

Community education sign-up starts today

by Jane North

Battalion Reporter
Registration for the College Station Community Education programs begins today and registration for Bryan programs will be Monday.

Ann Palmer, director of the College Station Community Education program, said classes are designed for personal enjoyment and enrichment. The programs provide a complete change of pace, since there are no tests or grades given, she said.

The programs allow people to meet others in the community and get involved in the community activities. She said facilities are open

every day to get full use of the taxpayers' money.

Marvin Dixon, coordinator of Bryan Community Education, said his programs help provide a service to the community through the use of facilities for activities.

Enrollment in both programs has increased every year. Dixon said the Bryan program registers up to 800 people each session.

The College Station program has an average enrollment of 1,500 during each session, Palmer said.

She said 80 percent of the students are women between the ages of 18 and 35 who either work or attend school full-time.

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Both Bryan and College Station offer classes for General Education Development (GED), for the high school equivalency certificate.

Registrations can be mailed to or brought by the Bryan Community Education Offices at 100 W. 25th St., Bryan, or phoned in at 775-3243.

Registration for College Station Community Education will be held at the A&M Consolidated High School on FM 2818 at 7 p.m. for College Station residents. All other residents can register at 8 p.m. No phone-in or mail-in registrations will be accepted.

Meetings slated

Academic Council

The Texas A&M University Academic Council will elect a vice chairman for 1982-83 and vote on curriculum changes today at 1:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

The council will consider new courses in agriculture, environmental design and medicine. These courses have been approved by the curriculum committee and need council approval to be offered.

Faculty concerns

The Texas A&M chapter of the Texas Association of College Teachers will host programs on faculty concerns and the Texas

Legislature today in 302 Rudder.

Frank Wright, TACT executive director and higher education lobbyist, will speak at 1 p.m. on "How Faculty Can Influence the Texas Legislature."

Gwen Morrison, a member of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, will speak at 3 p.m. on "Faculty Salaries and Concerns of Higher Education in the Coming Legislative Session."

TACT President Forrest Burt will speak after Morrison on "How TACT Can Effectively Serve the Needs of Texas A&M Faculty."

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United Press International
HOUSTON — For almost 11 years, Houston's "Bubble-boy" David has lived inside a plastic protective unit which safeguards him from everyone and everything.

The youth, who is the world's oldest survivor of untreated severe combined immune deficiency, has never been touched by unglowed human hands. He will celebrate his 11th birthday today with a small party at home with his family, priest and several close friends.

David, whose last name has not been released, continues to thrive physically, socially, psychologically and spiritually, despite being confined to the sterile units, his doctors said.

He asked his parents for a new computer game as his birthday present. He is in fifth grade and teachers report he is doing well in school. He does not leave his home to attend class.

Doctors worldwide who have studied David's condition say the only foreseeable chance the youth may have to fight germs could be through a new kind of bone marrow transplant. He was born with rare inherited immunological disorder which left him with no germ-fighting ability.

The transplants are still considered experimental, and Dr. William Shearer, David's physician for the past four years, said there is no need to rush into anything risky because the boy has never been ill.

"Many treatments have been considered for David," Shearer said. "But the only one that appears to have any promise is to transplant bone marrow."

David regularly goes to Texas Children's Hospital, where two

sterile rooms have been set aside especially for him. Twice a year he undergoes extensive medical evaluations.

He was the second baby in the United States to be delivered in a germ-free environment. His

older brother died of the same disorder, and doctors prepared David's mother for a special birth procedure when David was born. The bulk of his care has been supported through federal grants and donations.

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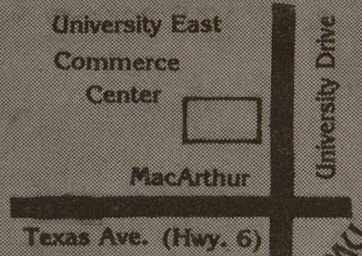
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