

Despite effort, few blacks here

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Two hundred and fifty-six, or less than 1 percent, of the 31,331 students at Texas A&M University this semester are black.

The Office of Admissions blames black enrollment on a lack of knowledge about A&M's opportunities. The Black Awareness Committee (BAC) and the campus chapter of the National Society for Black Engineers (NSBE) both agree that enrollment would increase if more services for black students were offered.

The efforts of the admissions office and the NSBE to recruit minority high school students have resulted in an increase of 26 percent, or 53 black students, between the fall of 1978 and 1979.

Twelve Presidential Achievement Awards were given to black freshmen this fall, said Director of Admissions Bill G. Lay.

For the first time this year, Lay's five Aggie representatives recruited students during high school "college night" programs. More schools with minority students can be reached through the

representatives, Lay said. The University is trying to get away from a purely agricultural and engineering image and wants to show minority students that there are many other areas of study at Texas A&M, Lay said.

The fear of "sticking out" as a minority and not knowing how to get help is what Annie Carter, 22, president of the NSBE chapter, blames for the lack of black enrollment.

"Minority students don't want a handout, but a hand," said Annie Carter, president of the National Society of Black Engineers.

The retention and recruitment of more black students for engineering and other technical fields are the main goals of NSBE, Carter said, agreeing that many students don't know enough about Texas A&M.

Many people think most blacks are athletes," said Brenda Stubblefield, 20, president of BAC and a political science major.

Fifty-eight black students, or 22 percent, of the total black enrollment are on athletic scholarships at Texas A&M, according to the athletic department.

An increase in minority scholarships or lowering admission standards, Lay and Carter agree, is not the answer to increasing minority students' interest in Texas A&M.

"Minority students don't want a handout, but a hand," Carter said. "The University should have a program to smooth out the transition from high school to A&M," she said. Carter believes this could help black or minority students get accustomed to a predominantly white institution.

"You have a natural feeling that you are different," Carter said, "but we tell the students not to let that feeling bother them."

Scholarships, counseling and other academic help for black students is "scattered" across campus, Carter said. She said it is up to the individual to find help at the various

departments and offices. One of the functions of the NSBE is to spread information on where to get help or how to find a job.

The BAC tries to attract black students by offering activities to increase black awareness of black history and culture, said Stubblefield, a sophomore.

Speakers on black theme subjects are featured for all students on campus and recently included boxing champion Muhammad Ali.

Although BAC's events are planned for the whole student community, no white student has become an active member and few white students come to hear the speakers, said Stubblefield.

The director of admissions as well as the presidents of the BAC and the NSBE expect increased enrollment, but are not optimistic that the number of blacks will increase greatly in the near future.

Bikinis barred for waitresses in Philippines

United Press International
MANILA, Philippines — Authorities Wednesday banned the wearing of bikinis by waitresses and bar girls in the liberty town of Angeles adjacent to the U.S. Clark Air Base.

The bikini ban was taken after citizens in Angeles, 60 miles north of Manila, complained prostitution was rampant in the city of about 300,000 people.

A city ordinance published Wednesday said bar operators should not allow either "ordinary waitresses" or dancers "to work wearing bras and bikini panties only."

Unless this indecency is checked, the moral values in this city will totally decline and result in the spread of social problems," authorities said in a published statement.

Violators of the ban can be fined or jailed up to 30 days.

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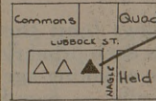
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Professor William H. Kellett says the leaks are easily detected and fixed at a low cost by homeowners, renters or apartment residents.

"There are many places in a home that heated or cooled air can exchange with outside air," he said. "Finding them is simple. It requires a sensitive instrument anyone can build."

Kellett said the device consists of a Kleenex tissue or similar-size square of light plastic fastened with clothes pins to a wire clothes hanger.

"This should be held within a couple of inches of suspected leak points," he said. "If the tissue or plastic moves, there is too much air leak."

Kellett said places to check include doors and door thresholds, windows, wall outlets, where walls abut fireplaces and other suspected leaks. He said tests show wall outlets and soleplates of walls account for 45 percent of air leaks in houses.

Many repairs can be made by caulking or installation of weather stripping. Kellett recommended the coiled foam rubber stripping that comes with adhesive. "Mounted with contact cement, it will really hold," he said.

Wall outlets are best made leakproof with a foam gasket that fits under the faceplate. It requires only a screw driver to install.

Kellett said a caulking gun is a good investment and can be obtained for about \$1.50 at most discount stores. Any of 5 or 6 grades of tube caulk to fit the gun are adequate for repairs, the energy-saving expert said.

"A silicon caulk costs more, but it's worth it," Kellett added. "In many homes, it's worth the effort and time to remove baseboards or pull back carpet and patch soleplate air leaks," he said.

He also called attention to exterior door thresholds and door stops.

\$75 annual awards left to Singing Cadet members

The man who has been called the "father of the Singing Cadets" has left \$2,000 in his estate for perpetual awards to members of the musical group.

J.J. Woolket Awards of \$75 each will be presented annually to two cadets chosen for their contributions

to the glee club. Woolket directed the group for 1938-42 and was director when the name "Singing Cadets" was adopted. The professor emeritus of modern languages taught at Texas A&M University from 1925 to 1966. He died in September.

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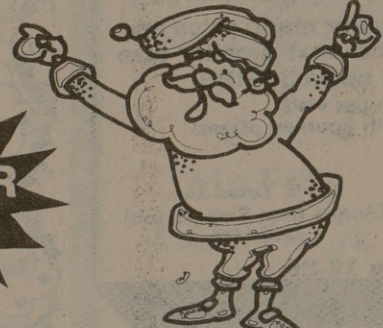
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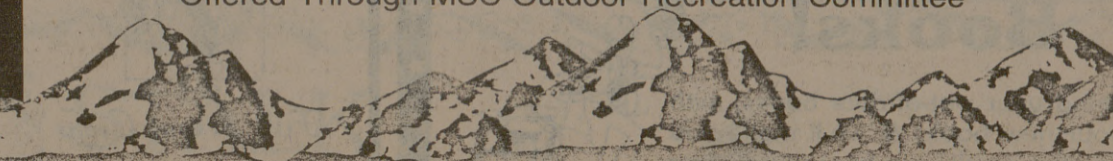
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