

# Psychology department offers doctoral program

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Applications are being accepted for admission to a new doctoral degree program in psychology to be offered at Texas A&M beginning next year. Students may apply for the fall semester through March 15.

The program, which was approved by the Coordinating Board in April, is the culmination of four years of planning by the psychology department. The department surveyed the job market in Texas two and a half years ago to see if there was a need for such a degree program.

The program will be divided into two degree tracks — industrial organization specialization

and clinical psychology specialization. Students also may develop individualized programs under the direction of the department.

Dr. James B. Shaw, who will head the industrial organization side of the program, says only two schools in Texas, The University of Houston and Rice University, offer industrial organization programs.

Shaw added that the total number of students trained in the field nationwide is only 40 to 60 each year. That number could be employed in Texas alone each year according to the department's market studies.

Dr. Jeffrey M. Kern, who will head the clinical specialization area, said there is a demand for

psychologists in the smaller urban centers in the United States. For example, there are no psychologists between the Bryan-College Station area and Houston.

The clinical program, Kern said, will include an emphasis on mental health administration.

Dr. William S. Rholes, the department's director of graduate studies, said one of the program goals is to strike a balance between theoretical studies and practical experience. The psychology department wants its doctoral candidates to be scientist-practitioners with both practical experience and theoretical grounding.

Part of the requirements for the degree will be two years

practicum in Bryan-College Station.

All three professors said the addition of the program will allow the department to keep graduate students here for a much longer time to help in departmental research. Until now, Rholes said, the faculty has spent one and a half to two years training the master's students only to have them leave at that point. Doctoral candidates will be around much longer and can utilize skills learned in the department.

Shaw said the development of a doctoral program will be beneficial to the department and the community and a challenge for the faculty.

# New publication fund honors former director

by Pat Allen  
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A publication fund has been established at the Texas A&M Press in honor of its founding director Frank H. Wardlaw. Proceeds from the fund will be used to publish a series of books in Wardlaw's name.

Chester Kerr, director emeritus of the Yale University Press, is responsible for the establishment of the fund.

Texas A&M Press director Lloyd G. Lyman says Kerr began the fund in recognition of Wardlaw's distinguished publishing career at the University of South Carolina, the University of Texas and Texas A&M. Wardlaw was director

of the Texas A&M Press from 1974 to 1978.

"We hope others will appreciate Mr. Wardlaw's contributions and give money for the fund," Lyman said. "We have collected about \$3,000 so far, but for the fund to be effective we should have at least \$100,000."

Lyman said the press hopes to publish books with interest income without having to use any of the fund itself unless necessary. The press is collecting funds through the Press Advisory Council, he said.

"At this point, we've released information to one group of people, the Press Advisory Council," Lyman said. "They are friends of the

University Press and also probably some of the most well-known Aggies and former students. They are people like John Lindsey, Ed Mosher, Mr. Heldenfels and Mr. Sterling Evans. These are the kinds of people we've told about this."

Editor in Chief Noel Parsons said the press currently is publishing at a rate of 30 books a year. About 150 to 200 manuscripts are sent to the press for review yearly.

"We want high quality, that's about it," Parsons said. "We publish scholarly works on Texas heritage, art, folklore and sciences."

# American Humanics helps prepare service careers

by Mitch Clendening  
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Through the American Humanics program, Texas A&M senior David Hemphill and about 30 other students have found a way to satisfy their urge to work with and help people.

American Humanics is a non-profit organization that prepares people for professional careers in human service organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America, the American Red Cross and Junior Achievement. Hemphill is the president of the Texas A&M Humanics Student Association.

"The main thing is, you're doing something that matters," Hemphill said of the program. "You know there's someone who's benefiting from what you've done."

Hemphill's manner shows an enthusiastic belief in the program and its purpose. American Humanics was organized more than 30 years ago when the late H.R. Bartle, an executive officer of the Boy Scouts of America, saw a need to train competent administrators for many of the national volunteer organizations. The program tries to accomplish this through a series of college courses, workshops, lectures and internships.

Students participating in the program can pursue a bachelor's degree in any discipline that will be of use to them in the human services fields. The student also must take certain courses required by the agency.

Depending on their level of involvement, students attend workshops and lectures. Program activities cover subjects such as recruiting volunteers and giving presentations and speeches.

Seniors in the program are eligible for the internship program. Participants are required to spend a semester working for a youth organization, and then write a report about the experience.

About 30 Texas A&M students are involved in the program.

People in volunteer agency positions usually set their own working hours, and invariably work too much, Hemphill said. Trying to do too much can lead to burnout after only a few years. Part of the humanics program involves teaching students how to avoid burnout, he said, which then helps cut down on the high turnover rate in this type of profession.

Hemphill, a management major from Dallas, said the American Humanics program here is one of his reasons for attending Texas A&M.

Reasons other than just personal satisfaction prompted Hemphill to join the organization, he said. Participation in the program can be a plus when applying for a job, even outside the human services area, he said. Employers usually recognize the organization and the training it involves. But, Hemphill said, the real reward of the program is a satisfaction from helping others.

In January, the Texas A&M chapter will host the National American Humanics Annual Meeting in Dallas. The conference will allow the various chap-

ters to compare notes on training and hear lectures by public figures. Hemphill said the chapter is trying to get either H. Ross Perot or Eddie Chiles to deliver the keynote address.

American Humanics organizations exist on 15 other college campuses nationwide. Unlike the other programs, the Texas A&M chapter, established in 1977, is not University-sponsored. It is administered through the College of Education, but receives no University funds. It is funded through corporate and individual sources.

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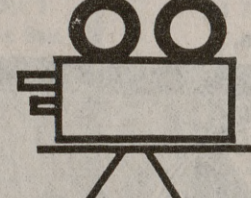


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