

Community education registration is tonight

by Lisa Thompson
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College Station residents may register for community education classes ranging from ballet to auto mechanics tonight from 7 to 8 at the A&M Consolidated High School cafeteria. Registration for non-residents of College Station will be held from 8 to 8:30. Late registration will be Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Education office at 109 Timber St.

Other classes offered by the College Station community education program include tennis, ballet, auto mechanics, egg-dyeing, dog obedience and candy-making. New courses this session include metal sculpture and eurythmy, a type of creative body movement. Classes will be at A&M Consolidated High School, A&M Consolidated Junior High School and Oakwood Middle School. Persons 65 and over can take

courses tuition-free with golden passes, available at the Community Education main office at 1300 Jersey St. Community education in Texas is based at the Center of Community Education in the Texas A&M Department of Educational Administration. The center assists Texas communities that wish to start community education projects and helps train directors for the programs, said Dr. Robert Berridge, director of the center. Each program has a different set of goals and objectives based on its own needs in the community, he said.

'82 Queen to be picked in 48th Cotton Pageant

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Cotton will rule again Saturday in Rudder Auditorium at the 48th Cotton Pageant when Queen Cotton will be selected from 67 contestants from across the state. Sponsored by the Agronomy Society, the contest began as a promotion aid to the state cotton industry years ago and has remained as another Texas A&M tradition. Calvin Sanders, a senior from Buckholts, was elected by the Agronomy Society members to serve as this year's King Cotton as escort to the queen. The king and eight dukes are elected prior to the pageant based on their work and accomplishment in the organization. Sixty-seven duchesses and

their escorts will attend a square dance Friday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bryan. Three judges will interview the women and select the top 20 to 25 contestants at a tea and reception Saturday. From these selections, Queen Cotton and eight princesses will be chosen. The 48th Queen Cotton will receive a scholarship; however, the amount of the scholarship hasn't been decided. Marvin Seagull, president of the Southwest Apparel Manufacturing Association, is the master of ceremonies for the pageant, and entertainment will be provided by finalists in the MSC All University Variety Show. Admission for the pageant

is \$2 for students and \$3 for non-students. Tickets for the Cotton Ball, with music provided by the Leroy Heinrich Orchestra from Schulenburg, are \$6 per couple. Tickets may be purchased at a table on the first floor of the Memorial Student Center. The first Cotton Pageant was held in 1932 and gave students at the all-male military school something to look forward to.

Women from Texas Women's University would come to College Station to participate in the pageant. Dr. A.J. Bockhold, associate professor of agronomy, said. The women from TWU were selected by a visiting group of Texas A&M students. Texas A&M Mothers' Clubs and Texas A&M Clubs sponsored the contestants. Now, contestants are sponsored by various University organizations, Mothers' Clubs and professional clubs in the area. The originator of the Cotton Pageant, Dr. J.S. "Cotton Joe" Mogford, is retired from the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences and lives in Bryan. "The price of cotton was low, so the community and Texas A&M wanted to come up with a way to boost the cotton trade," Mogford said. Bockhold said the Cotton Pageant was started to promote cotton and raise funds to send students to see how milling and manufacturing happened in Europe. Now the profits are used for agronomy society field trip expenses.

Species research to be speech topic

"Research Needs in Endangered Species" is the topic of a speech presented by the campus chapter of Sigma Chi, the science honor society at 8 p.m. tomorrow in 701 Rudder Tower. Dr. Kurt Benirschke, director of research and health services at the San Diego Zoo and professor of pathology and reproductive medicine at the University of California San Diego, will give the speech. The lecture is intended for a general audience and should be of interest to students, faculty,

and the general public. Dr. William Clark of the Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Department said what is needed in research is to identify and preserve the critical points of endangered species' habitats. In some cases, it may not be worthwhile to preserve habitats except in zoos, he said. In his work, Benirschke has tried to find ways to maintain and support populations of endangered species. He has tried to preserve endangered species through reproductive work also.

"I think the real strength of community education is the fact that it is different in every community and it does shape itself to what that community needs," Berridge said.

Target 2000 study problems

Committees discuss funding

by Jennifer Carr and Laura Williams
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Funding for research and continued education, as well as facilities in extension service programs, were discussed at meetings of the Target 2000 task forces Monday in Rudder Tower. The task forces also discussed the implications of the reports and recommendations submitted to Gov. Bill Clements Friday by the Texas 2000 Commission.

Dr. Victor Arnold, past director of the Texas 2000 Commission, spoke to about 175 members of the Target 2000 Task Force on projected problems for the Texas A&M University System and the state by the year 2000. "We need to get down to the serious business of thinking about the future and doing something about it," Arnold said. Arnold said water scarcity, energy costs and availability, fu-

ture agricultural and transportation demands, government financing and relations with Mexico will be the issues facing Texans in the future. These were dealt with by the governor's commission. Target 2000 then divided into three task forces to discuss future problems for the Texas A&M System, which includes Texas A&M, Prairie View A&M, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M at Galveston and all experiment stations and extension services. Recommendations from these groups are to be submitted to the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

The agriculture task force primarily emphasized the problem of water resources, noting flooding and drought problems for Texas farmers and ranchers and the importance of the Texas Department of Water Resources. The force also advocated extending research, updating agriculture communication systems and increasing public knowledge of the wide scope and importance of agriculture. The engineering task force focused on the need for research, both applied and basic, and how to coordinate it between the engineering department at Texas A&M and the Texas Engineering Experiment

Station. Task force members also discussed the need to revise the experiment and extension service programs. Another priority of the task force is to attract top-notch faculty to the University through academic freedom, funding, research and good graduate students. The academic task force met in closed session today.

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