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Consol provides for handicapped

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All students in the A&M Consolidated School District are given a chance to receive an education, even if they cannot learn at a normal rate.

The A&M Consolidated District supplies special educational programs to 425 students. Children from the ages of 3-18 are taught in these special educational programs, Phyllis Perkins, director of special services, said.

The State of Texas mandates that all children between the ages of 3-21 who are unable to learn in regular classroom situations be taught in special education programs.

Special education is provided for all students with learning disabilities. These include mental retardation, learning and speech disabilities, autism (not relating to one's environment or to people), emotional disturbances, visual and physical handicaps, health problems (cancer) and multiple handicaps. The A&M Consolidated School District has no deaf children enrolled in classes, Perkins said.

Each special education student has an individualized education plan, Perkins said. This plan is developed by an admission-review-dismissal committee. The committee is made up of administrators, regular teachers, special education teachers and the parents of the child.

The committee draws up long-range and short-range objectives for each child and adds to the student's plan as he improves.

Regular teachers are included in the committee because a special education student may spend from 40 minutes to five hours a day in a regular class. The regular teachers must be prepared to receive the special education student in his class.

In severe cases, the classmates and the teacher may be briefed to prepare them to receive a special education student, Perkins said.

Special education teachers, unlike regular teachers, must be able to teach all subjects. In addition, special education teachers must hold a generic degree in special education, Perkins said. There are 24 such teachers in the special services at A&M Consolidated.

Because special education students are put into regular classes, regular teachers must have one day each year of in-service, Perkins said.

Texas law mandates the in-service day, Perkins said, and it is up to each district to set up the in-service day. A&M Consolidated will split the session into two days, separating the secondary and elementary teachers because of different needs.

Special education teachers and regular teachers work together to bring new techniques and materials into the classrooms, Perkins said. In addition to the special educational services, the school must provide related services to enable a child to function in the special education program.



Blackbelt tries changing image

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Free University is a series of enrichment courses offered to students under the auspices of the Memorial Student Center Directorate. Many of the courses are creative, involving pottery, macramé, or other crafts.

Then there's the Free U. course that teaches people how to deal with bullies and other undesirables.

Second degree blackbelt Phillip Long, 19, a sophomore from College Station, will teach a course in Hapkido, a Korean martial arts discipline practiced by the presidential body guards in the Republic of Korea.

Long, a management major, says that Hapkido is the art of managing things such as the strengths and weaknesses of oneself and an opponent. Weaknesses are things like kneecaps which bend only one way and are easily destroyed by a judiciously placed kick.

Hapkido is not, he strongly emphasized, shattering cement slabs, two-by-fours or plate steel with one's head, hands, or feet.

He described Hapkido, which evolved in the Korea's past, as a mental and physical discipline.

Long said he is teaching the course in part to debunk the "Kung Fu" macho killer cliché that surrounds the martial arts.

"I want to break a stereotype. You know the stereotype. It's breaking boards, throwing the kicks. That's a hard image to break."

Hapkido practitioners learn to exercise a sense of truth, duty, justice, or, wisdom, and courage, he said.

"After a while a person will eventually absorb it (the code of behavior). He'll learn how weak he is, and how weak everyone else is. He'll also learn his and others' strengths," he stressed.

The Hapkidoist learns pressure points, joints, and anatomy to use in a style of fighting that involves traps, kicks, parries, and punches.

Persons taking the Free U. course need not be wealthy nor jocks to participate. The course, which starts Oct. 1, will run Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights from 5:30 to 7:00.

There will be some physical training involving stretching and limbering up, Long said. Classes will be disciplined because Long said he hopes to have the aspiring martial artists ready when his master, or teacher, visits the Texas A&M University campus later this year.

Women are especially welcome to the course because self-defense will be emphasized.

"You don't have to be an athlete to learn the basic moves," he said. "First we'll be building confidence."

The oriental art of martial discipline leads some fighting styles and philosophies to use "katas," which are stylized dances or repertoires of moves against an imaginary circle of foes.

Hapkido does not use katas. It uses combination, or series kicks.

"When you're doing Hapkido and teaching in the classroom, it's fun and it is art," Long said. "But when you are fighting on the street or in combat, it isn't art — it is do or don't do."

Grant to help Easterwood build parking for planes

Easterwood Airport has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Texas Aeronautics Commission to help finance construction of a new parking area for airplanes.

Gerald Turner, chief airport engineer for the TAC, said the grant represents the state's share of matching funds for the project, which is estimated to cost \$218,000. The Federal Aviation Administration has contributed \$175,000, and the remainder of funds will be provided by pledges from Bryan, College Station, Brazos County and Texas A&M University.

Turner said the construction is needed because "there is no place to

park the airplanes."

Harry Raiser, airport manager at Easterwood, said the airport currently can park about 60 airplanes, but the growth of the University-owned airport makes the construction necessary. He said the project is in the planning stages and he could not confirm a starting construction date.

Student senate announces plans to televise A&M-Tech

By ELLEN EIDELBACH
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The Texas Tech-Texas A&M football game will be broadcasted over closed-circuit television, a student government senator said Wednesday.

Aston-Dunn senator Jim Barolak said tickets to watch the closed-circuit television game are \$3 for students and \$5 for non-students. Tickets for the game may be purchased at the athletic ticket booth in the front of G. Rollie White Coliseum from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays.

The Texas Tech-Texas A&M game will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6.

Closed-circuit television is also

planned for the Houston-Texas A&M football game even though the game will be played in Kyle Field.

Barolak said the reason for this is the stadium's limited seating capacity.

Students will have an option when they go pick up their tickets, he said; they may get a ticket to sit inside the stadium or to watch the game on closed-circuit television.

Student groups wanting block seating at future Texas A&M football games can expect new guidelines by Nov. 24, Barolak announced.

Block seating is where a section of seats are set aside and those tickets are sold as a group.

Another action student govern-

ment is taking is sponsoring a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 9-11 on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center.

People who plan to give blood are asked to sign up on the main floor of the MSC on Oct. 2-4.

Off-campus graduate senator Janet Golub said the blood drive goal is 2400 pints.

"The best blood drive we ever had — we got 1200 pints of blood," she said. "That's pretty sad out of 30,000 students."

Plans for freshmen elections were also made. Freshmen who want to run for student government positions may file for elections on Oct. 3-10.

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