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Group working to meet needs of older Aggies

By Sherri Roberts

STAFF WRITER

Representatives of the Off-Campus Center are working with members of the newly formed group "A&M Students Over 25" to meet the specialized needs and concerns of the older-than-average student.

Students 25 years old and older comprise one-fifth of Texas A&M's student body. However, unlike the majority of students at A&M, many of these older students already have taken the plunge into working in the "real world," and many are married.

"It's real easy for them to feel out of place," Bertha Ramones, a graduate student of educational psychology, said.

Cindy Wittrock, a sophomore computer science major and member of the group, said, "A lot of them (older students) have different needs for socializing than traditional students."

In addition, these students often need assistance in getting acquainted with the community and information regarding its child care facilities and housing, she said.

The organizer of the group, Margarita Ramirez, a sophomore elementary education major who also has two children attending A&M, said she hopes the group will be able to offer answers to questions such as these, in addition to serving as a support group.

In an effort to learn more about the needs of these students, OCC conducted a telephone survey of 150 undergraduates and 250 graduate students — all age 25 or older — in Fall 1988.

Survey results showed 53 percent of the respondents were married and 31 percent had children. In addition, 77 percent said they had difficulties in finding support groups geared for singles of similar age and for students with children.

Of those surveyed, 85 percent said they would participate in a new student conference geared specifically for students age 25 and older.

More than 25 individuals came to the group's first meeting earlier this month.

Although an orientation is offered to graduate students, there is no orientation conference exclusively for older-than-average undergraduates.

The Age Advantage, a handbook OCC designed for older students, offers information regarding such subjects as continuing education at A&M, support groups for students with children and child care facilities. The handbook also provides information about local hospitals, financial aid, and housing.

Those who would like more information can contact the Off-Campus Center at 845-1741.



Photo by Frederick D. Joe

A panel of architecture department faculty members gathered at the Langford Architecture Center gallery Wednesday to debate conflicting design philosophies. Students and faculty sat on the floor and lined the walls to listen and participate in the debate. The topic was of importance because it could change the way the department teaches architecture.

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CO-OP CAREER FAIR

Monday, February 27, 1989, the employers listed will be on campus participating in the Co-op Career Fair. These employers will primarily be interested in visiting with prospective co-op students, but students who are interested in either summer or full-time employment, should also feel free to come by. The Co-op Career Fair will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the lobby of both Zachry Engineering Center and the Blocker Building with a lunch break from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

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In Advance

Professor to discuss future role of architecture

By Alan Sembera

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Adapting architecture to meet the growing pressures and demands of a growing population will be the focus of the 1989 Faculty Lecture by George J. Mann, assistant professor of architecture at Texas A&M tonight at 8 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.

Mann says architects must begin responding to the needs of the 21st century, and must think more in terms of planning and resource conservation.

The Earth's population is expected to increase from 5 billion people to about 9 billion people by the year 2040, Mann says.

"The implications of that are going to be enormous — for society, for the environment, for education, and for architecture," he says.

"I'm trying to call attention to the fact that we've been spending

a lot of our resources on mutual annihilation. Unless we recognize what some of the broader issues are in the future, the next generation is going to be overwhelmed."

Some of these issues, he says, include population growth, degradation of the environment, and limited resources.

"Architecture is going to have to be much more humble and self-sustaining and resource conserving and more in tandem with nature," Mann says, "and not so arrogant as architects have been doing."

"Architects have been building gigantic buildings, paving over huge areas for parking lots with no planting, air conditioning buildings and putting an enormous demand on economies in terms of operating costs."

Slides of the simple kind of architecture, including examples in Asia, Africa and Central America, will be shown at the lecture.

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Drug education center hosts area BACCHUS conference

By Denise Thompson

STAFF WRITER

Health fairs, seminars and surveys are just a few of the events the Texas A&M Center for Drug Prevention and Education will sponsor throughout this semester.

In addition to sponsoring Drug Awareness Week during February, the center also has coordinated the Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students (BACCHUS) Area Six Spring Conference for Feb. 24-25, Ann Coombes, assistant coordinator for the center, said.

While the "area" consists of four states — Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana — Coombes said everyone is invited to attend.

"The whole conference will deal with some really basic issues," she said. "First of all, it'll answer the question, 'What is BACCHUS?' Questions about what BACCHUS is here to do, how we recruit members and what type of programming we have also will be answered."

"Also, the national chapter of BACCHUS voted to have the national conference for 1989 in Dallas, so we'll be addressing that issue, too."

"If anyone wants to get involved in a good leadership group, this would be a good place to do it," Coombes said the center is expect-

ing 50 or more people to attend the conference, which requires a \$5 registration fee and will be in the College Station Community Center on Jersey Street.

The main activity for the month of March will be BACCHUS' involvement in Safe Break '89. Coombes said this is an effort to educate students about safe ways to have a spring break if they will be going to Colorado.

"BACCHUS is providing all kinds of ski promotional videos for those people planning to take their vacations in Colorado," she said. "We're probably going to have some sort of presentation or panel discussion that has to do with Texas drinking and driving laws versus Colorado laws."

Also planned for the month of

March is the center's involvement in the Post Oak Mall Health Fair. Coombes said.

During April, Coombes said students can look forward to the annual drug surveys sponsored by the center.

"Students can start looking for the surveys being handed out in classes," she said.

The Health and Wellness Fair in the MSC also will be in April. Coombes said. At least 18 organizations will participate in the event on April 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"This will be similar to last year's program in that different group will have booths set up for the students," Coombes said.

For more information on any activity, call the center at 845-0280.

Signs of drug-related problems

These guidelines were given as signs to a possible drug-related problem:

1. Glassy eyes.
2. Extreme weight loss in a very short time.
3. Excessively missing class.
4. Staying out late and sleeping throughout the day.
5. Changing social groups and associating with people who are

suspicious or could be involved with drugs.

6. Finding a controlled substance on a person or in his room.

If you suspect someone of being involved in drugs, you can contact the Center for Drug Prevention and Education for more information and help at 845-0280.

Board president says Texas is step ahead in education

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas leads many states in setting education goals, such as student testing, but should address equal funding, teacher salaries and needs of minorities, the president of the Southern Regional Education Board says.

"It is extremely important that the states set goals for education," Dr. Winfred Godwin, board president, said in a speech to a joint session of the Legislature.

"Texas is a step ahead, and indeed it may be several steps ahead, when it comes to setting such goals," Godwin said. "The citizens of any state are not likely to achieve more in education than they and their leaders expect and aim for."

Texas needs to work on equity in public school funding, teacher appraisals and salaries, and addressing the needs of minority students, but overall, Texas' education policies are headed in the right direction, Godwin said.

"Texas is one of the very few states in the nation to set specific goals for student achievement,"

Godwin said. But he warned that the state "will have to confront the fact that children from disadvantaged homes tend to have lower academic achievement, and the numbers of these students are increasing rapidly."

"By the year 2,000, minority students will account for more than half of all elementary and secondary school students in Texas," Godwin said. "And a disproportionate number of these will be from disadvantaged backgrounds. Texas must take this into account and deal with it."

On teacher salaries, Godwin said the Legislature in 1983 "gave teachers the largest salary increase in the nation, but in the past three years your teacher pay raises have trailed those of most the nation at large."

"You took an important step last session for faculty salaries, but it appears that the faculty raises will fall low the teacher salaries and trail off substantially," Godwin told lawmakers.

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