Professors say field trips give view of 'real world'

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eld trips give students a chance to ee the real world and get knowl-dge they can't receive in class.

Many professors even schedule equired field trips in their sylla-

Dr. Arnold LeUnes, an associate rofessor of psychology here, reuires his students to go on at least Giardino said field trips also are one of four field trips scheduled during the semester. LeUnes takes his students to the Travis State chool, the Austin State Hospital, he Giddings State School and a picic for the people at the Brehnam ate School.

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LeUnes said he sees a definite nange in students' attitudes toward mentally retarded people after the rips. They also increase student wareness about mental health issues, he said.

"You can talk about it until you're blue in the face," LeUnes said. "But the students don't know until they've seen it. A picture is worth a thouand words

LeUnes said he makes his field trips mandatory because many stulents would not participate if the trips weren't. This is because students are either too busy or they don't want to know about mentally

Reporter "These are not excuses," he said.
"Now that they are part of course requirements, I have almost a 100 per-

However, fields trips now have ecome a prevalent part of a college ducation. Professors agree, that eld trips give students a charge of the control of the c trips each year to Colorado and New Mexico as well as Junction and Gal-

"Field trips are classrooms on wheels," Giardino said. "They give students a first-hand look at and ex-

Giardino said field trips also are important because they help break down barriers between the professor and the students.

"They (the students) see that professors eat and smile and laugh...," he said. "We're not just someone who comes in and lectures for a few hours each week.

The trips also give students the opportunity to get to know each other which increases classroom cooperation and creates a friendlier at-

Six marriages have resulted from people meeting on his field trips,

Besides those scheduled for a

class, clubs also sponsor trips.

Dr. Gary Schugart, dean of the College of Business Administration and the Accounting Society sponsor, takes students to either Dallas or Houston to visit accounting firms. The trip is open to juniors in the or-

"The purpose of the trip is educa-tional," Schugart said. "A large por-tion of juniors (accounting majors) doesn't even know what accountants

Also, it is important for students to see the physical atmosphere and surroundings he will work in, Schu-

gart said.
"The students find out more about what accountants do in a weekend than a professor could lec-

ture about in weeks," he said.

The Marketing Society, sponsored by Dr. Larry Gresham and Dr. Alan Bush, both assistant marketing professors, takes trips to Dallas, Houston and San Antonio to tour companies such as Zales, Neiman Marcus, Joske's and Sanger Harris.

"Students get a good picture of what these firms do," Bush said. "They get a real world perspective of what goes on and see different job opportunities. This is something you

can't get in a classroom."

Besides seeing job differences,
Gresham said field trips are beneficial because they give students the opportunity to see classroom ideas and marketing strategies put to use

in real-world settings.

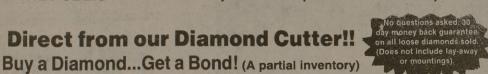
Gresham said field trips are also good public relations for the Univer-

"People have a stereotype of Aggies that is no longer of value," Gresham said. "Neiman-Marcus was shocked when our group was 80 percent to 90 percent female. They were expecting a bunch of men in

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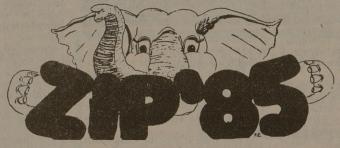
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