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A&M student urges Aggies to get out, vote

By Laurie Tomasini
Reporter

She sits in her room surrounded by political paraphernalia which represent her support for the Republican Party. Bumper stickers that say "Vote Republican" and "George Bush for President" and one supporting Phil Gramm are posted on her door.

She has a few other posters but her favorite is one that a friend drew for her. It depicts the Bloom County character Opus standing behind a lectern, encouraging people to vote and proclaiming: "Texans for Heather West."

Heather West, a sophomore economics major from Mexia, said she aspires to be a senator.

Kaye Reiter, West's roommate and a freshman general studies student, said that Phil Gramm gave West the inspiration to become a senator.

"Heather is an avid supporter of Phil Gramm and would like to see him as president one day," Reiter said.

"She is a staunch Republican," Reiter said. "Very conservative."

West said she tries to keep an open mind about most things because she is not judgmental.

"I try so hard to be open-minded but my political beliefs are so strong, it is hard for me to understand other political opinions," she said. "But I do try."

Jon Bassinger, a junior landscape architecture major, said that although West is opinionated, she is receptive to new ideas.

"She is extremely loyal to her beliefs, which is an admirable trait," Bassinger said. "She stands up for her convictions and she is not a hypocrite."

West talks about the 1988 presidential election between George Bush and Michael Dukakis and some of the major issues.

"There are certain points in each platform I agree with and other points I disagree with, however, I support the con-

servative (Republican) side," West said.

"I agree with Dukakis saying the death penalty is appropriate for major drug smugglers, but I disagree with his idea that lifetime imprisonment is not appropriate," West said. "That seems hypocritical."

West said she does not support weakening the national defense.

"We must be strong enough to preserve peace," she said. "I am sorry to say it, but nuclear defense is a must. We also must take an aggressive stance against terrorism. Vengeful people cannot be reasoned with."

She stopped, took a breath and apologized for getting carried away. But she said she was not sorry for being so interested in politics, something that affects her life so much.

West said she became interested in politics at a young age because of her family.

"My family is a bunch of overweight — not meaning fat — Republican women," she said. "They talked a lot about politics so I had to grow up fast and get involved so I could be part of the conversations. As I grew, my interests grew too, and I became more and more involved."

West is a member of the Young Conservatives of Texas and the Aggie GOP. This semester, working for the Aggie GOP, she has volunteered to encourage people to register to vote.

She said she has one message for all students: "VOTE!"

"Many people come to the United States from other countries because of the right to vote," West said. "It is our right, our responsibility, our duty to vote and choose our leaders. We must take advantage of this."

With that, she leaned back on her bed, picked up her stuffed elephant and said, "Please vote!"

And then, more quietly, she said, "Republican."

Business expert: A&M students must watch international scene

By Sandra Lozano
Reporter

In the evolving world marketplace, every firm and corporation eventually will become involved in some form of international business in the near future, Dr. Kerry Cooper said.

Cooper, director of the Texas A&M Center for International Business, said that today's business student must anticipate and prepare for the change while still at the undergraduate level.

Although Cooper said he is in favor of the undergraduate becoming exposed to the ideas of international business, he said he is completely against any kind of specialized training at that level.

"Anyone interested in business should consider studying international business," he said. "Yet, these people should not be limited to just studying the international aspect."

"It is not necessary, at least as an undergraduate, to learn detailed international business techniques," he said. "In fact, I don't particularly recommend it. It is better to study other things also."

Dr. Arvind Mahajan, A&M associate professor of international finance, agrees.

"There are many different dimensions and different attributes to international business that are required in order to be successful in this field," Mahajan said. "Some of these, of course, are related to an empathy of human beings that involves more of an understanding in the humanities areas. One should have an understanding of the possibility that there are other cultures that are different."

Acknowledging differences in religions also is important, he said. "There are people with different practices as well as different value systems," he said.

Mahajan said he believes that a recognition of different cultures must be learned early in life.

"Just exposure to a foreign language in high school helps," he says. "It allows a window into another culture."

