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## World finance subject of lectures

### Former ambassador to teach class

**By TERRI ZAWACKI**  
Battalion Reporter  
Former U.S. Ambassador Abelardo L. Valdez has returned to Texas A&M as a visiting professor, teaching a graduate course on international economic development for the College of Business Administration.

Valdez, a former Texas A&M student and White House chief of protocol during former President Carter's administration and now an attorney practicing international law, will also give lectures on international trade, international finance and personal management to various classes.

Although Valdez will be on campus for only three non-consecutive weeks, the graduate business course will be concentrated.

"Basically we're doing more in less time," Valdez said.

The role of private investment in developing countries, the transfer of technology from developed countries to underdeveloped countries and world immigration — particularly in the Western Hemisphere are some topics discussed in the course.

"The course prepares students to work in international business in this increasingly interdependent world," Valdez said.

During the weeks that Valdez is away from the University the students enrolled in the course are required to write a term paper on one of the topics discussed in the class. Although Valdez will not be at the University when the papers are due, they will be sent to him to be graded.

Valdez will then return to Texas A&M in April to give a speech on his proposal for the creation of a Free Trade Zone extending 200 miles into the United States and Mexico.

Valdez described this border land area as a "historical culture

connection" between two countries, where there is a spirit of cooperation and a movement of goods and services.

In this proposal, any products grown, produced or manufactured within the zone could move throughout the zone without a tariff.

Valdez said new jobs would be created on both sides of the border and new industries would arise.

He said if the trade zone is accepted, it should be put into effect for 10 years to test its feasibility.

"I feel that by starting small it will be easier to get an agreement

with Mexico," he said.

Valdez, who was a guest speaker at the December commencement exercises, is a member of the Class of '64.

Valdez received his B.A. degree in civil engineering, and while at Texas A&M he was a member of Ross Volunteers for two years.

He received his doctorate of jurisprudence from Baylor Law School in 1970 and his master's from Harvard Law School in 1974.

Valdez is now a partner in the law firm of Finley, Kumble, Wagner, Heine, Underberg & Casey in Washington, D.C.

## Permit information to go in directory

A student's parking permit information will now be included in Texas A&M University's directory information, unless students fill out a form with the University police department by March 27.

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the Texas attorney general has said that a student's parking permit information is public information unless the student objects.

Robert A. Lacey, Texas A&M registrar, said students can withhold parking permit information if they fill out a form in person at the University police station on Houston Street.

## RHA asked to protest tuition increase

**By BERNIE FETTE**  
Battalion Staff  
Members of the Residence Halls Association were requested at their meeting Thursday night to join a protest of the proposed tuition fee hike now facing the Texas Legislature by means of a letter writing campaign.

David Collins, vice president for external affairs, said the tuition increase is the most important issue facing the external affairs committee. "The impact on the students is very important because it hits the pocketbook," Collins said.

The legislature is considering a possible increase of 100 percent, he said, which would raise in-state tuition from \$4 to \$8 per credit hour and from \$40 to \$80 for out-of-state students.

Collins said another bill was filed Thursday which would require students to pay a portion of the estimated cost of educating a Texas college student which is now \$92.50 per credit hour. The proposed fee would be 10 percent of that figure, or \$9.25, per semester credit hour.

He said letters from the Off Campus Aggies and the

Corps of Cadets, who are also being requested join the protest along with the RHA, will hopefully influence the legislature more than three or four students in Austin would.

Some 1,200 forms were filled out in a recent survey which addressed the proposed increase and the results of that survey were to be tabulated today.

Other business at the meeting included progress reports on the Casino, Parents' Day and the National Convention projects.

## Distinguished plant sciences professor dies of long illness

**By DEBBIE NELSON**  
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Dr. Frank Gould, 68, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Plant Systematics at Texas A&M University, died of a prolonged illness in Austin on March 11.

Gould served as curator of the Tracy Herbarium at Texas A&M from 1949 until he retired in August 1979. The Tracy Herbarium is located in 312 Plant Sciences Building.

Dr. Stephan Hatch, assistant professor of Range Science, said when Gould came to Texas A&M, the herbarium had only about 3,000 or 4,000 specimens. By the time Gould retired, he had built up the herbarium to about 150,000 specimens.

Gould was internationally known for his research and several books on grass systematics and definitive treatments of grasses. His research projects had taken him to the Smithsonian Institution, Harvard and the New York Botanical Garden.

Like most professors emeritus, he had an office on campus although he received no funds from the University.

Gould wrote five books and numerous articles on grass systematics, and at the time of his death was writing "The Grasses of Mexico." Research and teaching took Gould to Mexico, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Brazil, Sri Lanka and England.

In lieu of flowers, Lucille Gould has requested her husband be honored by donations to the Range Science Memorial Scholarship Fund.

A memorial service is planned for 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the A&M Presbyterian Church in College Station. The Rev. H. Bruce Fisher will conduct the services.



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## Movies now available on channel 4

The Movie Channel, a 24-hour movie service, is available on Channel 4 to subscribers of Community Cablevision.

The service costs \$8 per month for on-campus residents of Texas A&M University, while others in the Bryan-College Station area will be charged \$8.95 per month, said Vincent Rosas, a salesman for the cable company.

While The Movie Channel shows only movies, HBO, which costs \$6 per month for on-campus residents, shows a mixture of movies and other specials. HBO usually runs only about 10 hours per day.

"Because it runs for 24 hours, it should be very popular," said Bob Carter, chief engineer of Community Cablevision.

Campus residents have seen the movies on Channel 4 without charge since January as a promotion campaign. But, Rosas said, since the promotion ended, the signal has been scrambled for non-subscribers.

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