

Prof speaks to students

'University has changed'

by Laura Williams
Battalion Staff

Communication between students, faculty and former students is the key to academic excellence at Texas A&M University, Dr. Rod O'Connor, professor of chemistry, said Monday night.

"I'd like to see the same enthusiasm toward academic excellence as we see for athletics," he said.

O'Connor, sponsor for the newly formed Students for Academic Excellence, told the group that many parents are angered by reports from their children that faculty are uninterested.

"... this place has seemingly changed from a big, caring organization should not oppose research. "Wouldn't you rather have a writing class with someone who has written something, or a physics class with someone who has done the experiment, rather than (with someone who has) just read about it?" he asked.

O'Connor, who has taught at Texas A&M for eight years, emphasized the hiring of teachers who want to help students. "If you get faculty who think of going into the classroom as a necessary evil, you have problems for the student," he said.

MSC plans discovery of Council committees

by Johna Jo Maurer
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United Press International

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