

'Job candidates need perspective'

Perspective is a quality that many employers look for in today's job candidates, said Dr. Paul Chenea, vice president in charge of research laboratories for General Motors Corp. yesterday.

Chenea addressed the 24th meeting of the Association of Texas Graduate Schools. The meeting was held concurrently with a centennial academic assembly on the future of graduate education.

"Perspective means the ability to see that business, industry, government and education all have important roles to play in the furtherance of national goals and programs," Chenea said.

Graduate students holding a balanced perspective will be able to understand that major institutions can and should complement each other when pursuing national objectives. "They should see," said

Chenea, "that business and government can work together to attain the most socially desirable uses of our natural and human resources."

Job candidates must understand that it is profit that makes efforts to meet human need possible, Chenea said. Chenea agreed with GM Chairman Thomas A. Murphy that "no profits means no growth, no profits means no new jobs, no profits means no progress."

"To seek and then to start a job without this perspective not only limits one's chances of individual success but will inevitably cripple the nation's chances of reaching its goals," said Chenea.

Awareness, receptivity and venturesomeness are three additional qualities that prospective employers are looking for in job candidates, said Chenea.

"Awareness is a keen sense of what opportunities exist in business and industry today," said Chenea. Too few candidates enter their interviews without much understanding of what an entry level job consists of, he continued. "Most candidates know what they would like in the way of a job," Chenea said, "but don't look carefully to determine whether such a job actually exists."

Chenea said that prospective employers complain that candidates are only interested in continuing re-

search similar to thesis research. Instead of making careers out of research, employers are seeking candidates that are interested in learning, he said.

Awareness can be gained through summer employment, internship programs and other part-time work schemes, Chenea continued. "Graduate students with drive will not rely solely upon their schools to find work," said Chenea. "They will industriously seek it out on their own."

A receptive attitude toward the job and all that it entails is also important to employers. "Receptivity is a willingness to work hard and to accept responsibility," said Chenea.

"a willingness to communicate openly, to submit to new ideas, and to work cooperatively."

Chenea said that culmination of receptive attitudes is an important part of the overall university responsibility.

Students should be prepared to assume responsibility at a much faster rate than imaginable, he said. "For those who demonstrate a knack for succeeding," said Chenea, "responsibility will often come very rapidly."

The more rapidly graduates show they can handle all facets of their job effectively, the sooner they will be considered for promotion, despite the size of the organization.

"Do not make the mistake of considering the first job a mere stepping stone," Chenea warned. "If the first job performance takes second place to preparing for a promotion, there very likely will be no promotion."

Chenea said that employers are also seeking a job candidate with broad training and flexible interests — both in school and on the job.

"If you are on the faculty, teach the kinds of courses that help cultivate flexibility and versatility," Chenea said. "If you are a student, gauge whether you are taking the courses that will help you to become a more knowledgeable and therefore more versatile employee."

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Emergency meeting called

Resolution to pull out of election fails

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) of Texas A&M met last night in an emergency meeting to consider a resolution to withdraw its executive officer

ballot from the Student Government General Election and remove RHA from the jurisdiction of the Student Government Election Commission.

The resolution failed with 15 against, 2 for and 1 abstention. If it had passed, the RHA would have to hold its own general election, appoint its own election commission and write its own election code.

The recent disqualification of RHA presidential candidate Kim Schaefer on the basis of

campaign violations caused the RHA to consider the fairness of the campaign regulations as established by the Student Senate.

Schaefer was disqualified Tuesday by the Election Commission for hanging a campaign sign in a tree. She appealed the decision to the Judicial Board which upheld the Commission's decision by a 5 to 3 vote.

According to the University Regulations handbook, any candidate who violates any of

the campaign regulations shall be disqualified. Schaefer said this policy does "not give any leeway for graded judgement," and in her appeal, argued that

the penalty was too severe for the crime.

Since Schaefer was disqualified, David George is the only candidate running for the position. Schaefer said "George had told her that it makes no sense to run unopposed. He later said that he would still campaign to win the students' support."

—Gale Kauffman

Senate seeking spy costs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate intelligence committee will seek to force the public disclosure of the total amount of money the United States spends each year on spy operations.

Chairman Frank Church, D-Idaho, said Thursday the panel would either publish the spending figure in its final report or recommend the dollar amount be made public when Congress is asked to approve the intelligence budget. The committee got the figure from intelligence officials during its inquiry into the U.S. intelligence organization.

The Ford administration opposes both options, arguing that disclosure of even a lump-sum figure would give valuable information to rival intelligence services. "It's not at the confrontation stage yet," one administration official said in reference to the panel's intentions.

"But I would predict it will become confrontational."

The figure the intelligence panel seeks to make public includes the annual budgets of the CIA, the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the State Department's bureau of intelligence and research and the FBI's intelligence division.

The House intelligence committee estimated annual intelligence spending at \$10 billion, but the official sum as reflected in the budgets of the various intelligence agencies has never been revealed.

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Texas Association of College and University Presidents meets in the Forum, 9-3 p.m.

Math Association of America-Texas Section meets in 701 Tower, 11-6 p.m.

Women's Career Conference meets in 601 Tower, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

International Students meets in the Theater, 7:30-10 p.m.

Townhall presents Leo Kottke in the Auditorium, 8-10 p.m.

SATURDAY

MSC celebrates its Silver Anniversary in the MSC-Theater, 8-5 p.m.

Math Association of America-Texas Society meets on the 7th floor of the Tower, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Cotton Pageant in the Auditorium, 8-10 p.m.

State collegiate drill championships start with an inspection at 9:30 a.m. and the judging starts at 10:15 a.m. on the MSC drill field.

SUNDAY

MSC Silver Anniversary Brunch will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in 224 MSC.

College of Agriculture's Centennial Reception will be from 6-10 p.m. in 201 MSC.

Senior Class Sweetheart Selection will be from 7:30-11 p.m. in 604AB Tower.

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