office helps students with all types of disabilities.

"We not only work with students with physical disabilities, but also other types of disabilities, either visible or invisible, such as learning disabilities," she said. "We're here to help the students to advocate for themselves and to lend support whenever it's needed."

For Gilstrap, Support Services helped set up a schedule of personal care attendants who stay with and help him 24 hours a day. Gilstrap has nine attendants helping him this semester.

The attendants help Gilstrap keep a regular schedule of rest and exercise, as well as care for his personal needs.

"It was strange at first," Gilstrap said. "It's pretty hard. After awhile, it doesn't matter anymore. You become friends."

The attendants accompany

Gilstrap to class where they take class notes and tape record lectures for him. They also administer Gilstrap's tests to him. Outside of the classroom, the attendants help Gilstrap study and complete homework assignments.

Although Support Services maintains a list of potential attendants, it is the student's responsibility to select and schedule attendants.

"They come to this office to apply if they are interested," Williams said. "I initially screen them. Then they go and talk with the student. The job is much too personal for me to make the final decision."

Gilstrap said he and the attendants choose each other.

"I'm not usually too picky," he said. "I get along pretty well with everybody. Donna fits the schedules. Fitting schedules together is the hardest part."

Gilstrap has three attendants who have worked with him ever since he came to A&M.

Patrick Hise, a junior biomedical science major, has been an attendant for Gilstrap for one and one-half years.

"It was a scary thought, but I'm glad I did it," Hise said. "It's very rewarding, and I think the attendants and Gilstrap benefit about the same amount."

Gilstrap and Williams agree that it takes someone with a special desire to become an attendant.

"They just have to want to do it," Gilstrap said.

Gilstrap has completed 26 hours at A&M and is only four hours short of being a sophomore. Because of his disability, Gilstrap does not take a full load of classes.

He is taking six hours this semester.

"The most I've taken is 10 hours," he said. "That's about the most I can handle and do real well."

Gilstrap still is undecided about his major, though he originally planned to major in agricultural economics.

He said he hasn't thought far enough ahead to make plans for after graduation. Right now, Gilstrap said he is just happy to be at A&M and grateful to everyone who has helped him achieve his dream.

"Coming from a small town, it was a great experience," he said.

## Food

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"I don't think they can do that with our food service; it's already the best."

Top school officials, including Robert Smith, who is vice president for finance and administration and A&M System Board of Regents chairman Ross Margraves, say any such fears are rooted in false information.

"For some reason there is a continuing effort on the part of some to discredit bringing national food chains on our campus," Margraves said. "Those people are saying that the true intent is for us to get our foot in the door and have the private sector take over food service at Texas A&M. That has never been discussed by the (A&M System) board of regents."

The Texas Rangers are investigating accusations circulated in an anonymous letter that Margraves has pushed for privatization of campus services to steer contracts to friends and personally benefit from deals. Margraves, who was appointed to the board in 1989 and elected chairman in 1991, denies any wrongdoing.

Margraves has acknowledged that he and Smith accepted trips to New York paid for by Barnes & Noble Bookstores Inc., which has a multimillion dollar contract to operate A&M's bookstore.

According to an Oct. 4 memo signed by interim food service director Richard Floyd, who reports to Smith, the food service hierarchy recently was disbanded as part of a restructuring plan that included an extensive audit.

The same memo instructs the fired employees, who have since been reassigned to other departments, not to talk to any other food service workers.

Smith defended the demotions, but refused to comment further, saying, "It's a personnel matter."

A memo dated Sept. 14 from Smith to food service employees questioned the dedication of the three men dismissed and said a change in leadership was needed to help create a better work environment.

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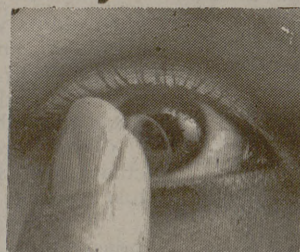
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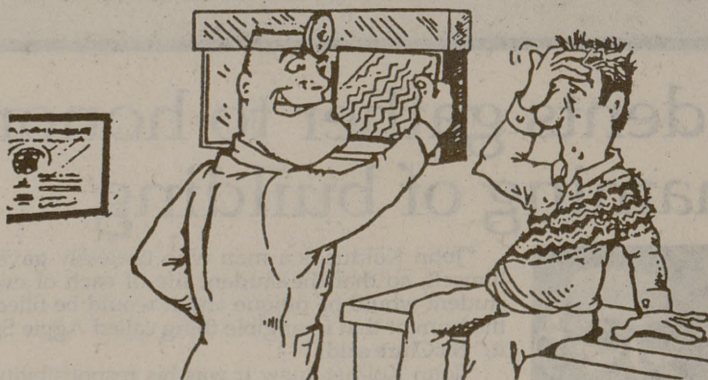
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