

Geophysics student honored by Gulf Oil MADD

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Reporter

Chris Corley, a Texas A&M sophomore, collects scholarships the way some people collect baseball cards.

The latest addition to Corley's collection is the Gulf Oil Corp. Honor Scholar scholarship. This scholarship will cover 80 percent of his costs for on-campus room and board, tuition and fees, and \$150 for books for both his junior and senior years. A \$1,000 check also was issued to the geophysics department to aid the costs of administering the geophysics program.

Corley, a 19-year-old geophysics major from Bristol, Va., was presented with the scholarship check Monday afternoon by the Gulf Supervisor of Basin Analysis, Alan Bell, and the Gulf Director of Human Resources, Robert Myers, both from Houston.

But Corley said he never filled out the application and still is wondering how he won the scholarship.

"I'm not quite sure how I got it, I don't know if the department filled it out for me or what," Corley said. "It's a mystery to me — I guess I just got lucky."

In order to retain the Gulf scholarship, Corley will have to maintain a 3.0 grade point ratio. The Gulf Honors Scholar scholarship offers to those universities with a geophysics program, one scholarship per year.

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Polls for the primary will open at 7 a.m. Saturday for both the Democratic and Republican primaries and will be open until 7 p.m. The party primaries will be held at the same locations.

Registered voters will be allowed to vote in only one primary, Democrat or Republican. In order to vote, bring your voter registration card with you to the polling place. If you do not have a voter registration card but are registered, bring positive identification such as a driver's license; the election judges have a list of all eligible voters in their particular precinct.

Some on-campus students may vote at precinct 20 in the Memorial Student Center, and other on-campus students vote at precinct 35 at the College Station Municipal Building on Church Street, one block east of Wellborn Road.

Students living off campus may vote at their respective precincts. To find out where to vote, call the Brazos County tax office at 775-7400, extension 207.

The names of the Democratic presidential contenders will not be on the Democratic primary ballot. To vote for the presidential nominees, voters should return to the same polling place and attend their precinct conventions.

Precinct meetings, or conventions, will begin at 7:15 p.m., 15 minutes after the polls close.

to a student finishing his sophomore year.

Corley, who has a 3.923 grade-point ratio, considers himself a sophomore although technically he is a junior with 85 credit hours, 16 of which he placed out of based on his SAT test scores.

Other scholarships Corley has won include:

•A National Merit Scholarship that gives him \$500 a semester.

•The Lechner Scholarship from Texas A&M which gives him \$900 per semester.

•The Geophysics department scholarship which gives him \$500 per semester.

•The Society of Exploration Geophysicists scholarship from Exxon, which pays \$750 a semester.

However, with all the benefits of winning the Gulf Honor Scholar scholarship, Corley learned that he must forfeit his department's scholarship for the rest of his semesters at Texas A&M.

But the Gulf scholarship offers more than just a check. The Houston branch of the Gulf company offers Corley an opportunity for a summer internship after his junior year — but Corley is not obligated to take the job.

"That's something to definitely think about," Corley said. "But living in Houston would be expensive, but then again, it would look pretty good on a resume."

Corley came to Texas A&M primarily because it was the only university that offered him such an array of scholarships. With an SAT score of 1470, Corley began receiving numerous scholarship application forms from Texas A&M. An SAT score of 1600 is considered perfect. Those applications had a great impact on his choice of major since many of them were for geophysics.

Although Corley spends a fair amount of time studying, he also spends several hours a week playing ultimate frisbee and is an avid cyclist.

Brown became involved with MADD two years ago when he buried both his mother and father-in-law. "Their deaths were related to alcohol, but not caused by accidents," he said.

"I've been concerned with drunk driving for the past 10 years and I want to protect my children from getting in situations that involve heavy drinking," Brown said.

The 50 members involved in the Brazos County chapter of MADD, he said, are working to change the attitudes about

drinking and driving among college and high school students.

Brown's chapter of MADD sponsors Aggies Against Drunk Driving which is a group of Aggies organized to combat the No. 1 killer in their age group — death due to drinking and driving.

AADD tries to educate students about the problems of drinking and help students be-

come aware of the alcohol problem as it exists on the local, state, and national levels, says Lee Ann Snodgrass, vice-president of AADD.

"Many of us have been at parties where liquor was served, such as a mixer or office party. Everyone is encouraged to drink as much as they like," Brown said. "At these events, we're fully aware that many guests get into their cars to

drive home 'under the influence' in various degrees.

"We should speak up to prevent someone who's had too much to drink from driving home."

Drinking doesn't have to be an essential evil, Brown said, it just needs to be controlled to prevent accidents in Brazos County.

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