

Office helps employers locate honors students

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Reporter

Employers who only want to hire students with high grade-point ratios can consult Texas A&M's Honors Program office to locate these students, Dr. Dale T. Knobel, director of the Honors Program, said.

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Knobel said when employers go through the Texas A&M Career Planning and Placement Center they often have to wade through hundreds of people before finding any they would be interested in hiring.

To help conserve the time and energy of both the employer and the students, two corporations in particular have opted to use the Honors Program in their search, Knobel said.

These corporations, Exxon and Arco, asked the Honors Program office this fall to help them identify students who have participated in honors courses, Knobel said.

"They come to us and say, 'We want students who have at the very least a 3.0 GPR, preferably a 3.5, and we'd like to look at juniors and seniors with the following majors...'" he said.

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campus really can," Knobel said. "We don't have to reveal somebody's exact GPR; we can't do that. However, we're not breaching any confidence when we say, 'Here are students who are in chemical engineering taking honors courses and who therefore have at least a 3.0 GPR.'"

The Honors Program office can give out only what Knobel referred to as "directory information." This includes such things as names, local addresses and whether they are involved in the Honors Program — essentially schedule information.

"The result of this is that word has gotten around both these corporations that when they send hiring teams out in the future, they're going to make contact with us (at the

Honors Program Office)," Knobel said. "This produces another advantage to taking honors courses whenever possible."

Knobel said the Honors Program now is looking for ways in which it can let employers know this service is available to them.

Several employers have requested a resume book of students involved in the Honors Program. But Knobel said the Honors Program is not allowed to do put out such a book and, therefore, the employers will have to continue receiving the honors program information directly through the office.

However, the Honors Student Council — a volunteer organization composed of honor students — is putting a resume book together, he said. This book will consist of resumes of honor students who wish to have theirs included.

"This is at the student's choice," Knobel said. "Now we'll have something to show employers which will provide more information about students involved in the Honors Program."

Knobel said this process is not well established, but is just getting started. "We're not trying to take over any functions of the Placement Center," he said. "We see this as secondary to what they do — a service to both students and employers with rigid GPR standards."

INS indicts three on charges of immigration conspiracy

EL PASO (AP) — A farm labor contractor, his secretary and a notary public have been indicted on charges of conspiring to provide false immigration papers to INS agents posing as farmworkers who wanted amnesty.

Tomas Reyes Esparza Sr., 54; his secretary, Carmen Palacios, 21; and notary public Martha Cruz, 24, all of El Paso, were named in a federal grand jury indictment unsealed Monday. Reyes and Palacios were arrested Friday and appeared Monday before a U.S. magistrate. Cruz was arrested Tuesday morning and was waiting to appear before a magistrate.

The indictment charges Reyes with agreeing to provide fraudulent immigration documents for two Im-

migration and Naturalization Service agents for \$2,290. It accuses the two women of fraudulently helping the agents through various steps of the amnesty application process, including getting medical exams, providing records and preparing for questions INS officials might ask.

Under the Immigration Control Act of 1986, farmworkers who entered the United States illegally are eligible for amnesty from deportation if they worked in the United States at least 90 days between May 1, 1985, and May 1, 1986. Those who are granted amnesty are given temporary residence permits, and they eventually may apply for U.S. citizenship.

Al Giugni, INS district director, declined comment on the charges.

Last month, he said the agency was investigating several farm labor contractors who were suspected of selling fraudulent documents to illegal aliens.

U.S. Magistrate Phillip Cole ordered Reyes held without bond pending a hearing Thursday. Palacios posted \$10,000 bail and was released.

The three are charged with one count each of conspiring to obtain documents for temporary residency status by making false statements and one count each of conspiring to obtain false INS documents while under oath. Palacios is charged with a count of making a false statement to federal authorities. Cruz is charged with two counts of making false statements.

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