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# Director: A&M gets only most qualified minority students

By Wendy Jackson Reporter

Recruiting only the most qualified minority students is the key to Texas A&M's success in keeping them here, said Loyd Taylor, A&M's director of school relations.

Taylor, whose responsibilities include recruiting black and Hispanic students, says it's important to offer scholarships to students who are serious about their education. He said if they aren't able to do the work, they won't be doing themselves or the University any good.

To receive a scholarship, he said, minority students must score at least a 900 on their SAT tests and maintain a 2.0 grade-point ratio. Students in the top quarter of their high school class must score an 800 on the SAT to enter the University.

"They must be high achieving students with a high class rank," he said. "We also look at their leadership qualities."

By taking only qualified students, A&M has achieved the highest overall minority retention rate among universities in Texas.

The Texas College and University System Coordinating Board said in a report that A&M had an 81.5 percent retention of black students and an 83 percent retention of Hispanic students. These figures were taken between the fall of 1983 to the fall of 1984.

The retention rate of white students was only a little higher at 86.5 percent — also the highest in Texas.

The University of Texas placed second with 76.7 percent of black students and 79.4 percent of Hispanic students returning in 1984.

Although A&M's percentages are higher, A&M has fewer minority students to lose.

UT enrolled over 1,100 black students in 1983 and had 870 return in 1984, whereas A&M enrolled 406 and had 331 return.

With total student enrollment numbers so close between the two schools, why did A&M have fewer than half the number of black students enroll that UT did?

Cilya Frank, a black student here, offered some reasons.

"It's hard to stay here because you feel like you're not wanted," she said.

There is no social life for black students, she said, unless they like country and western or rock and roll — those are the only kinds of clubs around.

Frank said there aren't many incentives for black students or other minorities to come to A&M. There aren't many minority professors or faculty members for them to talk to and more importantly, she added, there aren't many other minority students to get to know.

"It really gets lonely sometimes," she said. "This is a big place, and the other black students are dispersed throughout the campus."

Frank said there are only a few organizations for minorities to belong to. Even dating is hard, she said, because there are only a limited number of other minority students to go out with.

A minority student has to have the drive and ambition to make it through, she said.

Frank said she stays at A&M because to graduate as an Aggie has its rewards.

"In the real world, a lot of high-powered businesses are run by Aggies so they're going to look at you more favorably if you're an Aggie."

Frank said she agrees with Taylor on the recruiting program. A&M would only be hurting themselves by going for quantity instead of quality, she said. A&M is a difficult school and a student has to be capable of doing the work to stay here, she added.

Dr. Grace Chisolm, an assistant to A&M President Frank Vandiver, said the President's Advisory Council on Minority Conditions is assessing the climate and conditions for minority students at A&M. When it finishes its study, the council will make recommendations on improving the atmosphere.

## 'Fatal Vision' prisoner gets transfer to Arizona prison

BASTROP — Dr. Jeffrey MacDonald, who is serving three life sentences for the murder of his wife and two young daughters on a North Carolina Army base, has been transferred from federal prison here to a federal facility near Phoenix, Ariz.

MacDonald, who had been in prison here for three years, was moved in December. The crime for

which he was convicted was the basis for the book and television serial, "Fatal Vision."

Larry Taylor, warden of the Bastrop prison, said the transfer was made at MacDonald's request.

The warden said it is prison policy to confine prisoners as close as possible to wherever they consider home. MacDonald's mother is in a nursing home in Long Beach, Calif.

## RHA favors using dorms for summer storage

By Sonia Lopez Reporter

The Texas A&M Residence Hall Association has passed a resolution that advocates allowing residence halls to use dormitory facilities for summer storage.

Final approval of the resolution is pending with the Department of Student Affairs, said David McDowell, chairman of RHA's facilities and operations committee.

Student Affairs Director Ron Sasse said he doesn't know when a decision will be made on the issue, but the department will try to look at the resolution by the end of the semester.

Sasse said if the student affairs department does approve the resolution,

it probably would not go into effect this summer.

"The idea is a valid one," Sasse said, "however, there will be difficulties in dealing with space and organization."

McDowell said the resolution was formulated by the facilities and operations committee as part of a residence hall improvement program.

The resolution is written vaguely, he said, so that each dorm will be able to write its own proposal deal-

# What's up

- Tuesday
- ENGLISH DEPARTMENT:** will sponsor a mini writing course "Examining Tone: Open Your Persona and Say Ahhh" at 6:30 p.m. in 120 Blocker. The instructor will be Howard Cox. For more information call 845-3452 or stop by 227 Blocker.
  - GALVESTON COUNTY HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder to discuss an April 18 trip to New Braunfels and hold officer elections. For more information call Danny, 764-7106.
  - NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN/TAMU ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL WOMEN:** Charlotte Sutton will speak on "Changing Perceptions of Women Executives in the Last 20 Years" at 7 p.m. in 206 MSC.
  - SOCIETY OF MANUFACTURING ENGINEERS:** Dr. Neil Jefferies, of the Center for Manufacturing Technology and Ron Ellis will speak on "What is Happening in CAD/CAM" at 7 p.m. in 305 Fermier.
  - AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METALS:** Dr. W. Bradly will speak on "Case Histories in Failure Analysis" at 7 p.m. in 127B Zachry.
  - RHA FRESHMAN LEADERSHIP:** Dr. Koldus will speak at 7:15 p.m. in 308 Rudder.
  - MSC VARIETY SHOW:** will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. Tickets are available now at Rudder Box Office.
  - ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL:** is offering exercise classes for pregnant women. Classes will be offered from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday, and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Preregistration is required. For further information and to register, contact Dixie Lyon, RN at 776-3777, extension 413.
  - ADVERTISING ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 5:30 p.m. in 163 Blocker.
  - TAMU HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.
  - COLLEGIATE FFA:** will elect officers at 7:30 p.m. in 206 Scoates.
  - MEXICAN AMERICAN ENGINEERING SOCIETY:** will elect officers and discuss San Antonio trip at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder.
  - MSC GREAT ISSUES:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 350A MSC.
  - AGGIE DEMOCRATS:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 305 Rudder.
  - BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 201 Veterinary Medical Sciences.
  - SPANISH CLUB:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.
- Wednesday
- ENGLISH DEPARTMENT:** will sponsor a mini writing course "Enhancing Style: Using Sentence Combining" at 6:30 p.m. in 120 Blocker. The instructor will be Joe Graham. For more information call 845-3452 or stop by 227 Blocker.
  - SHAKESPEARE LECTURE SERIES:** will hold a discussion on "In Service of New Ideologies: Shakespeare in Twentieth Century German Adaptations" at 8 p.m. in 114 Blocker. Admission is free.
  - PHILOSOPHY CLUB:** will discuss "Are We Morally Obligated to Obey the Law?" at 8:30 p.m. in 501 Rudder.
  - HISTORY DEPARTMENT:** will show the film "Go Tell the Spartans" at 7 p.m. in 105 Harrington.
  - MODERN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT:** will show the film "Las Palabras de Max" at 7:30 p.m. in the Langford Architecture Center Auditorium. Admission is free.
  - FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES:** will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Brazos Center for the FCA Brazos Valley Spring Banquet. Tickets are \$5 each. For more information call Jenda, 260-0846.
  - MSC AGGIE CINEMA:** will show "M\*A\*S\*H" at 8:45 p.m. in The Grove.
  - EUROPE CLUB:** will meet at 9:30 p.m. at the Pizza Pub.
  - MSC COMMITTEE FOR AWARENESS OF MEXICAN-AMERICAN CULTURE:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

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