

STUDENT GOVERNMENT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Progress Report

To: The Students of A&M
From: Student Government Communications
Re: The activities of Student Government during the Fall Semester
The Progress Report will include:

- 1. A summary of the current status of the committees in Student Government
- 2. Some projected plans for each committee for the rest of the '85-'86 school year
- 3. To be used by the students of Texas A&M as information source on the progress of Student Government

Executive Branch

A. Big Event-A one day event for students at Texas A&M to donate their time and skill through service to the Bryan/College Station Community

- 1. Current Status
 - a. Now contacting student organizations, dorms, fraternities and sororities to get commitments to work
 - b. Working with the mayors and city managers of Bryan/College Station and religious organizations to gather lists of jobs needing the help of students
- 2. Projected Status
 - a. To gain Texas and national media coverage to help promote the Big Event at other Universities throughout Texas and other states

B. Blood Drive-Student Government in conjunction with Alpha Phi Omega and Omega Phi Alpha, coordinates the blood drives on campus

- 1. Current Status
 - a. Completed the Traditional Aggie Blood Drive this past week with Wadley Blood Center
 - b. Completed the first Red Cross blood drive in September
- 2. Projected Status
 - a. To have the students at Texas A&M informed about the benefits you receive by the Wadley Blood Center for donating blood to them-life long blood coverage for you and immediate family, just for being an Aggie.
 - b. To have another successful Red Cross blood drive in April
 - c. To have another successful Wadley blood drive in February.

C. COSGA-Texas A&M's national Conference on Student Government Associations

- 1. Current Status
 - a. Now contacting over 300 schools nationwide to invite them to send their student delegates
 - b. Working on speaker selection for conference
- 2. Projected Status
 - a. To host COSGA on February 22-25

D. Election Commission-Coordinates the Fall Freshmen elections and Spring All-U elections for Student Government, class council, and yell leaders

- 1. Current Status
 - a. Completed Freshmen elections
 - b. Preparing for Spring elections by analyzing past elections and procedures to find areas needing improvement or revision.
- 2. Projected Status
 - a. Successful Spring election with record student turnout for voting

E. Freshmen Programs-Leadership development program for Freshmen

- 1. Current Status
 - a. Introduced the Freshman to Student Government
 - b. Organized Freshmen into committees to help them develop leadership
- 2. Projected Status
 - a. To better acquaint freshmen with the many activities in Student Government
 - b. To encourage the freshmen to take on more challenging positions

F. Legislative Study Group (LSG)-To be a professional lobby for the students of Texas A&M in our state's congress on issues affecting the students

- 1. Current Status
 - a. Completed a study, Tuition Increase-An Interim Analysis, measuring the effect of the recent tuition increase on students, used by the Dallas Times Herald and Houston Post
- 2. Projected Status

G. Muster-Coordinates Muster on campus and helps Aggies coordinate Muster throughout the world

- 1. Current Status
 - a. Collecting speaker nominations from the entire student body and former students
 - b. Working with John Adams to help spread the spirit of Muster through his book, "The Voices of a Proud Tradition"
- 2. Projected Status
 - a. To create more Muster Awareness among the student body this year in addition to stressing the true meaning of Muster and its history

H. Parents Weekend-Coordinate activities on Parents Weekend, April 11-13, such as the All-U Awards ceremony, RHA Casino Night, MSC Variety shows, Corps Review . . .

- 1. Current Status
 - a. Informing students about Parents' Weekend and the need to make hotel reservations now.
- 2. Projected Status
 - a. A fantastic Parents' Weekend with a lot of activities for our parents to attend. To see all aspects of A&M

I. Traditions Council-Working to keep traditions alive at A&M

- 1. Current Status
 - a. Finished Switchoff for the Kickoff for the Arkansas game
 - b. Completed the most successful Howdy Week in history
- 2. Projected Status
 - a. A spring Howdy Week
 - b. A Howdy commercial to help push this A&M tradition

II. Legislative Branch.

A. External Affairs-Issues arising off-campus

- 1. Current Status
 - a. Setting up the Off-Campus Issues and Grievances panel
- 2. Projected Status
 - a. Creating a Highschool recruitment program

B. Finance-Financial allocation of the Student Service Fees

- 1. Current Status
 - a. Started the allocation of Student Service Fees in the beginning of November

