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BY AMY CURTIS

The Battalion

The "Economic Crisis in Asia" lecture is open tonight to discuss the recent economic shifts in the Asian market.

The lecture will be at 7 p.m. in 105 Wehner.

Luke Altendorf, director of the MSC L.T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness, said any student with an interest in Asia or economics is welcome to attend.

Altendorf said the program will consist of a 30- to 45-minute presentation and will be followed by a 20-minute question-answer period. He said the program is to help educate students about the economic crisis in Asia. "It impacts all of us," he said.

The program was prompted by growing changes in the economics of Asia. Altendorf said the United States was encouraged to invest in Asian markets and now, with their failing economies, people are having to restructure investment policies.

Dr. Julian E. Gaspar, director of the Center for International Business Studies, will lecture at the presentation.

Gaspar has a doctorate in international and monetary economics. He has been teaching international finance at A&M for the past sev-

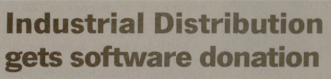
Gaspar said he would like to discuss the causes of the falling market. He said the Asian crisis began with the Thailand currency crisis in July '97 and spread throughout Asia.

Gaspar said the effects of the crisis have been felt globally as the failing markets have spilled over into the Russian economy and other world markets.

Hiro Ikura, the direc program and a senior co ence major, said the lectu form students and discu ture of the Asian econom Gaspar will make predi may inform and helps derstand what happened

will happen in the Asian Ikura said he is hopin a similar program about economy in November.

The program is sponso L.T. Jordan Institute and Cultures Education Committee



The Industrial Distribution Program at Texas A&M has been chosen to install the Advanced Distribution System, a software package donated to A&M by Prelude Systems, Inc.

There will be a ceremony announcing the partnership between Prelude Systems, Inc., and IBM and the installation of the software at A&M today at 2 p.m outside of Fermier Hall

Barry Lawrence, assistant professor of logistics, said the tracking and inventory software system is used by many distributors across America. He said the software will expose students to things they will encounter on the job.

"Students can be trained on real-world systems," Lawrence said.

Lawrence said the Industrial Distribution program at A&M is the oldest and largest in the country, and this software will help update the systems with the "most feature-rich distribution

Lawrence said Prelude Systems, Inc., will work in conjunction with IBM. The Advanced Distribution System can only be used with a competent server. IBM will provide the Netfinity server to A&M to run the software.

The founder of Prelude Systems, Inc., Don Webb, was an A&M graduate. Lawrence said Webb wanted to donate something to the school.

Dan Parris, senior lecturer at A&M, said the donation of the software will help initiate a closer relationship between A&M and Prelude Systems, Inc. He said the donation will help Prelude Systems, Inc., develop their product by providing them with working input from users at A&M.

Parris said that the software is a current, state-of-the-art application system and will be used to teach students real-world applications. He said students in three courses will utilize the system: information and control systems, logistics and purchasing.

Parris said the new system will allow students in those courses not to have to learn a different system for every course.

Agricultural Career Experience offers career opportunitie

BY NONI SRIDHARA

The Agricultural Career Expo (ACE) will be held today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the atrium of the Kleberg Building.

Approximately 40 agriculture-related companies will be present for students looking for co-op positions, internships and full-time jobs.

Kelly McMillan, president of Ag Council and a junior agricultural business major, said the expo is a great opportunity for students to interact with different companies.

Here students can get to meet vital businesses and gain possible employment contacts," McMillan said. "Also, by bringdents can meet with the companies in a more relaxed atmosphere.

McMillan said although it is called the Agricultural Career Expo, there will

be companies that relate to some other majors in the College of Ag tural and Life Sciences such as chemistry firms.

Members of the Ag Council will the opportunity to have a free lunds Ag Cafe with representatives from companies. Members can go to III and sign up for one of three lund slots: 11:30 a.m., noon, and 12:30 p

Sherry Staggs, administratives tary in the College of Agricult Life Sciences, said after all interes members of Ag Council have signs any other interested students in the lege are welcome to sign up for the maining spots.

"These business lunches givesta somewhat of a perspective of the bus environment that these companies ate in," McMillan said.

McMillan said she expects at lex students to attend today's expo.

Residents look for ways to tame tuble They

AUSTIN (AP) — Now that residents few as 20 and as many as 100 and But if v along the Guadalupe River have survived another summer of tubers and trash, they're trying to figure out how to tame the next tourist season.

New Braunfels area civic leaders like \$50 million or more in sales tax revenues that 500,000 tubers and visitors left in their wake, but they dislike the floating beer cans, trash and occasional nudity and other offenses.

"I am adamant that we're going to clean this up," Comal County Judge Carter Casteel told the Austin American-Statesman. "We're not going to tolerate that kind of foolishness.

Along with other civic leaders, Casteel spent several weeks this summer meeting with homeowners concerned about the tubers' behavior. He said as

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the five meetings.

Many ideas designed to end river med our diness emerged. They include by aluminum from the waters and plete prohibition on alcohol. Out dogs from riding on tubes and n well as increasing all fines and imp enforcement were also discussed.

Already implemented is an in law enforcement presence at the particularly on busy holiday week Hundreds of thousands of via sought refuge from this sum record heat.

Developing "pocket parks" alor river is another proposed solution acre-wide sites, tubers can get ou water, use the restroom, make a call and dry off for a few minutes

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