# Guatemalan students torm new organization

By LORI SHULER

Quaternala is about 800 miles College Station, and that's a way from home for the 30 emalan students who attend as A&M University.

Brandt, a freshman agronomy r, is one of those students. Last ster he began the ground work has now established the emalan Student Association.

ne group became a University gnized organization just three ks ago, but leaders have already in planning activities and setourposes and goals for their or-

andt, who is an American citibut a Guatemalan resident, said inted to establish the group to the students from Guatemala ther because none of them wexactly who else from their

andt said he first learned about

## rustees request final plans

the Soil Conservation Services dline approaching for im-vements at the Middle School, A&M Consolidated School rd Monday authorized the actuperintendent and architects to up final plans.

he district may lose the funds has allocated to the project if it n't submit specifications by

nder the agreement with SCS, solidated is responsible for 20 cent of the money needed for the rovements; SCS pays the reing 80 percent.

mprovements at the Middle ool, designed to eliminate eroproblems, will include either rs of top soil or concrete blocks a new sprinkler system. SCS is nsible for approving the specions of the soil or blocks and ining the sprinkler system.

provements at all five camare planned. The district has 25,000 to spend and there is 5,000 worth of initial work to be

he board authorized administrapersonnel to consult with arects Fred Klatt and Michael rphy to draw up a list of

other business, the board ed to keep the current tax ratio of ercent of the property's market ue for the 1979 tax year.

liability insurance policy that cover school personnel and, in ticular, wrongful acts committed good faith by the trustees, was opted by the board. Jack Woods, ool district attorney, who aded adoption of the \$1,859 policy, d "that's as far as you can go now rustee Rodney Hill reported

ee is looking at four possible es for a new school and a classm addition at the high school. information gathered is not sufent to make a decision yet, he

rustee Bill Wasson suggested committee should meet to rify its goals for the next year. 

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Unlike most other students, before coming as a student last fall. "The first time almost everyone else comes to A&M is when they

come to study, so they don't know much about it," Brandt said. He said his group has taken steps to set up correspondence with the guidance office at the American

School of Guatemala to help students planning to come to Texas A&M with housing arrangements. The group also wants to give them an orientation when they get here.

Brandt said when he goes home for spring break he will take catalogs and applications and he and members of the association will answer questions prospective A&M stu-dents have about the University.

Many students in the association

Texas A&M when he saw a Texas are from Guatemala City and at-Aggies T-shirt in Guatemala and also from the many Texas A&M Guatemala, which Brandt said is like a high school in the United

Most of the students speak both Brandt was able to visit Texas A&M English and Spanish fluently and most of them are agriculture or engineering majors.

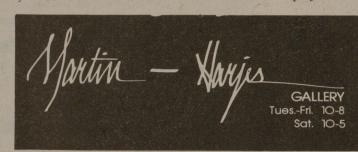
Brandt said bringing knowledge about Guatemala to Texas A&M is one of the association's main projects. He said the group would like to expose the country's culture and native folklore in some form of an art exhibit.

The group has also planned a trip to Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington for next month and a "churrasco," which is something like a barbecue where steaks, beans and tortillas are

Brandt said the group is charging dues of \$5 per semester and will submit a budget requesting funds from the University to help finance other activities and projects.

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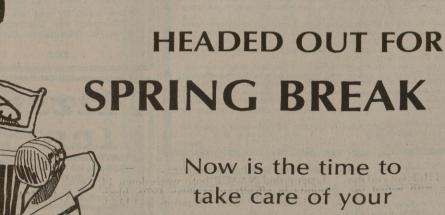
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