"But more closely related to the narrow focus of business education, I think international business courses should be taken in the junior and senior years to help round off your understanding of the functional areas."

Cooper shares the idea that students should postpone studying courses with a concentrated international emphasis until the latter part of their academic careers. He advises students to take courses in geography, history and sociology as well.

Cooper said that the center gives advice to students interested in adding an emphasis on international business to their majors. However, he suggests that the students first consult with departmental advisers.

"Every department in the College of Business, as well as a number of departments across the University, has academic advisers who are familiar with the international aspects of the particular areas of interest," he said. "The first place to go to is the department of the

college in which you're presently located as a major. From there, they'll route you to the appropriate people."

Mahajan said the study of international business at A&M has come to the forefront of importance because of goals set by President William Mobley.

Mahajan said that Mobley wants the University to become involved in the "global village."

The Center for International Business Studies is working to accomplish that goal, Mahajan said.

Reasons for studying international business can be divided into two sections, he said.

"Students must become aware of studying international business they are undertaking the study of two areas," he said. "The first one is a defensive strategy that will help us protect our own turf from foreign competition. The second strategy is an offensive one. We must be aware of what's going on in the world in order to exploit new opportunities."

"Learning both strategies will be necessary for survival in the world of business today."

High school brawl prompts reforms

CLEVELAND, Texas (AP) — The Cleveland High School board has adopted tough, sweeping reforms after forfeiting two of its last football games and having its entire athletic program placed on probation through 1989.

A new athletic code that goes into effect this week covers not only the behavior of the school's athletes, but also coaches and spectators.

"We were asked to come up with some strict, rigid guidelines and we did," Cleveland High School principal Lubbie Whitmire said. "Our board wanted to prevent any trouble from happening again."

The new code was sparked by a brawl that emptied both benches during the closing seconds of the Cleveland-Lumberton game, which Cleveland lost by one point. The board canceled the rest of this season because of the incident, saying it intended to gain control of the students and show such behavior would not be tolerated.

The University Interscholastic League district committee upheld the board's decision and placed Cleveland's entire ath-

letic program on probation through 1989.

Cleveland's new codes state any athlete participating in a fight on the field of play during or after a contest shall immediately be suspended from all athletics for the remainder of the year.

The new guidelines also say if a physical confrontation occurs on the field, all athletes are to go to the sidelines and remain there. Failure to do so will result in their being suspended for the remainder of the year.

Besides fighting, any other unsportsmanlike violation will result in a player being immediately suspended from that game and the next game. The athlete also must immediately report to the dressing room and cannot attend next week's game or practice. A second unsportsmanlike violation will result in the player being suspended for the remainder of the season, the code states.

The same applies to a player on the sidelines who behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner.

What's Up

Monday

MSC SCONA: Dr. Jay Barney will address "U.S./Japan Trade Relations" at 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder.
AGGIE BLOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE: Wadley Blood Drive will run through today at Rudder, the Commons, Sbis and Zachry.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: call the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting.
HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC RELATIONS AND RECRUITMENT: will have a mandatory training meeting for representatives at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder.
AGGIE GOP/COLLEGE REPUBLICANS: will have a pre-election meeting at a final push for candidates at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.
MINORITY ASSOCIATION OF PRE-HEALTH AGGIES: will meet at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder.
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 607 Rudder.
PSI CHI/PSYCHOLOGY CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder.
ALPHA ZETA: will induct new members and take pictures at 7 p.m. in 115 Rudder.
AGGIE DEMOCRATS: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder.
ARLINGTON HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 027 MSC to plan a TCU tailgate party.
POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: will have a committee meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.
TAMU SNOW SKI CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 607 Rudder.

