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Aggies not eligible for publications



Photo by Beth Gibson

Sandy Batson, a Bryan High School senior, puts the finishing touches on the Agricultural Communications Department's latest issue of "Improve Your Farm Fish Pond," one of thousands of publications available from the department.

By MELANI BAYLESS
Battalion Reporter

Texas A&M University students, as well as students enrolled in other land-grant colleges nationwide, are legally ineligible for programs, publications and research information provided by the extension service.

The Extension System, set up under the federal Smith-Lever Act of 1914, attempts to serve as a link between research, its practical application and the general public.

The Texas A&M University System, designated land-grant college for the state, administers the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Under the 1914 Act, however, these services are limited "... to persons not attending or resident in said land-grant colleges."

Dorothy Holland, acting editor and head of the Department of Agricultural Communications, said that the extension system is a federal, state and local partnership which is primarily funded federally.

"We can't spend federal money for expenses incurred by college courses of instruction," she said. "Our function is to help people who have no opportunity to learn in classrooms."

She said federal auditors closely check the distribution of extension publications.

Daniel C. Pfannstiel, Texas Agricultural Extension Service director, agreed.

"Because of limited funding and strict federal audits," he said, "problems would arise if professors started sending their students out, 30 to 40 at a time, for free extension service publications."

However, Pfannstiel said County extension agents don't generally monitor citizens requesting information, so Texas residents can go to their county extension office and usually obtain a free copy of the desired publication.

The central distribution office for extension service publications, in the Reed McDonald Building on campus, follows a more discriminating policy when it comes to giving out publications.

An employee of that office said that there is occasional confusion about the University's role regarding the extension service.

"We have had instructors send

their students over here for information," she said, "and we just have to refuse them."

She said that instructors who want to use an extension service publication in their class may order and pay for the publication in bulk, and then disperse them among their students.

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Although Texans may only obtain five different titles at one time, they are entitled to one free copy of each publication.

From progress reports on "Perennial Warm-Season Grasses" to leaflets entitled "Pistols in Texas: To Carry or Not to Carry," the publications are designed to cover a cross-section of interests.

While the extension service literature is targeted toward community education and "helping people help themselves," the experiment station publications focus primarily on research.

The central distribution office for extension service and experiment station publications is in the Reed McDonald Building, Texas A&M University.

5 RHA director spots open at meeting

By BERNIE FETTE
Battalion Staff

The Residence Halls Association will begin accepting applications for the five director positions created under their organizational restructuring at tonight's RHA meeting in 204 Harrington at 7 p.m.

The restructuring proposal was passed last week by a two-thirds majority of the members.

RHA President Sherrie Balcar said the deadline for applying for these positions is Feb. 17. Applications can be picked up either at the meeting tonight or the RHA cubicle in the Student Programs Office.

The association will also discuss the upcoming Texas Residence Halls Association Convention being held from Feb. 23 to March 1. Deadline for signing up for that event is Feb. 13, Balcar said.

Northgate Area Coordinator

Tom Murray will speak to RHA members on a re-evaluation of policies of the Judicial Board. Balcar said the policies adhered to by some residence halls are not consistent with others and that Murray hoped to remedy this.

The recent on-campus housing dispute concerning fifth-year seniors and graduate students will be a major topic at the meeting, Balcar said. A report will be given by an implementation committee on the present status of the issue, she said.

Balcar said that the RHA plans to work along with the Off-Campus students to aid the fifth-year seniors in their transition to off-campus living when the new rule takes effect in the fall.

She said the bill now before the Student Senate concerning the housing issue will be discussed also.

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