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Students can give 'gift of life' at drive today

By KATHRYN GREENWADE
Reporter

Once again, students and faculty at Texas A&M are being asked to give the 'gift of life' and donate blood at several locations on campus this week. Representatives from the Wadley Blood Center in Dallas will be on campus through Thursday and will take donations at Rudder Fountain and the A Lounge in the Corps area from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. "We've had a blood drive at A&M since 1959, so it's definitely a tradition," said Carol Hill, a recruiter with Wadley. Stephen Forrest, a chairman for the fall blood drive, said the biggest fear people have of giving blood is pain. They also use the fear of contracting AIDS as an excuse not to donate, he said. "You cannot get AIDS from giving blood," he said. "They use a sterile needle each time blood is taken then throw that needle away." Hill said the campus blood

drive makes it possible for all students, faculty, former students and their families to receive blood free of charge and the blood collected this summer will be available to Aggies for one year. The program works much like a checking account, Hill said. When blood is collected it is credited to an account and that number of units is subtracted from the amount available, she explained. Hill said the Wadley center services about 57 hospitals in eight counties in the Dallas area and these hospitals have record of the Aggie account. If an Aggie or his family needs blood replacements at a hospital not serviced by Wadley, he can contact the Student Government office and they will make the arrangements with Wadley, she added. Hill said Wadley is sponsoring a summer sweepstakes. Whenever a person donates a unit of blood they become eligible for various prizes. He said they hope this will give people even more incentive to give blood.

3 interviewed for top chemistry spot

By Nancy Conces
Reporter

Three Texas A&M chemistry professors were interviewed this week by a search committee seeking a replacement for the head of A&M's chemistry department, Dr. Donald T. Sawyer, who resigned in June. Sawyer, 55, whose resignation becomes effective Aug. 31, said he was disenchanted with his role as an administrator at A&M because of department cutbacks and administrative duties. "I was finding that most of my day was consumed with necessary - you

might even say essential - administrative work," Sawyer said. The budget cuts also slowed the rate at which his department could embark on senior level recruiting, an effort which, Sawyer said, involves crucial timing. The budget cuts would slow the pace at which he could implement his recruiting program for several years, he said. Sawyer said he now plans to concentrate on research and teaching at A&M because he has more to contribute as regular full-time faculty member. "I felt I had about 10 years left in

my career as a scholar and a chemistry professor as well as an administrator," Sawyer said. "I would rather spend that time doing research and teaching, which I found I was not able to do nearly as much of as I had anticipated. "I think my research is significant and if I'm going to get all of the research done that I want to before I retire, I'm going to have to spend more time at it." The search committee, chaired by Dr. John Fackler, dean of the College of Science, finished interviewing its third candidate for department head this week.

Fackler said the committee hopes to make the appointment this summer. The committee also expects the position to be filled by someone who has contributed to the development of the department and who has strong research and scholarship credentials, he said. Dr. W. B. Smith, head of the Statistics Department and a committee chairman, said the committee will hire from within the chemistry department, primarily because of economics but also because the department has a large number of full professors to choose from.

Probe of athletes' academic careers sought

By Olivier Uytendrecht
Staff Writer

The Texas A&M Faculty Senate recommended Monday that a long-term study be made assessing the academic careers of A&M student athletes. The motion was passed despite strong opposition by a minority of senators, and if approved by the executive committee, the study will be

assigned either to an ad hoc or a standing committee of the Faculty Senate. Sen. Sam Gillespie, dean of business administration, supported the study, saying, "I'm concerned about the way we advise (student athletes). I think we have an equal obligation to see that they have a quality education." Sen. Larry J. Reynolds, an associate professor of English, took the

issue a step further, saying that separated housing and dining facilities for athletes are "ill-conceived." "I don't think it's in the best interests of Texas A&M or . . . of the athletes themselves," Reynolds said. In other action: The Senate approved a new course that will allow students to receive up to 18 credit hours in business administration for studies abroad. Designated Business Ad-

ministration 301, the course must now be approved by University President Frank E. Vandiver. Koldus discussed the health center's elimination of weekend and evening counseling services. He said that because the health center no longer retains the services of a doctor at those times, no qualified person would be on hand to make a decision in the event a patient needed to be committed to a mental facility.

Vet students get more clinical work

By Greg Calvin
Reporter

The number of cases at Texas A&M's veterinary hospital are increasing and as a result fourth-year veterinary students are receiving more hands-on experience in clinical cases, said Dr. Lynn Turner, a veterinary clinical associate. Turner said for the first three years of veterinary school students attend required classes and labs and have some surgical training. But students don't get any practical experience until their fourth year, she said. During the students' fourth year they continue surgical training with two hours of lecture a day and the

rest of the day devoted to clinical cases, Turner said. The cases range from routine vaccination shots and spaying to specialty cases like orthopedic and internal medicine, Turner said. There is a team approach to all clinical cases, she added, and all cases have a doctor's supervision. The students review the cases first, and then a doctor does, she said. The medical diagnoses are done by both students and doctors, she said. "People have the idea that we are going to experiment with the animals," Turner said. "The animals are treated and there is nothing experimental. It is just like a hospital." A&M has approximately 130

fourth-year veterinary students, Turner said. The students are assigned cases according to their interests, but all students are required to spend half of their fourth year in the small animal clinic and half in the large animal clinic, Turner said. Dr. Kenneth Knauer, a clinic professor, said veterinary medicine at A&M involves procedures that are comparable to procedures performed on humans. Pacemakers are put in dogs and cats can get a CAT scan, he said. Turner said that these specialty cases can be treated by private practitioners who have the proper equipment, or by the A&M clinic.

The A&M clinic has specialists in internal medicine and surgery and receives referrals from practicing veterinarians. Sometimes there are cases at the clinic that require a specialist that is not available at A&M, such as a root canal specialist or an open-heart specialist, Turner said. In such cases customers are referred elsewhere because A&M doesn't have the proper facilities, she said. Turner said that in most cases, the clinic will charge just like a private practitioner, but in a minority of cases, the clinic will assume a portion of the cost if the case has a teaching value not only to the students, but also to the teachers.

Governor hasn't set date for special budget session

FORT WORTH (AP) — Gov. Mark White said Monday he isn't yet ready to name a date for convening a special session of the Legislature to try to balance the state budget. White said last month he is prepared to call a special session if needed to solve the state's budget crisis. Comptroller Bob Bullock said on May 30 that the deficit has reached \$2.3 billion and will go significantly higher by Aug. 31, 1987, unless action is taken. The House Appropriations Committee began work last week

to try to find areas where spending could be cut to reduce the deficit and eliminate a cash-flow problem that could force the treasurer to write hot checks by later this year. White in mid-February issued an executive order asking some 200 state government agencies to voluntarily trim spending by 13 percent. Asked Monday how that effort was going, White replied tersely that it is "Working very well, thank you."

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