First week United Way drive 19 collects 9.1 percent of goal

By CAMILLE BROWN Staff Writer

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The first round of reports of the United Way campaign's progress, which were released this week, showed the response from the com-munity's and Texas A&M's cam-paigns were 'super', Susie Vann, the University drive coordinator, said. university drive coordinator, said.

"This is super compared to last year at this time," Vann said. "We are way ahead of ourselves compared to last year at the total.

I swent to lend to last year. I just hope we can keep the momentum going."

The results received Tuesday morning revealed the community total at \$38,548 with A&M donating \$20,278 of the total.

The contribution from A&M makes up about 52 percent of the ampaign funds received so far. The

\$20,278, contributed by the A&M System sub-division and the University sub-division, represents percent of the University's \$110,000 goal. No results have been reported from the student sub-division of the A&M effort.

University staff and faculty are responsible for most of the A&M contribution. Since the campaign began one week ago, they have given a total of \$16,222 — 29 percent of a \$55,000 goal. The rest of the A&M contribution came from system em-

Éxecutive Director of the Brazos County United Way Bob Fleischer said, "The University's contribution makes up a major chunk of our

The large contribution received in Brazos County.

from the University after only one week of the campaign is remarkable,

Campaign workers were pleased with the \$38,548, which is 9.1 percent of the \$425,000 goal.

Celia Stallings, drive chairman for the county-wide campaign, said, "First of all, I am heartened by this very early report because it reflects only a few business responses. But it also points up the need for our volunteers to step up their efforts."

One unanticipated boost came from a \$3,000 contribution raised at an auction held during the Creekside Grand Opening.

The money raised by the United Way goes to support service agencies

Immigration law — fact, fiction

By SARAH OATES Staff Writer

The facts and fallacies of immiration law sometimes seem indisnguishable from one another. But oreign students who want to maintain their current status or prepare for future careers in the United States should know what is true and

Samuel Tidwell, a Dallas attorney specializing in immigration law, spoke Tuesday night at a seminar tided "Immigration Law: Understanding the Present; Planning the Future." The seminar was presented by the Texas A&M International Students Association. Tidwell discussed some of the misconceptions cople have concerning immigra-

"For example," he said, "An approved visa doesn't guarantee entry o the States. It only means you can

Another common myth is that

guarantee an immigrant permanent residence. Unfortunately, Tidwell said, some people make a career of marrying immigrants for a fee. Usually, the local immigration office is aware of this person's activities and declares the marriage fraudulent. Tidwell said one of every three marriages to immigrants is fraudulent and can be criminally pros-

He said a fraudulent marriage is one of three offenses for which an immigrant can be deported. The others are narcotics convictions and smuggling illegal aliens into the

Tidwell said immigrants often do not realize that filing for an approved permanent resident petition only means that person qualifies for one. It is not a guarantee of being allowed to remain in the country.

Adoption by an American citizen is another popular misconception, Tidwell said. Many immigrants parriage to an American citizen will adopted by American families don't

realize they must be 16-years-old or younger to claim the adoption as a reason for permanent resident sta-

Tidwell said that people often cite the "seven year rule" as a reason why they should not be deported. It is true, he said, that those who have lived in the United States for seven years can file to delay deportation. However, to remain in the country they also must prove that leaving would cause them "extreme hard-

"The first requirement is easy to prove," he said, "but the second is extremely difficult.

He cited as an example a boy who was brought to the United States at the age of three days. Years later, he was allowed to remain in the country because he had no family in his home country and did not speak the



Guatemalan Weaving

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temalan weaving Tuesday as she creates a

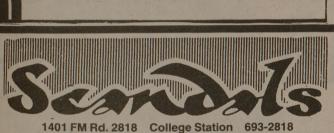
Rafaela Garcia de Apen demonstrates Gua- huipol, a Guatemalan blouse, in the Memorial Student Center Main Lounge.

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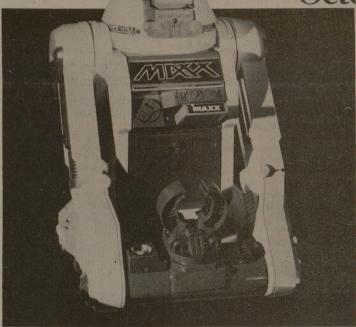
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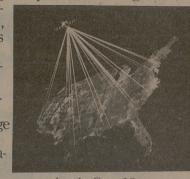
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