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MSC programs take time, organization

By NANCY WEATHERLEY

Battalion Staff Students today think nothing when popular events, such as a Communes concert. The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas or a speech by a national figure such as C. Gordon Liddy, are presented at Texas A&M University.

And they seldom realize the organization and time involved in presenting these programs. The Memorial Student Center, which usually organizes such activities, first opened in September 1950. Today, the 295,000-square-foot MSC has 25 officers on its Council and approximately 1,300 students volunteering their time to make the organization work.

"What makes college unions unique is that they provide an atmosphere just what would be set in the business world," Doug Dedeker, MSC Council president said.

"We have a product of programs and students are responsible for seeing that we produce high quality programs for the campus community," he said.

James R. Reynolds, director of the MSC, has written, "The idea of the MSC was premised on the needs for recreational and cultural facilities for a building which

would house certain essential services (like a snack bar and bookstore) and for an organization which would provide a well-rounded program of social, recreational and educational activities. The first college union was established by students at Cambridge University in England in 1815, according to a report written by Reynolds.

"The union was organized to provide certain facilities, services and programs which they (Cambridge students) felt were necessary to supplement their academic training," he wrote.

The idea of student unions caught on and today, there are more than 1,000 college unions in the world, with the majority of them in the United States, Reynolds reports.

The MSC's managerial philosophy is based on a concept of partnership between full-time staff and volunteer students. "Students are encouraged (and trained) to accept as much authority and responsibility for the programs, policies and processes of the MSC as they can successfully accomplish," Reynolds wrote.

Some skills stressed through participation in MSC include motivation, communication and time management skills.

The MSC is composed of 19 student committees, such as MSC Arts Committee and MSC Political Forum, that schedule programs and events relating to their particular interests and 14 Council projects, such as MSC Madrigal Dinner and MSC All Night Fair, that are annual events.

The MSC Council and Directorate approves all actions and oversees all programs. Advising staff students are permanent staff members.

"The staff are really educators," Dedeker said. "They have a job to do in teaching the students certain things. They help the student mature and grow as an individual."

"They accomplish that through meeting with them, through working with them and through becoming friends with them."

Responsibilities of the staff include advising each committee on day-to-day activities it should be accomplishing, such as funds and contracts for events and making sure programs and events meet University standards. Reynolds, writing on the roles of the staff, said the staff must successfully accomplish the roles of teacher, administrator, counselor and friend.



Warped

By Scott McCullar

LOOKS LIKE THE SUBJECT OF THE GAY STUDENT SERVICES ORGANIZATION IS BACK AGAIN AND I DON'T REALLY FEEL EITHER FOR OR AGAINST THEM.

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James said he did it because there were social functions planned on base for parents Saturday night. "We felt that some parents would like to go to those activities rather than escort their children around Saturday night," he said.

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them, more than normal attention.

Davis said he thought it was obvious that a sick person was responsible for the attacks.

Police also noted a similarity in the death of Sister Tadea and the July 9 rape and beating death of Narnie C. Bryson, an elderly widow who lived about 20 blocks from St. Francis Convent in northeast Amarillo.

The Rev. Joseph Tabone, an Episcopal priest at the Amarillo Diocese, said Tuesday that other nuns at the convent were upset at the death of Sister Tadea and that a group of parishioners had offered to pay for their security.

The eight nuns, who have limited contact with the outside world while cloistered in a house near the Diocesan Pastoral Center, will also receive protection, Tabone said.

Despite the incident, Tabone said more than 1,000 people attended open house ceremonies this weekend for eight Capesian nuns from Guadaluajara, Mexico, who planned to go into cloister Sunday.

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