

Emphasis on results called necessary in junior colleges

Two-year colleges should place more emphasis on results, El Paso Community President Alfredo G. De Los Santos recommended here Monday.

Educators generally are more concerned with what they start with rather than what they finish with, he warned.

"Every educator knows his enrollment on the 12th class day," De Los Santos remarked, "but few know how many students complete the semester."

Dr. De Los Santos urged goal-oriented education at the 28th Community College Conference conducted by Texas A&M University. Texas' expanding community college population sent 100 delegates to the two-day conference.

De Los Santos, a two-year college official in his hometown of Laredo and Florida and Pennsylvania before taking the El Paso presidency two months ago, said accountability for education is shifting.

"Formerly, students were held accountable for individual success," he remarked. "But since they are also the product of their environments and backgrounds, some responsibility was shifted to parents."

The finger is now pointed in other directions including the college, the general assembly speaker said.

To meet this responsibility, community colleges should recognize that accountability accents results, requires measurement of results, shifts responsibility from the student to the institution and makes accountable all elements of the college, the board of trustees, president, deans and faculty.

Dr. De Los Santos suggested that presidents should be more a part of the educational process and less an institutional representative, along with specifics on course objectives and management procedures.

"The president ought to be able to report to the board whether anybody is learning anything," De Los Santos observed. "Other questions he should answer might include: What percentage of students leave before the end of the first semester? What percentage drop out before they finish the program and why? Do those who graduate get good jobs? Do they continue their education? Do they do well in the institution to which they transfer?"

He pointed out that manage-

ment by objective has a basic advantage. "The more a college knows what it wants to achieve, the better are its chances of attaining it," the speaker said.

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Meteorology Prof. James R. Scoggins said the radio direction finding system operates similar to radar, with a weather balloon instrument package transmitting data to an eight-foot saucer-shaped antenna.

Dr. Scoggins, who also serves as assistant dean for operations in the College of Geosciences, explained the antenna has no signal sending ability, but tracks the instrument package signal from near ground level to altitudes exceeding 100,000 feet.

Data collected by the system will be used by A&M scientists to study changes in the atmosphere over College Station. Information of this nature is taken by the National Weather Service twice daily at approximately 75 U. S. locations.

NASA's Aerospace Environment Division at the Marshall Space Flight Center loaned the equipment to Texas A&M and supports the research. A&M has the latest rawinsonde model, Dr. Scoggins said, and it is one of 10 in the U. S.

He reported the roof of the 12-story Oceanography - Meteorology Building, currently under construction, has been modified to accommodate the dish and electronic cables. The equipment will be operational when the building is completed next fall.

KAREN CARPENTER, of the Carpenters, sings to a sell-out crowd Friday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum. The Carpenters, nationally known brother-sister team, left to a standing ovation. (Photo by Joe Matthews)

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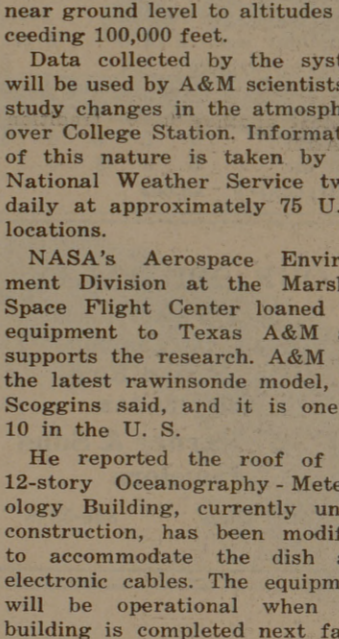
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