

# Lecture group wants success for 2nd series

by Ray Walker

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The MSC Endowed Lectures Committee this year has tough act to follow — the debate it sponsored last year among three former heads of state.

participate in the debate, scheduled for early April.

"This year we can look back at the pitfalls that we had last year and learn from our mistakes," Keri Hariston, committee coordinator of public relations, said.

"We invite renowned speakers to A&M to participate in debates or to give lectures on social, economic or political issues," she said.

In its first year, the committee tried to prepare for the future. But details had to be worked out before the committee could begin planning any events.

"We had to decide what topics would be discussed, who to invite and how to raise the money," Hariston said. "There were just so many possibilities that we had to begin narrowing down our ideas."

The committee worked with a budget of more than \$80,000. Most of the money was donated

from large companies in Houston and Dallas.

"Last year's debate was a tremendous success and a great experience for all those involved," Hariston said. "Every little detail had to be thought out, like which would be the best route to drive President Ford from the airport to campus, and so on."

The 33 students on the committee had a chance to meet the former leaders and talk with them at a party given by the Texas A&M Board of Regents.

The committee sponsors one big event a year, Hariston said.

# Student senate meets tonight to discuss bills

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The Student Senate tonight will discuss a bill to organize a special committee to study the Student Government Constitution.

The bill, introduced by Vice President for Rules and Regulations Sean Royal, is designed to set up a temporary committee of 10 members to research the constitution.

If the bill is passed, the committee will study the constitution and propose to the Senate any additions, deletions or revisions to update or restructure the constitution. The committee will be composed of five members from the rules and regulations committee and five members from the judicial board. The committee will be dissolved at the end of the current legislative year.

fore the Senate at previous meetings.

The first bill to be discussed is the Graduate Student Grade Requirements Bill that proposes a raise in the grade requirements for graduate senators. The

second bill is the Zachary Crosswalk Bill that proposes a study of the traffic problem caused by pedestrian traffic in the crosswalk near Zachary Engineering Center on Bizell Street.

The Senate meets at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington.

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# Firm awards scholarship

by Nicole Williams

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Texas A&M architecture student John Forasiepi received a scholarship Tuesday morning from Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum, the fortieth largest architecture engineering firm in the United States.

HOK is the St. Louis-based firm famous for designs including the Dallas and Houston Galerias, the Dallas-Fort Worth airport, and the arena used for the Lake Placid Winter Olympic games.

The firm initiated the scholarship last year for Texas A&M graduate architecture students with specialties in the designing health care facilities.

"There are very few schools to single out health care as a specialty in architecture, and this is our way of recognizing it,"

Hawes, director of HOK-Texas in Dallas, said.

Hawes presented the award Forasiepi, acknowledging his interest in the field of health care architecture.

Forasiepi showed an interest in health care architecture and the aptitude it takes, according to George Mann, professor of architecture and Forasiepi's adviser.

Forasiepi was nominated by professors and selected on the basis of his final study project, Mann said. His project proposed a design for the renovation of Livingston Memorial hospital.

The hospital administration may or may not use his design as a model or basis for its project, Forasiepi said.

The idea for the project resulted from Forasiepi's final study on the use of the recently developed Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Imager and its

affects on the architectural design of buildings.

"I did the project to find out what special architectural treatments would be necessary for the NMR unit," Forasiepi said.

The imager, he explained, allows a doctor to get a good image of a person without the effect of radiation exposure. In order to achieve this picture, a large and powerful magnet is required.

The magnet is the basis for the building's structure, because room housing must shield the magnet from radio frequency interference.

He said that led to the idea of designing a health care facility since most hospitals plan to obtain an NMR unit as soon as it is financially feasible for them.

All graduate architecture students are required to do a final study project.

The Health Facilities Research and Design Program offered here is 18 years old and has graduated 150 architects. The program is aimed at improving the state of health care architecture for health care, Mann said.

Students who select that area of interest must know medical terminology and general medical concepts in addition to architectural skills.

Mann is pleased that the

program here has gained the respect of well-known architecture firms.

Hawes commended the Texas A&M program and commented on the changes in the architecture program since he

graduated here in 1959.

Following the presentation, Hawes spoke to about 15 architecture graduate and doctoral students, explaining the firm's current projects and addressing the growing need for architects in the specialized area.

In other business, the Senate will discuss two bills brought be-

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