

# Health and PE department improves student training

By JULIA HARDY  
Reporter

The Department of Health and Physical Education at Texas A&M is improving the training of students who earn degrees from that department, said Dr. Robert Hurley, chairman of health education.

"We want to increase the awareness of health education at Texas A&M," Hurley said.

Many students at A&M are unaware of the health education program and what it offers, he said.

Eight years ago, A&M's Department of Health and Physical Education split into two divisions. The department now offers students a bachelor of science degree in either health education or physical education, Hurley said.

Before the split, students received a combined degree in health and physical education, which was not specialized enough, he said.

With a current enrollment of about 300 students, A&M's health education undergraduate program is the largest in the state, Hurley said.

Students entering the health education department can choose one of two degrees: school health or community health.

The school health program is for students who plan to teach health education in public schools. Currently, 42 students are involved in

the school health program.

Dr. Gayle Schmidt, associate professor of health, commented on employment prospects for health education teachers.

"The market for those who teach health education at the junior high level has been cut," she said.

Elementary school teachers with specializations in math, science and other subjects also are teaching health education, thus weeding out the need for health education teachers in the elementary schools, Schmidt said.

The community health program is the other choice offered for students.

Hurley said the program includes 22 hours of electives enabling a student to specialize in an area of interest, such as communication, nutrition, or social work.

Students who complete 60 hours in the community health program are eligible to attend an allied health school. These schools are structured for a specific field; for example, nursing, physical therapy, or medical technology, Hurley said.

Schmidt said students who choose not to attend an allied health school engage in a community health internship. The internship, or "field work," is an eight-week program in which students work in an agency or institution, she said.

Schmidt contacts organizations

and explains A&M's internship program.

"I choose a selection site by getting information from the students on what they think they like," she said. "I try to send them to places similar to their major."

Twenty-five Texas A&M students will begin their community health internship Monday, Schmidt said.

Ten of the 25 students will be working in the Bryan-College Station area; for instance, Dabney Helms will work at the Brazos Family Institute in Bryan, Liz Jackson will work with the March of Dimes, and Rebecca Mullins will work at the American Heart Association in Bryan.

"During their internship, students write a list of their behavioral objectives and what they expect to accomplish in eight weeks," Schmidt said.

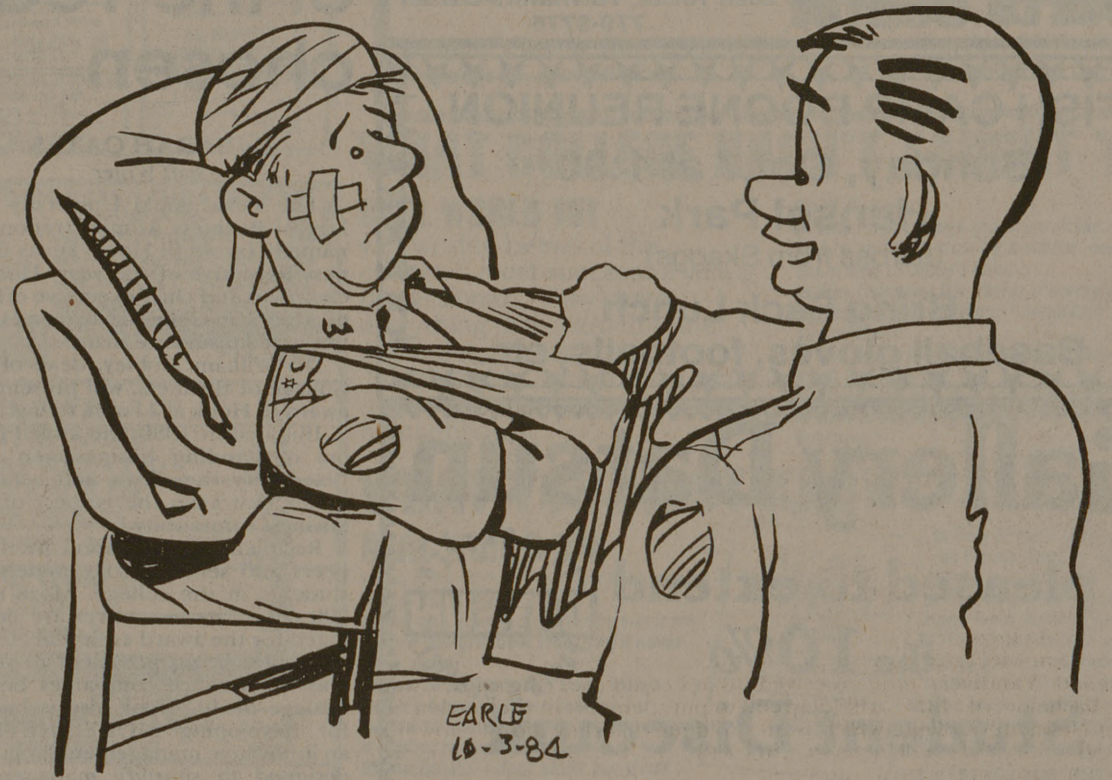
A&M is trying to extend the internship period to 12 weeks so students can accomplish more, Schmidt said.

"We want the internship to be the best learning experience possible, and also give the students an opportunity to make contacts for a job," she said. "It is an excellent requirement ... an extended classroom."

After the eight week internship, students return to A&M and share their experiences with fellow classmates.

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By Jim Earle



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## Corps Commander to answer questions at Sully Symposium

By PATRICIA FLINT  
Staff Writer

Corps Commander Chuck Rollins is speaking at 10:50 a.m. today at Sully's Symposium, held next to the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue.

