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A&M prof trying to aid in cancer research

By WENDY JACKSON
Reporter

Dr. Timothy M. Lohman and four of his graduate students are studying three specific proteins and their involvement in the separation of DNA, which may lead to progress in the fight against cancer.

Lohman received a \$205,000 Faculty Research Award from the American Cancer Society to begin research.

Lohman, 34, associate professor of biochemistry and biophysics, said the money will enable him to continue his research, which focuses on how proteins act on DNA. This process is necessary for the replication of genetic material in normal and cancerous cells.

Lohman said his work is not directly related to cancer research but later could be beneficial to someone researching cancer specifically.

"The more we understand about how normal replication occurs," Lohman said, "someone else might be able to use in trying to understand what goes wrong with a cancer cell."

Lohman's research is considered basic research, but because the process he is working on is tied to the replication process in cancer cells, it could be a prelude

to more specific cancer research for someone else, he said.

Lohman said he receives a great deal of support for his research from the University. The more publicity he receives for his findings, the more publicity and scientific acclaim the University will receive, he said.

Lohman said that the \$205,000 is not a grant in the sense that it goes for the purchase of equipment, but rather an award given to the University to help pay his salary over a period of five years.

Lohman received the award after the American Cancer Society reviewed the proposal for research he sent to them.

In his proposal, Lohman gave his ideas on the research and explained how he would continue his work and carry out those ideas.

Lohman and his students have been studying this particular aspect of DNA separation since he joined the Texas A&M faculty in 1981.

"The mechanisms by which proteins bind to and manipulate DNA is of central importance to a variety of cellular processes, including DNA replication, recombination, repair, transcription and translation," Lohman wrote in his proposal.

Students' opinions of core proposal will be solicited

By FRANK SMITH
Staff Writer

Sean Royall, Texas A&M student body president, told the Student Senate Wednesday that he has organized a committee to seek students' opinions on the Faculty Senate's core curriculum proposal.

The committee of six students plans to submit recommendations on the proposal to the Faculty Senate before the issue comes to a vote.

Royall said his committee will present its recommendations first to the Student Senate for its approval before going to the Faculty Senate.

"I think it's a responsibility that we (Student Government) should take upon ourselves to learn more about this document and to go to our constituents and bring their opinions back," Royall said.

Dr. Sam Black, chairman of the Faculty Senate's core curriculum subcommittee, is one of four subcommittee members who explained the rationale behind the subcommittee's recommendations to the student senators at Wednesday's meeting.

Student Sen. Mike Sims asked Black if a negative reaction from students would have any effect on the passage of the proposal.

"Certainly this is the time for your input," Black said. "I think there's plenty of time for your voices to be heard, and we would like to hear them."

Drs. Manuel Davenport, Paul Parrish and William Rundell, the three other subcommittee members who spoke at the meeting, helped field questions from the senators.

Davenport said a requirement for each student to take six hours in cultural heritage courses and six hours of social sciences is intended to help students liberate and develop their individual capacities.

And Rundell said the required eight hours of science are restricted to biology, chemistry, geology and physics. He emphasized, however, that restriction is not meant to discredit other sciences.

Parrish told the senators other proposed requirements include Engl 104, Composition and Rhetoric, as well as a choice between another English or speech communications course.

Black said Faculty Senate Speaker Dr. Jaan Laane would like to call for a final vote on the issue in April, which could require several special meetings.

Michigan man charged in teenager's death

Associated Press

CARROLLTON — A Michigan man has been charged with killing a teenager during a robbery captured on video tape by a hidden security camera and aired on television news-stands across the country.

The tape of the shooting showed a 17-year-old Matthew McKay, who was playing a video game at the convenience store, falling to the ground after being shot at point-blank range during the robbery on Nov. 21.

McKay died Dec. 9 at a Dallas hospital.

Dallas County sheriff's spokesman Jim Ewell said Marvin Maurice Wells, 21, of Flint, Mich., was charged with capital murder in the shooting and was being held without bond Wednesday in Lew Sterrett Justice Center in Dallas.

Betsy McKay, the youth's mother, said she was relieved there had been an arrest.

Carrollton police Lt. Pete Cole

said police had more than 300 suspects soon after the killing because of the broadcasts of the tape.

McKay, who lived in Oklahoma City, was returning from a trip to Houston and stopped at the convenience store for gasoline. The tape shows him playing a video game in a corner of the store when one of three gunmen yells for everyone to hit the floor.

The youth fails to respond, and he is shot in the back. His body

crumbles to the floor, and the gunman kicks him.

"It was just cold-blooded," Cole said. "There was no provocation. After he (gunman) yelled, 'Get down, don't look at my face,' and he (McKay) refused to get down, he was shot."

Wells was arrested Jan. 17 in Flint after a Dallas County grand jury indicted him in connection with the Dec. 1 holdup of a service station in nearby Mesquite.

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Retailing Center Sees Growth and Expansion

by Scott Southerland

Texas A&M's Center for Retailing Studies continues to grow and expand. In the three years since it was founded, the Center has continued to take on more sponsors and develop more programs for students interested in a retailing career.

This year the privately funded organization added five new corporate sponsors to the 18 that donate a minimum of \$2,500 a year to the program.

Among the sponsors are retailers like Dillard's, Foley's, Sanger Harris, Wal-Mart, Safeway, Eckerd Drugs and Neiman-Marcus.

These funds support programs that bring the student and faculty in contact with retailing executives.

The Executive-in-Residence program is described as the Center's most visible and valuable. Through the program a leading retail executive serves as an advisor to both faculty and students.

The executives meet with senior level retailing classes and participate in campus activities. The executives also provide valuable input to faculty on the state of retailing in the marketplace, said Judy Buchholz, the center's administrative staff assistant.

The center also sponsors an "Invited Lecture Series" that brings prominent retailers to campus. The program is designed to keep faculty and students up-to-date on the happenings in the business world.

Many of these executives send recruiters to the center's Retailing Career Fair and Symposium. At the symposium, key speakers from the retailing industry address special topics of interest to retailing students and faculty.

The February 1986 symposium which begins at 9 a.m. in Blocker room 102, will include

speakers such as David Stanley, President and Chief Executive Officer of Payless Cashways,

Kansas City, and George K. Kapplinger, Manager, JC Penny Store Personnel Coordination, New York.

The discussion topics include "Retailing Careers of the Future", "Overworked/Underpaid- Myth or Reality?", and "First Impressions Count-What the Interviewer Sees".

In the Career Fair that follows, some 20 companies will sponsor booths and exhibits and spend time speaking with students about career goals and educational plans.

Staff personnel spread the word about the center during the year at various conventions and lectures. Dr. Lynn Berry, center director, said retailers are excited about the center's prospects.

The center also sponsors competitions.

This year more than 125 students in 30 teams competed in the competition for cash prizes.

In the competition, students in a marketing class first analyzed a local business and presented written and oral presentations of their report to the class.

Six teams were chosen to make presentations to a team of judges chosen from the center's advisory board and faculty. The first place team received a \$500 prize.

The center has helped companies to establish grants, fellowships and scholarships to help A&M students further their education in the field of retailing.

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