

*'A&M must work to accept all people'*

# Official: Minorities can be isolated

By Angela Cobb  
Reporter

federally funded program beginning this summer, which will provide campus experience for high school sophomores and juniors who

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been made, she says, much remains to be done. Chisolm says A&M must work doubly hard to achieve these goals.

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Minorities at Texas A&M often may experience a feeling of being invisible or isolated, and few non-minority students seem to notice, Dr. Grace Chisolm, assistant to President Frank E. Vandiver, says.

To Chisolm, this issue is one of great importance. The increasing minority population of both the nation and Texas A&M makes it necessary for everyone to be aware of minorities, she says.

As assistant to the president, Chisolm consults with individuals on campus and in the community about programs dealing with minorities and advises Vandiver on these programs. She also is an associate professor of educational administration.

Chisolm also is responsible for implementing the Youth Opportunities Unlimited program at A&M, a

may not have an opportunity to further their educations. Through the program, students will have the chance to take high school courses, earn money and participate in extra-curricular activities.

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Chisolm also monitors the Texas Plan for Equal Education Opportunities, a plan which spells out what programs and measures the state will adopt to meet University goals for minority recruitment.

"A&M, like all other universities, has specific goals to meet," she says. Although significant progress has

"We started so far behind," she says, "we have to run almost twice as fast as some institutions."

Chisolm stresses that the minority problem is one that everyone must work together to solve.

"It takes a comprehensive commitment on the parts of all of us," she says. "It is important for each person to ask, 'What can I do?' If everyone seriously considered the problem and made a commitment to act, we could be more effective."

She issues a challenge to the University community to work together toward greater acceptance of minorities on campus.

"It is not such an unsolvable problem," she says. "It can be overcome by each of us contributing."

## Mauro wants dumping law to include Gulf

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro appealed to Congress on Thursday for help in stopping offshore garbage dumping in the Gulf of Mexico.

"The shameful condition of our Texas beaches is not a question of litter: it is a question of garbage," Mauro said at a news conference. "The amount of offshore garbage on Texas beaches is so great it rivals the output of some cities."

Mauro wants congressional help in getting ratification of an international treaty to regulate garbage dumping in the ocean, including an addition that would ban any garbage disposal in the Gulf of Mexico.

"The treaty specifically says no plastics in the ocean, no garbage dumped within 25 miles of the coastline and no garbage dumping within any of the five specially designated areas, those areas being the Black Sea, the Red Sea, the Mediterranean, the Persian Gulf and the Baltic," he said.

The treaty, called the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, would not include enforcement, which Mauro says will be up to Congress.

## MSC Black Awareness Committee to celebrate Black History Month

By Ronda Tapp  
Reporter

A black heritage exposition commemorating Black History Month will be presented Saturday at 10 a.m. in 701 Rudder by MSC Black Awareness Committee and First United Methodist Church in Bryan.

Kevin Johnson, the committee's chairman, said the exposition is designed as a career fair to make high school students aware of professions with which blacks normally aren't associated.

The African American Drama Co. will present two one-man shows Saturday at 7 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Each show lasts about 45 minutes and depicts black leaders first from a woman's perspective, and then from a man's view.

Tickets are \$4 for non-students, \$3 for students and \$1 for children under 17.

Recreational activities such as bowling and horseback riding also will be offered at the exposition.

Other events the committee is sponsoring include an art-and-book exhibit Feb. 15 at 5:30 p.m. in 206 Memorial Student Center, in which Suttons Black Heritage Art Gallery and Amistad Book Place of Houston will participate.

Also in conjunction with Black History Month, the MSC Opera and Performing Arts Society will present the symphony "Lincoln Portrait" Feb. 19 in Rudder Auditorium. It will be narrated by former baseball player Willie Stargell.

The Black Awareness Committee also will show "An Amazing Grace," a documentary about the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Feb. 25 in Rudder Theater at 7 p.m.

Another film, "Cooly High," which is about a group of high school students in Harlem, will be shown Feb. 26 in Rudder Theater at 7 p.m.

On Feb. 28, the gospel choir Voices of Praise will present a tribute to Black History Month with songs, poems and dramatic interpretation at 7:30 p.m. in United Baptist Church.

The committee's celebration will end with a speech March 1 at 7:30 p.m. by Rev. Ralph Abernathy, president emeritus of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

## Lewis: Vocational education needs funding

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Gib Lewis said Thursday he opposes Gov. Bill Clements' proposal to reduce the amount of money the state spends on vocational education, but is not as concerned about Clements' suggestion to reduce the no-pass, no-play suspension period.

In his budget proposal for 1988-89, Clements said vocational education is "vital to the development of a diverse and skilled work force." But he said studies have shown vocational

education is not as streamlined or focused as it should be.

His proposed budget would reduce the vocational education allotment by \$125 million over the next two years. Lewis said he could not go along with such cuts.

"I think the vocational program is a very important program for Texas and particularly rural Texas — that's where I think vocational programs really have the greatest impact," he said. "And I think if we make that

degree of cuts in our vocational program, we'd be doing a great deal of harm."

He said he doesn't want the message sent that Texas is backing off a commitment to quality education.

Clements on Wednesday suggested that the suspension period from extracurricular activities for students failing a class be reduced from six weeks to three weeks.

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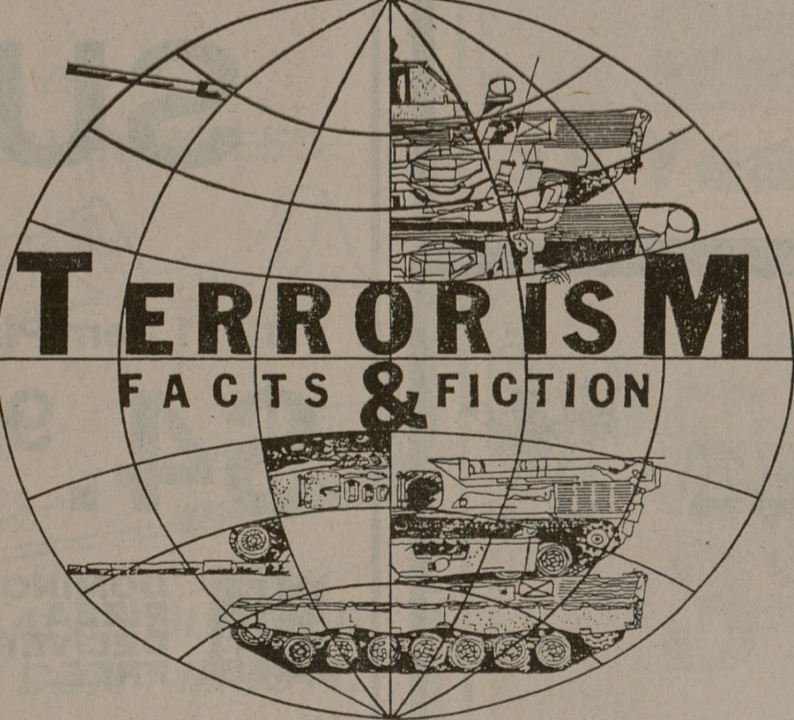
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