

# Academic Affairs considers SG course

Future professor evaluation questionnaires, alternate grading systems, a new honors program, departmental counseling, expansion of the inter-library loan system, an increase in the Gathright Award program and a 485 research course for student senators are projects being discussed as projects of the Student Government Academic Affairs committee.

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ommendations of the committee, said Kent.

The professor evaluation forms, distributed last semester are being compiled by the Data Processing Center for use during spring pre-registration. This will help students to choose professors, Kent said.

"We need to phrase the questions so that a student will read them and not just check all of the negative or all of the positive responses, Kent said.

To relieve part of the evaluation problems, a remark section will be included on the next evaluation form. The committee also says that

the evaluation questionnaires will contain the most common questions that are asked by students: How many tests are given during the semester? What is the professor's attitude toward teaching and toward the students? Is the professor fair? What is his teaching ability and does he add to the book? Is he available for extra help?

Kent also expressed his desire to create a distinction between the questionnaire and the Faculty Evaluation forms used for tenure and promotion by the department heads.

A new grading system is being considered by the committee to allow the

use of plus/minus notation with letter grades. This would create a sharp distinction between the letter grades that A&M presently uses. The possibility of replacing the present grading system with numbers is also being researched.

The University Rules and Regulations Committee changed the pass-fail grading to satisfactory-unsatisfactory and raised the passing average from "D" to "C".

The Honors Program may be expanded to more individual colleges and include the listing of the honors credits on a student's degree and transcript, said Rob Spiller, committee member.

At present, only a few colleges offer the honors courses in their curricu-

lums, Spiller said.

The committee is also working on a comparative study with other universities on the importance of the use of grade points to select honor graduates. The study includes the grade point average requirements used by other universities and their percentages of honor graduates.

The present regulations at A&M state that a student with a grade point average of 3.25-3.49 will graduate Cum Laude, 3.5-3.749 Magna Cum Laude and 3.750 or above Summa Cum Laude.

"The purpose of the study is to see how valuable a degree with honors is and to increase the academic standards to keep from making A&M a diploma factory," said Keith Merri-ck, committee member.

# Centennial exhibit is part of stock show

By VIR ANDERSON

Manning a booth at livestock shows with conventional bad coffee, corny dogs and smelly chickens is part of the job of Roger Miller, coordinator of centennial activities for Texas A&M.

In an interview last Wednesday, Miller said the reason for presenting a centennial exhibit on A&M to the crowds at fat-stock shows in Texas is "a way to tell the people of Texas where their tax dollars are going since this is a tax-supported institution."

The exhibit consists of a three-panel backdrop and two cubicles containing mounted photographs and a narrative on A&M's origin and history. It also includes a slide show with tape-recorded narration on A&M as it is today.

Miller said that in addition to these two features of the exhibit, someone is at the display at all times to provide current enrollment information, catalogs and general information on A&M.

"We're certainly not trying to recruit new students, but, if there are any high school students there interested in A&M, we can answer their questions," Miller said.

The display at the Fort Worth Stock Show was right across a curtain from the poultry exhibit, Miller explained. He said besides the smell, roosters who were on different time schedules crowded all day long.

Miller said the range of people who stopped at the exhibit was "unbelievable." He encountered "everything from two or three people asking when the results of their soil samples would be returned to talking to 6- or 7-year-olds who were diehard Aggies."

The exhibit is scheduled to be at other shows and events in the state, such as an oil show in the Midland-Odessa area.

Miller said he and Tom Nelson, who is field director for the Association of Former Students, haul the



Photo courtesy of Ken... Roger Miller

exhibit to shows in a university-owned van, set it up and take it managing it.

Miller said his travel expenses for the account and Nelson's expenses were covered by the Association of Former Students.

The centennial exhibit, which was set up at San Antonio's stock show last week, is now being displayed through March 7 at the Houston Stock Show. It will then be sent at the stock show in San Angelo from March 10-14.

## Today in A&M history

### Ags vote for volunteer corps

Today is Thursday, Feb. 26, 1976, the 39th day of the spring semester. There are 72 days until Final Review, 78 days until the last final exam.

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