

# Mortar Board accepts Cap & Gown Society

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Six years of maintaining high standards has paid off for the Cap and Gown Society.

Ann Stehling, president of Cap and Gown, a senior honor society, said the Texas A&M University chapter has been accepted to the Mortar Board, and will be officially installed in April.

Stehling, a marketing major from Rio Hondo, said a minimum GPR of 2.25 is required for membership in Cap and Gown. The 32 chapter members also provide services such as placement seminars for job-seeking seniors.

Last year the Cap and Gown Society applied for affiliation with the Mortar Board, Stehling said.

Toby Rives, sponsor of the local chapter of Cap and Gown, said the Mortar Board is a nationally recognized organization made up of senior honor societies like Cap and Gown.

Gaining membership to Mortar Board is a distinct honor for Texas A&M's Cap and Gown Society, said Rives. "The Mortar Board is concerned with three principles: leadership, scholarship and service."

"The acceptance into Mortar Board is evidence that Texas A&M's scholastic standards are recognized nationally," said Cap and Gown advisor David Benson.

To meet a Mortar Board requirement, Cap and Gown had to be a recognized campus organization for five years, Rives said. The Texas A&M chapter also had to maintain certain scholastic standards and provide service projects for other students.

Last spring, the expansion coordinator for Mortar Board, Marylu McEwen, toured the campus and evaluated the performance of Cap and Gown.

McEwen said she was impressed with what she saw. "The Texas

A&M Cap and Gown Society reflects the sort of campus organization which we want in Mortar Board," she said.

The Mortar Board sent a notice of acceptance to Cap and Gown last December, but Stehling said her group will be officially installed April 8, in a ceremony at Texas A&M.

The Cap and Gown Society will pay the Mortar Board \$250 for an installation fee. Individual members will pay \$20 to join Mortar Board.

Other Texas schools affiliated with Mortar Board are: Baylor, TCU, North Texas State, SMU, Texas Tech, Trinity, TWU, the University of Houston and the University of Texas.

"It's important to be affiliated with the Mortar Board because our chapter can exchange ideas with other chapters, and that will help in the development of new programs," Stehling said.

# Exxon chief says oil crisis not imminent

United Press International  
DETROIT — Dollar-a-gallon gasoline pump prices are not imminent in the United States despite the chaos in the Iranian oil fields, Exxon Chairman C.C. Garvin said. Garvin said Tuesday the oil cutoff from Iran, which accounts for about 10 percent of total U.S. oil imports, could be offset through effective fuel conservation measures and the development of alternative energy sources.

"This is not a crisis. It is not a panic situation," Garvin told reporters before a luncheon appearance at the Economic Club of Detroit. "But it is a time for conservation."

Garvin said, however, the ever-changing developments in Iran's political situation make the outlook uncertain.

"It's too early to know what will happen in Iran," he said. "We just don't know what the willingness of the new Iranian government will be to restore production. If oil workers are even willing to go back to the fields in Iran, it will be a couple of months before production is up."

He said it is possible Iran will reduce — or even cut off — oil allocations to the United States after production resumes.

Garvin said talk of rationing, Sunday gas station shutdowns and five-gallon pump prices are premature.

"I don't look for this \$1-a-gallon price," he said, disputing a recent prediction by Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wash.). "That's down the road ways."

Noting that oil imports have doubled since the 1973 embargo, Garvin said the United States is its own worst enemy.

Garvin said Americans learned nothing from the 1973 Arab Oil embargo and still "use gas products irrationally."

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