

Koldus talks to small crowd at Sully Symposium

By PATRICIA FLINT
Reporter

The function of Student Government is to represent student opinion and to link the student body to the administration. Dr. John Koldus, vice-president of student services, said Wednesday.

But most people don't utilize this resource as well as the many others available to them, the guest speaker of this week's Sully Symposium explained to a small audience of 35 in front of the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue.

Sully Symposium is a series of weekly talks by student leaders to improve communication between the student body and student leaders. The symposium is sponsored by

Lambda Sigma, a sophomore honor society and service organization.

First joking that students are used to seeing evangelists lecturing in the place where he was speaking, Koldus spoke about the different services available to the students. Some of those services include:

- The free lunch program, during which Koldus shares ideas and opinions with different students and faculty over lunch every week.
- The legal services program — free to any student on campus and any student group.
- The A.P. Beutel Health Center.
- The student counseling service, which handles personal counseling and academic skills development.
- The Memorial Student Center, which has approximately 22 commit-

tees offering recreational programs for students.

•The Student Activities Office, providing leadership training programs outside of class and regular student activities.

•Student financial aid.

"Although we have a lot of things going on it is hard to get information out to everyone," Koldus said.

A student from the audience — which began at 10 or 12 and grew to almost 35 people — asked for student input in decisions that affect the entire school, adding that he felt there was no student input in the decision to construct the bell tower.

Koldus said that recommendations by student groups reach the administration through Student Government. He said students

should tell Student Government how they feel about anything they are concerned with, and then the student leaders can make recommendations to the administration.

Koldus has dinner with student body leaders every other Thursday night. They tell him what's going on around campus and he tells them what's going on in the administration.

Koldus said that A&M is a participatory institution in which the students are very active, and he wants that to develop even further. He offered the students an open invitation to talk to him any time he can be of help.

"I think this is an excellent program and I think it will catch on," he said of the symposium. "I congratu-

late the group for putting it on.

"One of the things I attempt to do is to make contact with the students any and every way possible," Koldus said after the talk. "This thing just created another opportunity."

Personal contact is the best way to have a feel for the regular pulse of the campus, he said.

Robert Beard, public relations coordinator for Lambda Sigma, said that he thought the symposium was a success because it exposed many students to the various services available on campus, but said he would always be happier with a larger crowd.

"I'm pleased that we have someone like Dr. Koldus on campus who's

really accessible to the students and whose main purpose is to benefit the students," Beard said.

The symposium is held every Wednesday between 11 a.m. and noon in front of the Academic Building, next to the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue. Next week's speaker is Student Body President David Alders. The speakers scheduled for the seven weeks following Alders are Corps Commander Chuck Rollins; senate speaker Diane Baumbach; football players Ken Reeves, Rod Bernstein and Todd Howard; Battalion Editor Stephanie Ross; the yell leaders; President of the MSC Pat Wood; and Phil Rosenfeld, director of Fish Camp 84 and president of the Student Y Association.

A&M to host program for impotency study

By CATHIE ANDERSON
Reporter

A program for diagnosis of impotency in men will begin soon at Texas A&M under the direction of Dr. Joseph LoPiccolo, psychologist, and Dr. Richard Morgan, nephrologist.

A National Institute of Health grant will provide the means for the researchers to study impotency, LoPiccolo said. Tests will be done not only on healthy men who have a psychological problem but also on those males who are medically ill.

Diabetes and kidney failure can cause impotency, as can certain medication for both high blood pressure and heart disease, he said.

The medication can change the pattern of blood circulation, thus eliminating the necessary rush of blood to cause an erection, he said.

"Ultimately you're talking about a life-threatening problem," said LoPiccolo, who was director of the Sex Therapy Center at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. "A good percentage of men stop taking blood control medicine because they aren't able to have sex. They say, 'If I have to choose between sex and living, well Doc, sorry, but life isn't worth living without sex.' These guys are desperate; they need help."

LoPiccolo said he remembers one man, about 40, who came in with a blood pressure reading of 190/150 because he refused to take his medicine. "I'd rather die than live like this," LoPiccolo remembered him saying.

Diabetes also "causes damage to the vascular (circulatory) system, ... again not enough blood flow to the penis," LoPiccolo said, "and another symptom is deterioration of the nervous system."

Even though researchers do not know why men who suffer from kidney failure often are impotent, LoPiccolo said that hormone abnormalities such as a lack of the hormone testosterone may be the cause.

LoPiccolo said he wants the program to be both a laboratory where answers to these problems can be found and a place where the old hypotheses are tested.

"I would hope it would be well-accepted," LoPiccolo said. "It's not like we're doing research on pornography or something."

Morgan, who will help LoPiccolo, will give the patients a complete physical examination before they enter the program. Morgan and Dr. David Brannon are co-medical directors of the Bryan Nephrology Center, a kidney dialysis center.

Marketing society to offer scholarship with money from Star Tel, MCI sales

By JODI FELTON
Reporter

A Marketing Society scholarship will be awarded for the first time this spring. Dr. Larry Gresham, Marketing Society adviser, said Tuesday.

The money for the scholarship was raised by Marketing Society students who sold MCI and Star Tel long-distance services in the Memorial Student Center and the Blocker Building the first two weeks of the semester.

"We're not sure of the profit from MCI yet, because MCI pays on usage customers," he said. "That means we don't get a commission until the people we signed up actually use the service, receive a bill, and then pay the bill."

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Fleitas said talented community members also are encouraged to audition.

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money we put into the scholarship fund, up to \$1 per contract sold," he said. "That means they are already committed to putting \$1,200 in the scholarship fund if we'll match it with another \$1,200."

The \$1,200 from Star Tel is in addition to the \$4 per contract sold, he said.

"One of the things we do with the money is supplement the activities of the society," Gresham said.

The rest goes into an endowment set up last year by the society, he said. The endowment was started with \$1,500 from the sale of the MCI service last year, he said.

With an endowment, you only can use the money earned by the interest, he said, and therefore this year's

scholarship will be about \$150.

"The nature of an endowment is such that it'll be not this coming spring but the next before we can award a scholarship from the money earned this year," Gresham said. "The criteria for selecting the recipients of the scholarship is at the present resting with a subcommittee of officers and former officers of the Marketing Society. They are deciding what criteria to use and the mechanism for awarding the scholarship."

"The subcommittee will bring the list of criteria to me and we'll submit it to the society members for a vote. I'll leave the decision up to the students because the society is a student organization."

Musical groups looking for instrumentalists

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to help with costumes, food service, set design and construction, public relations and group sales.

Rehearsal times for the Madrigal Dinners will be set by the instrumental director and the musicians chosen in auditions, Fleitas said. Vocalists will practice one-and-a-half hours, twice a week, she said.

Fleitas said that the Madrigal Dinners program is voluntary and no cost is involved.

A general committee meeting for people interested in Madrigal Dinners production is Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. in 230 MSC.

For more information about specific audition appointments contact

Fleitas in 003 MSC.

The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra also will hold auditions for instrumentalists during the first week of October.

The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra will give five concerts beginning Nov. 1 and ending April 25, business manager Lori Proudfoot said. The Nutcracker will be performed Dec. 1, and a special concert of the Brazos Pops is scheduled for March 30, she said.

Proudfoot said rehearsals for the symphony already have begun. "We rehearse every week, usually on Tuesdays," she said.

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