Robert Beard, the symposium's project coordinator said, "He will talk about the Corps in general and I'm sure the discussion will turn to the events surrounding (Gadet Bruce) Goodrich's death."

Improving communication between the student body and student leaders is the goal of Sully's Symposium. The symposium, held every Wednesday usually be-

tween 11 a.m. and noon, features a short talk by a student body leader, followed by questions from the audience.

The symposium is sponsored by Lambda Sigma, the sophomore honor society.

"The ultimate goal, of course, would be to get everyone at A&M on the campus thinking about how the issues affect them as students and as people," Beard said.

Some students getting involved are beginning to question what their leaders are doing.

Beard said he hopes the success will be of a greater degree with each successive symposium.

## Campaign

Fundraiser attracts Democratic officials, praise for Lewis

By JAMES WALKER  
Staff Writer

Neeley Lewis, Democrat incumbent candidate for state representative, was the center of attention at a campaign fundraiser Tuesday night. Gathered around an indoor pool at the Ramada Inn, his supporters had nothing but compliments to say about their candidate.

It looked as if every state official in Austin showed up to give Lewis a pat on the back. State Land Commissioner Gary Mauro said, "When Neeley Lewis came into that special session he hit the ground running."

State Senator Chet Edwards (Dallas) said Lewis met the qualifications for office. Calling him honest, intelligent and effective, Edwards said, "He has proven his character for the

many years I have been a friend of his."

"I have never in my life seen a freshman member perform with the amount of ability that Neeley has in the past legislative session," said Speaker of the House Gib Lewis.

Lewis said Brazos County has been successfully represented during his term "not simply because of what I did or any individual, but because of the cooperation we had from virtually every segment of this community ... from our school administrators, from our school board, from our teachers and people who have a real interest in what is going on."

Citing a projected \$200 to \$300 million in the Texas budget, Lewis said, "We're in a tough, tough fiscal situation ... the time will come when

we finally have to say what's important and what's not ... I think I'm the one who can represent the people in making those tough decisions."

State Senator Kent Caperton read letters of endorsement from Gov. Mark White, U.S. Senator Lloyd Bensen, state Comptroller Bob Bullock, as well as Congressman Kent Hance, all of whom didn't attend.

Lewis said he supports the University's desire to appeal the Aug. 3 court decision requiring official recognition of the Gay Student Services group as a campus organization. He said there was no reason why the attorney general's office should keep Texas A&M from pursuing the case on its own.

Concerning future tuition hikes, Gib Lewis said, "there is going to be a strong possibility of a tuition in-

crease" in the next legislative session. He said Texas had the 48th lowest tuition rate in the nation and added that student fees cover only five percent of the cost of education.

"There's a strong movement afoot to increase this ... to where tuition can carry more of an equal load to the actual cost of the education," Lewis said.

On Nov. 6 voters will be able to decide whether the Permanent University Fund should be further divided among state universities. Currently, only A&M and the University of Texas use the fund. Gib Lewis said "they have fared very well, but there are many other fine universities in the state that are not entitled to those funds, therefore they have absolutely no building program."

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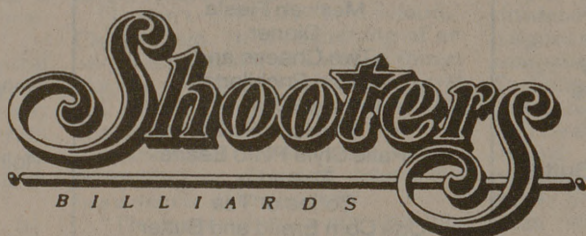
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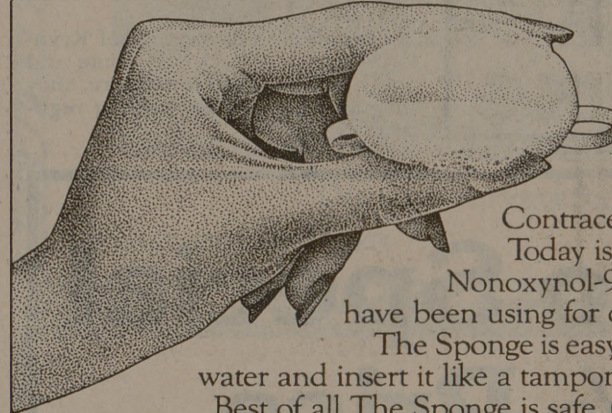
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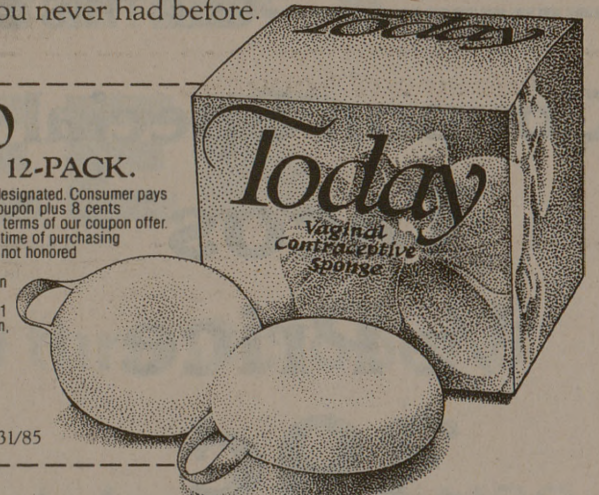
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