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Graduate Spanish program planned

Greek to be taught at A&M in fall

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Greek will be added to the curriculum in the Department of Modern Languages this fall and three professors in French, two in Russian and one in classics will be added to the present number of 35 by then, says department head Dr. Luis Costa.

The department is also planning a graduate program in Spanish and the addition of Italian, Portuguese, Chinese and Japanese, he added.

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concentrating on a foreign language, Costa says. Other curriculums also require foreign language credits.

He says class sizes must be relatively small in language courses because they require each student to participate daily. He considers the ideal class size to be 20 students, but classes average 24 students this semester. Costa teaches a composition course with 33 students.

Advertisements in National Language Association publications are being used to attract new faculty to A&M. About 100 people have applied for the positions so far. The applicants are screened by a search committee, and the best are granted interviews.

The modern languages department sponsors study programs in Germany, France and Spain. Students who participate in study abroad earn six credit hours.

"It's likely that we'll try to get a program to Russia by next summer," Costa says.

The department is trying to arrange a semester study program whereby students will travel with a professor to another country and study for a full semester.

The success of the semester programs abroad will depend on the growth of the department, Costa says.

"If we take too many students, we will deplete our classes here," Costa says.

To encourage growth, the University recruits high school students regularly, and the department has expanded its recruiting to include graduate and minority students, Costa says.

Cisneros sends telegram to actor Eastwood

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros has sent a telegram to actor Clint Eastwood welcoming him to "the good, bad and ugly world" of municipal government.

Eastwood was elected mayor of Carmel, Calif., earlier this week, and Cisneros said he sent the telegram in his capacity as president of the National League of Cities.

In the two-paragraph telegram, Cisneros made several references to movies in which Eastwood has starred.

"Welcome to the good, bad and ugly world of local government," Cisneros wrote in the telegram Wednesday. "You will find all our communities share issues, like growth that can be turned every which way but loose."

Vandiver recommends making Corps' leader A&M employee

By Mona Palmer
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Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver has recommended that the next Corps commandant be employed by the University rather than assigned by the military.

This change will simplify the chain of command for the cadets and give A&M an employee responsible for Corps activities, Vandiver told the A&M Board of Regents at its last meeting.

Vandiver initiated a study of the Corps' administration and its relationship with the University after Gen. Ormond Simpson retired as head of the School of Military Science Sept. 1. The president's select committee recommended the change in the Corps administration.

Currently, the professor of military science, who is assigned by the military, also serves as commandant. Col. Donald Burton, the current

Corps commandant, said the split will make both positions more effective.

"I do spend a great deal of time on University business that might otherwise be devoted to ROTC training — which is why I'm stationed here," he said.

The split also looks good from the army's standpoint, Burton said, because the military science professor can concentrate on the ROTC training while the commandant concentrates his full effort on the Corps as a unit.

Although the professor will concentrate on the ROTC, the role of the military advisers won't change, Burton said.

He said the changes will add flexibility and continuity within the University system and its relations to the Corps because the commandant won't be rotated every three years.

"If the commandant is rotated ev-

ery three years, the faculty doesn't have the opportunity to really work out the interrelations... that are essential to smooth operations," Burton said.

But, he said, the commandant shouldn't be employed for an unlimited time period because new people and fresh ideas are important for the Corps.

Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, said although the University would like to employ the new commandant by Sept. 1, he isn't sure when the search will begin.


He also said this search is unique because it will go through the academic channels that would be used to search for a provost or chancellor.

The committee will look for a brigadier general (one star) or above and the branch of service won't matter, Koldus said.

"And, of course, we'd like to have an Aggie," he said.

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