C. Rules and Regulations-Reviewing the rules and regulations of Texas A&M

- 1. Current Status
 - a. Reviewing the current Senate appointment
 - b. Working on the Student body Open Forum Revision-allow students direct input, via voicing of opinion into the Senate
 - c. Working on the student Legislation System Bill-allow a student to draw up and introduce a bill themselves
 - d. Working on Dead Week Revision Bill

Student Service-relating to on campus issues

- 1. Current Status
 - a. Passed the "Book Exchange Re-organization Bill"-to computerize the Student Government book exchange
 - b. Passed the "A Bill to Create Row Designation Signs in Major Parking Lots on Campus Bill"
 - c. Working on "Bicycle Regulation Bill"

E. Student Service

- 1. Current Status
 - a. Working on the "Ashbury Street Lighting Bill"

Liberal arts grads 'advance farther' in corporate world

By JUNE PANG
Staff Writer

Liberal arts graduates: If you know what you can offer the company you want to work for and are not afraid to learn, you have a great future in front of you.

That's the message the associate dean of liberal arts, Dr. Candida Lutes, wants to send out.

Lutes said many liberal arts graduates are frustrated when they start looking for a job. "It takes longer for liberal arts students to find jobs and it's likely they have a lower (starting) salary than students of technology," Lutes said.

However, Lutes said, in the corporate structure, liberal arts students fare better than the average technical graduates over the course of their careers.

Lutes said liberal arts careers pay well and are highly satisfying. She said the chairman of the board of directors of Xerox, IBM and AT&T are all liberal arts graduates.

"That's typical if you look at the major corporations," Lutes said.

The reason for this phenomenon is that liberal arts students have more flexibility and better communication skills than technical students, Lutes said.

"Technical people stay in the same kind of work while liberal arts graduates change jobs," Lutes said. "They learn at various jobs what technical things they need. They are seen by corporations as flexible people."

A report by Dan Fallon, dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Texas A&M, written in 1981 while he was dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Colorado at Denver, reveals a recurring pattern for liberal arts graduates: a difficult initial search for a first job, followed by several more or less unrelated job shifts, and then an unexpected opportunity that leads

to a successful career. A report by Chase Manhattan Bank says 60 percent of its most successful managers have liberal arts degrees.

A survey by AT&T revealed that 43 percent of its employees with humanities and social science degrees had reached top-level management positions. Thirty-two percent of the employees with business degrees and 23 percent with engineering degrees had reached a similar level of corporate success.

Judy Vulliet, associate director of A&M's placement center, explained that although liberal arts students don't have specific skills required by companies, they generally have good communication skills. They are more creative and flexible, she said.

According to Vulliet, the main types of jobs for liberal arts include: sales, marketing, public relations, community relations, technical writing, administration and specialist training. Most of the jobs are related to business, she said. Liberal arts graduates are also needed for government positions, but the need is not as strong as before, Vulliet said.

Referring to employment recruitment, Lutes said more companies come to campus to recruit technical students than liberal arts students, because companies have specific needs for students with technical training. Liberal arts graduates have to take the initiative and find what skills they can offer companies, she said.

There are 76 career-related liberal arts skills which can be categorized into nine groups, she said.

These nine groups are: information management skills, design and planning skills, human relations and interpersonal skills, management and administration skills, valuing skills, personal/career development and learning skills, research and investigation skills, communication skills and critical thinking skills.

Program to prove Aggies are Democrats, too

By KELLI THOMERSON
Reporter

"The purpose of Aggie Heritage is to say that Texas A&M comes from a long line of Aggie Democrats, and they aren't liberal," John Hatch, president of Young Democrats, says. "That's my goal for this year."

Aggie Heritage, which is sponsored by Young Democrats, consists of newspaper advertisements and fliers that familiarize students with well-known Aggies who are also Democrats.

"What we're going to do, on a two-week basis, is highlight a different Aggie that everyone knows by name, or should know by name, and explain what that Aggie has done and why he was great for A&M, and then of course somewhere it will say he was a Democrat," Hatch says.

This semester Aggie Heritage is highlighting Aggies who are prominent in A&M history, such as Lawrence Sullivan Ross and James Earl Rudder, Hatch says.

Hatch says he hopes the program will cause people to say, "Oh I didn't know that about Sully," or tell them that James Earl Rudder led an attack force of rangers in the D-day invasion.

He says he also hopes it will make those who read the fliers start wondering who will be the next prominent Aggie profiled.

"In the spring we are going to run more current people like Chet Edwards and Henry Cisneros, and then

try to get them to come on campus at one time so students can meet them. "We want all the students to meet them, not just Democrats."

