

Local bank selects 1985-86 student advisory directors

By TAMMY KIRK
Staff Writer

Unitedbank College Station has selected two Texas A&M students, Brad Dacus and Steven Griner, as full advisory directors to the bank's board.

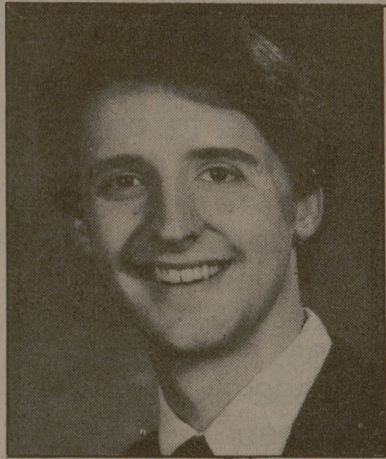
"We are delighted to once again have two very highly qualified upperclassmen associated with Unitedbank," says the bank's president, James E. Scamardo. "These are not honorary appointments," he says. "Their positive input and ideas will receive appropriate consideration."

Dacus, a junior finance major with a 3.70 grade-point ratio, was named to the Dean's List for Achievement and the Distinguished Student List. He also has been selected to participate in the College of Business Administration Fellows Program for 1985-86 and was nominated for "Outstanding Young Men of America." Dacus has a real estate agent's license and is a member of the A&M Finance Association, A&M Christian Fellowship and A&M Young Republicans.

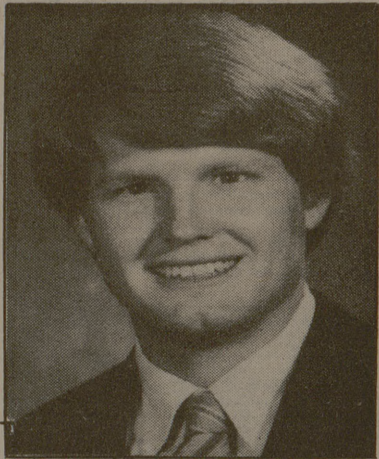
Griner has maintained a 3.40 GPR while majoring in finance and Spanish. In addition to being the finance chairman for Town Hall/Broadway and president of the Spanish Club at A&M, Griner has also been selected to participate in the College of Business Administration Fellows Program for the 1985-86 academic year.

Scamardo says the endowment-educational program offers a unique opportunity for the student to gain practical and meaningful business experience. He says the bank gains valuable insight on current and innovative trends in the academic community.

The advisory directors for 1984-85 were Renell Carter and Steve Schwarzbach, both finance



Brad Dacus



Steve Griner

majors. They say the program is outstanding for getting hands-on experience and learning how the decision-making process works in the "real world."

Schwarzbach says the program is an excellent opportunity to get experience that a student can't get in the classroom because things don't always work as they do in theory.

"One of the benefits is being involved in first-hand decision making at a business level," Carter says.

Both Schwarzbach and Carter also agree that they were free to express themselves, and any suggestions they had were definitely listened to.

The program was instituted in December 1980, and is unique, not only to Bryan-College Station, but to the nation, according to the Texas Bankers Association and the American Bankers Association.

The Student Advisory Director Program is one of the largest scholarships at Texas A&M, Scamardo says. A student advisory director earns \$3,600 per year for

serving on the board.

The student director is given the same responsibilities as other advisory directors, Scamardo says. Attending board meetings, serving on committees, reviewing and evaluating bank policies and procedures and setting short and long term goals for the bank are all included.

In order to be considered for the student positions at the bank, a student must have at least a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 and have completed a total of 75 credit hours with at least 21 hours of economics or business courses. A student must also be able to show leadership abilities in campus activities.

But a big part of the selection process, Scamardo said, is the interview because it shows the maturity of the student's judgement and how well he deals with people.

"There were 11 applicants this year, and believe me, if I could have taken a couple more on the board, I would have," Scamardo said.

