

Research

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Martell said the system at Texas A&M is not set up to stimulate research.

"We put too much emphasis on undergraduate programs, and we often neglect graduate programs," he said. "Many departments acquire faculty who can only teach at the undergraduate level."

As a result, he said many of the teachers here are not interested in research, and that is why the University is trying to hire faculty who have already made advancements in research.

"We need to start somewhere," he said. "We can't wait for our own faculty to make re-

search advancements because it can take 30 years before a person is recognized for his research."

Martell said another problem with the system is that the University does not budget money for research as it does for athletic or academic programs.

Martell said the committee strongly advises that the University devise some sort of research policy since Texas A&M has never had an overall institutional strategy or policy for research.

The University has relied primarily upon the experiment stations and the research foundation to provide leadership, programs and funding.

The closest the University has come to developing a position to

oversee all aspects of research was the creation of the Office of University Research.

But Martell said this organization has had little impact because of the lack of funding, staff and administrative responsibility for the active promotion of University research.

He said the absence of a well-defined mission has produced an "aura of uncertainty" about research.

After many studies, the committee issued a report in October 1982.

This final report has now been made available for inspection by members of the faculty and staff. Copies have been sent to all department heads.

The committee made the fol-

lowing recommendations:

- The University must reaffirm its resolve that, in addition to good teaching, one of its main objectives is the further development of excellence in research on the part of its faculty. There must be incentives for scholarly achievement. The faculty and administration must understand, that for both existing and new faculty, promotion, tenure and salary will be based to a large extent on demonstrated research.

- The University should create the position of vice president or associate vice president for research to act on behalf of the president and the provost in all research matters.

- An early assignment of the University administrator for research should be to conduct a study concerning the relative roles and missions of the Texas A&M Research Foundation, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, and the Texas Transportation Institute.

Curricula for Saudis developed at A&M

by Louis Hilgartner
Battalion Reporter

Texas A&M faculty members and graduate students are playing an important role in the education of Saudi Arabian students in an effort to "Saudi-ize" the middle-technical jobs in Saudi Arabia, Dr. Clarence Dockweiler, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, says.

The program is an effort to increase the number of Saudis working in areas such as laboratory assistance, surveying, inspection, drafting and corrosion control.

Consultants from the Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO) and other educators are writing curriculum and training materials on "mid-tech" jobs for young Saudis, Dockweiler said. Dockweiler, who returned

from Saudi Arabia to begin classes this semester, said the program still is in the early stages and probably won't be completed until 1985. Several Texas A&M professors and graduate students remain in Saudi Arabia writing training materials for the program.

The Saudi students currently participating in the program are working on a pilot basis, since only a few of the instructional curricula have been completed.

Part of the program involves teaching English to all students, since the business language of Saudi Arabia is English. This will be done primarily by ARAMCO.

Dr. John Hunt, former director of the marine education sea grant, is now working for ARAMCO and is bringing in Aggies to help write the cur-

riculum. There are also Aggies working for ARAMCO now.

So far, the program headed almost exclusively by Americans and Britons, the program progress is being expanded to include expatriates and more Saudi and other Arabs as well as Pakistanis and Sri Lankans.

It's hard to measure the kind of direct benefit the University is going to get from this, Dockweiler said.

"It gives us the chance to write curricula we've never done before," he said.

Most people don't realize it, he said, but many members are on a 12-month contract. The program offered the opportunity out of the typical classroom routine.



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Family learns of son's death

United Press International
BLOOMFIELD, N.M. — A U.S. Marine captain Tuesday notified the family of Pfc. Alex Munoz that the 20-year-old enlisted man originally thought to have been spared in Sunday's bombing of Beirut was killed.

Ignacio Munoz, 26, said the family got the word Tuesday afternoon from a Marine captain from Albuquerque, N.M. The captain, said Munoz, "didn't know why he gave us that information (Monday). It was just premature. The service is

supposed to take care of it."

"He said he was sorry, but there was not much they could do about it."

Munoz said the family notified about 4:40 p.m. Monday that Alex, who had been in Lebanon since March, was killed. He said they learned the 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, but that the 1980 Bloomfield School graduate was in a building where a terrorist tonated more than a dozen explosives.

"My parents are pretty about it," he said. "We're shocked, you know, of hearing that news (Monday) and hearing something completely different today. It's pretty today."

Munoz said his younger brother had joined the Marine Corps 13 months ago. His older brother also had served in the Marines.

"He, fortunately, didn't go through anything like I had to go through," Munoz said.

"Alex — he was here months ago," he said.

The young Marine was nine children in a family that included seven brothers and sisters, Munoz said.

Munoz said the Marine is expected to be in Wednesday to provide details of when the fallen Marine's body

Corrected: Friday's Battalion story about the bonfire pole which incorrectly attributed statements to Bonfire coordinator. Guilt is not a senior bonfire coordinator, however, Bonfire coordinator says he did not make the statements either.

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