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College Bowl to return Oct. 1

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Anyone who thinks he knows a lot of trivia now has the chance to prove it. The MSC College Bowl Tournament, Texas A&M's favorite brain game, begins Oct. 1.

Much like a TV game show, College Bowl lies somewhere between "Family Feud" and "Jeopardy." It can be a lot of fun but the questions are tough, and they cover anything from art to zoology.

For example, last year's contestants were asked to name the most recent Broadway musical to win an Academy Award for best picture, the names of the Hawaiian Islands, and the second longest river in the world.

Teams of four students face each other as they wait for the question to be asked with their fingers nervously resting on an electric buzzer.

Every question answered correctly helps the team to win the game and move up the tournament ladder.

Although the final winning team doesn't receive \$10,000, as on the "College Bowl" television program, it does get to compete against other college teams at the Regional College Bowl Tournament to be held at Texas A&M next February 7 and 8.

The winning team from the regional tournament advances to the National College Bowl Tournament which is tentatively scheduled for March although specific date and time have not yet been decided.

This is only the second year for A&M to participate in College Bowl, but tournament chairman Paul Fisher expects more students to compete in this year's tournament.

"We had a good turnout of 16 teams entering last year which made the first year of College Bowl at A&M successful," Fisher said. "This year, we expect about 32 teams to enter the tournament."

Kathleen McElroy was a contestant in last year's tournament and plans to enter again this year.

"It's such an exciting game because your brain is functioning so fast and your finger is just waiting to hit the buzzer," she said. "The adrenalin really gets going."

"Although our team didn't win, I still had a fantastic time. There are things in your head that you didn't know about until you're forced to remember them," she said.

Although there isn't much of a way to prepare for the tournament, McElroy hoped that glancing through an almanac might help.

The tournament will be held every Wednesday night from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1.

'Global village' coming

Int'l exchange pushed

By JULIE STANDARD
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The Texas A&M University International Services Office may be "foreign" to most Aggies.

But Dr. Donald Boucher, director of international services, plans to promote the involvement of more domestic Aggies in what he calls an "overseas experience."

"I want to see our students at Texas A&M going out and experiencing things around the world," Boucher said.

Boucher has replaced the former director of international services, Dr. P. Wayne Gosnell, who resigned in August.

Formerly the vice president of the U.S. Sports Academy in Mobile, Ala., Boucher assumed his duties in Room 256 Bizzell Hall two weeks ago.

The International Services Office helps to orient international students in their new home and promotes a voluntary cultural exchange between Texas A&M's domestic and international students.

None of the previous programs in the office are going to change, Boucher said, but more emphasis will be placed on cultural exchange.

Naming several programs the office is already involved in on an international basis, Boucher said he would act as a catalyst in encouraging these programs and starting new programs for more student involvement overseas, including athletic competition.

"I will do everything I can to promote international experience," he said.

Boucher said he is a "believer" and "fanatic" on the advantages of foreign travel, study or jobs.

"It changes the way you perceive the United States," Boucher said, adding, "it aids us in looking at ourselves."

Some of Boucher's former positions include being a volunteer and director of the Peace Corps in several different countries, adviser to the minister of education at Guatemala, the administrator for the coaching staff of the 1976 Saudi Arabian Olympic team and the executive dean at World University in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He has lived outside of the United States for a total of 12 years.

Because of the international students who come to Texas A&M to study and then return to their native lands, Boucher said the University has a well-respected reputation around the world.

However, by promoting overseas activities, he said Texas A&M could also be known for providing its domestic students with an international experience.

"Aggies have a lot to offer these countries," he said. Eventually, Boucher said he would like to see Texas A&M campuses in other countries.

Calling the world a global village, he said, "We have no choice. We're going to live in a world that is going to be affected by things outside the United States."

The world can be better understood, he added, by people learning other languages, customs, ideas and points of view.

Anyone interested in an overseas experience is encouraged to come by the international services office, Boucher said.

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Travel Emphasis Week explores world

By VENITA McCELLON
Battalion Reporter

The Memorial Student Center may look like a giant travel brochure this week.

And, like a travel brochure, Travel Emphasis Week, sponsored by the MSC Travel Committee, shows Texas A&M University students the travel opportunities available to them.

Exhibits, slide presentations and travel information will be set up in the main hall of the MSC from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today through Friday. Travel Committee members will be at the tables to answer questions.

Travel Emphasis Week is a week where we promote travel in general," said Debra Lanham, chairman of the committee. "We try to come across as fun and informative."

Information is available through the handouts about committee-sponsored trips, the Overseas Loan Fund and the Adventure Series, a

group of lectures on travel. The committee will be sponsoring four major trips during the year, said Theresa Chiang, program adviser for the committee. A trip to Ireland and a Caribbean cruise are scheduled for spring break, and a tour of Europe and a trip to Mexico are being planned for the summer.

"These are four expensive trips that people need advance notice on," Lanham said.

The Overseas Loan Fund is available to students interested in traveling abroad for either educational or cultural purposes. The committee administers interest-free loans to screened applicants.

"It doesn't mean we want to supply somebody with a big chunk of money," said Chiang. "It's more moral support."

Students are also encouraged to go to banks for financing for their trips.

Interviews for those interested in the fund will be held in November.

The Adventure Series will consist of two lectures, one at noon on Tuesday and another at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Both will discuss work/study programs abroad, said Beth Polak, who is in charge of the series.

"The Adventure Series is pretty much a unique experience," she said. "We've had (in the past) a man come in from Houston and talk on safaris in Africa, and someone who was living with Indian tribes in South America. It makes it more interesting to someone who might never have the chance to do something like that."

Results from the week are usually good, said Melanie Campbell, director of special projects for the committee.

"It usually stimulates a lot of interest in work/study abroad and traveling abroad," she said. Sign-up sheets will be available on the tables for people interested in

going on any of the committee's trips.

"Something that gets lost sometimes when people think about the MSC Travel Committee is they think all we do is run group trips," said Lanham. "We'll be giving out information to help them run their own trip."

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Food center gets new home to expand facilities, services

By KATHY O'CONNELL
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The Food Protein and Development Center has found a new home on the West Campus because the old building had outlived its usefulness.

Relocation of the center, which does research in development of food ingredients and products from low-cost protein sources, was made because of the need to expand its services and facilities.

The center evolved from the former Cottonseed Products Laboratory located on the corner of Ross and Ireland streets.

The new center has the facilities to handle all problems related to processing and utilization of protein sources such as peanuts and soybeans.

Building construction manager John Merchant said the new center was part of a two-phase plan.

Phase one, he said, included construction of a research annex located near Highway 21. Actual construction cost of the annex was \$478,000, he said.

Construction of the center's offices and labs, located on the West Campus, was phase two of the plan. Building costs for that phase, completed in May, amounted to \$1,918,850.

He said another reason the old laboratory was demolished was to expand the central power plant, which is located on Ireland Street.

Merchant said expansion of the plant is necessary to accommodate the addition of two women's dorms and the Administrative Services Building.

Water cooling towers are being built at a cost of \$2,077,413, Merchant said.

Estimated completion date for the power plant expansion is set for February 1981.

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