Tuesday

AGGIE ALLIANCE: Dr. Frank Ashley will conduct "Dance Night" at 7 p.m. at Ware Field House.
PROFESSIONALS FOR INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION: Mike Rowlett from Mack Machine Supply will speak at 7:30 p.m. in 203 Zachry. Business attire requested.
COCAINE ANONYMOUS: call the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: call the center at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting.
AUSTIN HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 6 p.m. in 407 Rudder.
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION: Dr. Paul Kingery will speak about "Stress and Well-Being" at 7 p.m. in 201 Veterinary Medicine Complex.
KLEIN HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 8:30 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.
UNDERGRADUATE BIOCHEMISTRY SOCIETY: Dr. John Quarles from the college of medicine will speak about "A Decade of the Flu at A&M" at 7 p.m. in 113 Herman Heep.
TAMU SAILING TEAM: will meet at 8 p.m. in 109 Military Sciences.
CLASS OF '91: will meet to learn the new class hump-it and meet sophomore football players at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.
AGGIES FOR DIABETES AWARENESS: will discuss diabetic eye complications at 8:30 p.m. in 607 Rudder.
OCA/SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder.
TAMU COLLEGIATE FFA: will have "movie night" at 7:30 p.m. in 102 Scoates.
TAMU SURF CLUB: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder. Check the screen for room number.

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County officials allow oil company to drill in cemetery

MARGARET (AP) — Underneath an old pioneer cemetery, black gold may be buried.

Northeast of Crowell, the Old Margaret Cemetery has been leased for drilling by Foard County, although families who take care of the cemetery say they were unaware of the county's apparent ownership of the cemetery.

Foard County Commissioners voted at a recent meeting to lease the cemetery to an oil company for \$86 for three years on grounds that the acreage was given to the county as a gift by a landowner in 1916.

A spokesman for Morrison Oil Company in Abilene said there is no reason for slant drilling under the cemetery now and he does not foresee any drilling under it in the future, although wells have been drilled close to the cemetery within the last two years.

Still, the county decision does not rest well with some area families and descendants of those buried in the cemetery.

State law prevents oil drilling on top of a cemetery, but not underneath it, therefore slant drilling and pipelines can pump oil from underneath a cemetery from nearby wells, although it is as uncommon as oil being drilled out from under a building.

Both marked and unmarked graves fill the cemetery.

The cemetery's first recorded grave was dug in 1884 and some families are struggling with the thought of oil being pumped out beneath the caskets.

"I would be opposed to oil being drilled underneath it," Clyde Taylor of Amarillo said.

Her husband, grandparents and son are all buried at Old Margaret Cemetery. She also plans to be buried there.

Foard County Judge Charlie Bell said Williamson Oil Company of Abilene, which leases land owned by County Sheriff Bobby Bond around the cemetery, recently did a title search on the two

and one-half acres of cemetery turned up a deed from 1916 in a county house vault that indicated the cemetery was turned over to the Foard County and his successors.

"We decided we would take back as county property," Bell said.

"Of course state law prevents drilling on a cemetery, but it could be connected to a pooling unit and pumped up from adjacent well," Bell said.

Profits from the lease between Foard County and Williamson Oil will go to upkeep of the cemetery and toward establishing a cemetery association, he said.

Francis and Alma Moore, who live on Mule Creek near the Old Margaret Cemetery and who have ancestors buried back to the 1880s buried in the cemetery say they are concerned about oil drilling underneath the plots. Mrs. Moore's grandparents, parents and a child are buried there, and her sister, Jane Schultz, keeps the grass mowed each summer.

Mrs. Moore was born at Margaret, a relative, Margaret Wesley Taylor, was buried at the cemetery in 1939, the town's namesake. Moore said wells have been drilled around the cemetery in the past two years though oil not found.

"If they have had ownership of these years, why haven't they come up to its upkeep?" Moore asked.

Potential oil profits to benefit the cemetery are not opposed by her husband. "As long as they don't bother graves it would be OK," Moore said.

"I don't know of anybody that would want oil being drilled from underneath a cemetery," Mrs. Taylor, a local dentist, said.

Her husband also is buried at the cemetery and she does not like the idea of work going on underneath caskets, matter how deep in the earth.

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