"The idea is that sometime in the spring we will run one final article and have everyone's picture in it that we have profiled, and then reveal that all of them are or were Democrats."

Aggie Heritage also helps the Young Democrats' goal of keeping students from being close-minded, he says.

"We want to show students there is a full spectrum to the Democratic Party and not to follow anyone blindly," Hatch says.

"Agies are known for their knowledge. We are pretty sharp in every field, and I just want to see us carry that knowledge over into the field of politics."

"I want students to be able to look at two issues and say one's right, one's wrong, or maybe there can be a compromise. But at least they're thinking about it and not listening to someone else tell them how to vote."

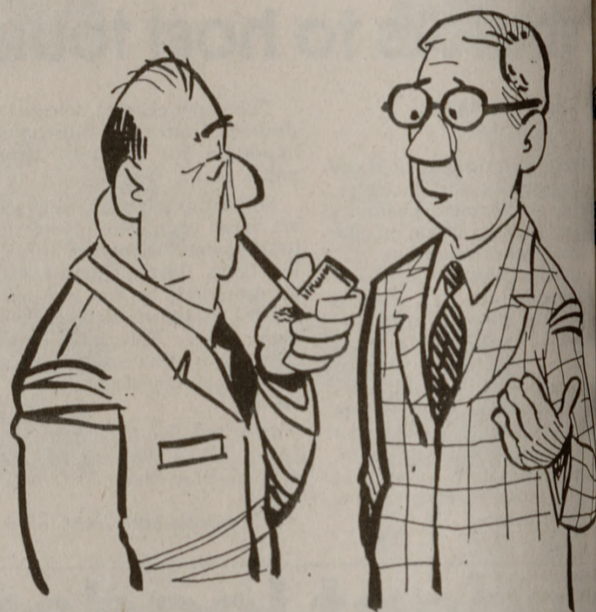
Making students aware of the Democratic Party is another purpose of Aggie Heritage, he says.

"The students have stereotyped Democrats after Walter Mondale or Tip O'Neill, and yet the irony of it is that at the same time they model themselves after Democrats and don't actually know it," he says.

"It bothers me that there have been some great people who have done a lot for A&M, and students have turned their backs on them be-

Slouch

By Jim Earle



Group to hold amateur film video exposition Thursday

By SANDRA SUTPHEN
Reporter

Students and faculty can see original works done by their peers at an amateur film and video exposition sponsored by the TAMU Art and Film Society at 7 p.m. Thursday in 155 Blocker.

Seven videos, which average about 5 minutes, are scheduled, said Grover Wu, president of the club. Wu said six of the videos were made by students and one by a professor.

The differences between a film and a video are the increased amount of time and techniques used in producing a film, Wu said.

This exposition is the first by the club, formed this semester. Wu said, but members expect to have a festival every semester. In the future, the club also wants to hold a contest, he said.

There are no requirements for the films entered, Wu said. "We are trying to encourage people to make their own videos," he said.

The videos are made by amateurs so they are not expected to be perfect, he said, but they are very interesting.

One of the videos which will be shown is basically made up of Wu said.

case they may have had a 'R' or 'D' by their name, and I think that's wrong. "If you noticed the ad about Lawrence Sullivan Ross, it never said

anything about him being pro-Democrat or anti-Republican. All it was what he was — a Confederate general, president of the college, a Democratic governor."

Student Senate to vote on revised dead week bill

By FRANK SMITH
Staff Writer

The Student Senate tonight will vote on a bill intended to discourage faculty members from violating a University regulation concerning giving tests during dead week, the week preceding final examinations.

The regulation in question says during the fall and spring semesters no examinations shall be given during dead week. However, exceptions to this rule apply for courses carrying one credit hour of theory or practice, laboratory credit hours, optional tests for special credit and make-up tests.

The bill, introduced at the Oct. 23 Senate meeting, has been revised to include a recommendation that the last regular class period of a course taken during one

of the long semesters be used by instructors as a review for the final exam.

The Senate also will consider a revised version of the bicycle bill introduced at the Oct. 23 meeting.

The new version of the bill encourages the riding of bicycles of the sidewalk area from Military Walk to Spence Street. The original bill encompassed a much larger region including the sidewalk areas through much of the central part of campus.

Another bill up for vote calls for additional lighting for Ashbury Street. It recommends the placement of lights on both the north corner of Milner Hall and the east corner of Sbis Dining Hall.

Also, the Senate will hear the first reading of a bill calling for a ticket exchange bulletin board at the Memorial Student Center.

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