English classes have different numbers in fall

By MIKE DAVIS
Staff Writer

English 327 and 328 — American Literature to 1870 and American Literature 1870 to Present, respectively — have new numbers for the fall semester, English 227 and English 228.

Dr. Jeffrey Cox, an assistant professor of English at Texas A&M, said the courses are basic surveys of the major authors and major developments in American Literature from its beginning to the present.

The change in course numbers is an effort to put the course on an equal level with other English survey courses, he said.

"It doesn't really reflect anything about the course," Cox said. "It didn't really belong at the 300 level."

The only change being made, Cox stressed, is in the numbers; the curriculum will be the same.

"It's exactly the same class," Cox said. "Same reading, same classes and designed for the same clientele."

The change in the numbers has caused confusion for many students and faculty members because many people were not aware of the change, he said.

"The word did not get out," Cox said.

Because the predicted preregistration enrollment was less than expected, concern within the department has been expressed that maybe students think the courses have been cancelled, he said.

The courses are listed in the fall catalog as English 227 and 228, Survey of English Literature. Cox said the new numbers will not affect summer school students.

The English department offers two other courses — English 231 and 232, a Survey of English Literature — which are comparable, he said.

Regents hopeful about A&M's budget

By ANN CERVENKA
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Despite proposed legislative cuts that will decrease the amount of money going to the University, Board of Regents Chairman David G. Eller said he is optimistic about the future of the Texas A&M System.

"The first few weeks of the legislative session looked pretty grim for higher education in Texas," Eller told the regents Saturday.

However, in recognition of the problem, the board has been curtailing expenses, and efforts have proven effective, he said.

"We are in a stronger position today than we were a few months ago," he said.

Eller said the board will do its part to help the system progress.

"We will not forgo our quest for excellence," he said.

Because of a good administrative team, Eller said, the system is advancing. Examples of progress include the approval of a space tech-

nology institution, the integration of the engineering program and the success of the agricultural experiment station, he said.

Eller noted the importance of having a good faculty and staff in the system.

"There can be no question that our greatest asset is people," he said.

Because of the fierce competition in the country for qualified faculty members, the board recognizes the need for enhanced salaries, he said. The board plans to hire top people, support achievers, encourage new initiatives by faculty and students and be aware of the total system's needs.

In a progress report on long range planning, Arthur B. Hansen, chancellor of the A&M system, said the specific mission, objectives and strategies first must be defined.

"Broad statements of intent can be achieved only to the degree that their meaning is precisely understood," he said.

As part of a five-year plan for the

four campuses in the Texas A&M system; Texas A&M, Tarleton State University, Prairie View A&M University and Texas A&M University at Galveston, Hansen outlined a system mission.

The mission is to promote excellence, provide top administrative talent, foster a creative and productive environment, provide a catalyst for change and provide fiscal leadership.

Areas of emphasis for further research at Texas A&M include veterinary medicine, math and science education, micro-electronics and computer engineering, building design, construction management and masters program development in business, Hansen said.

The regents plan to study the plans and present a progress report by the end of the summer, he said.

In other matters, the regents decided to change their meeting dates.

Because the legislature closes on May 27, the regents' meeting scheduled for the same day was moved to

June 18 so the actions of the legislature can be fully discussed.

The meeting scheduled for July 23 was postponed to Aug. 20 to allow for more time to write the system's budget.

Regent William A. McKenzie brought up three points to be discussed at the next meeting.

First, he moved to show appreciation to Lt. Gen. Ormond R. Simpson, who will be retiring in August. Simpson is a retired three-star general with the Marine Corps and assistant vice president of student services at A&M.

Second, he moved that the drill field to the north of the Memorial Student Center be preserved and never built upon.

Finally, McKenzie moved that before any permanent construction is made on campus, the chairman of the planning and building committee be informed of the plans 21 days in advance. Therefore regents would also be informed and would be able to have some input.

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