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# UT, A&M join forces to help disadvantaged children Center helps kids relate to college

By Sharon Maberry  
STAFF WRITER

Texas A&M and the University of Texas at Austin have joined forces to show disadvantaged middle-school students that a college education is within their reach.

The University Outreach Center, developed by A&M and UT in September 1987, has offices in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and McAllen. The offices serve as a place for staff members to teach students and their parents about university options.

The San Antonio and Houston offices have directors from A&M and assistant directors from UT, while the Dallas and McAllen offices have directors from UT and assistant directors from A&M.

Dr. Sylvia Fernandez, director of the University Outreach Center in San Antonio, said the center's goal is to increase the pool of disadvantaged students who are eligible for college.

The program targets seventh graders who are academically average, Fernandez said.

"We don't deal with 'at risk' or 'gifted and talented' students," Fernandez said. "The students we target have potential that hasn't been tapped. We want to make them feel special. We want to give them a feeling of belonging to something."

The San Antonio office works with three of the city's 14 school districts whose principals and counselors help the center select students with average academic records who have potential.

Those students are invited to a meeting to discover what the program has to offer. Students bring their parents to the second meeting so they will be part of the program, Fernandez said.

The San Antonio office provides regular activities for students, including community involve-

ment, college campus visits, practicing for the Scholastic Aptitude Test, brown-bag lunches and monthly meetings to discuss different aspects of attending college, she said.

Activities also include discussions with college professors and students who talk about financial aid, major areas of study and other topics.

Fernandez stressed the importance of reaching students before high school.

"The junior and senior years are too late to start telling kids about college," she said. "If kids enter high school and don't take the right courses for college, it's too late."

The San Antonio office is sponsoring a college fair Saturday for middle schoolers and their parents that will be similar to college nights at a high school.

"I've gone to a lot of college nights for juniors and seniors," Fernandez said. "This college fair will be the same type of activity for middle schoolers. It will be on the campus of Palo Alto College (in San Antonio) where students and their parents can talk to recruiters from A&M and UT as well as some out-of-state schools."

"We also will have about 25 professionals in different careers to talk with students about their opportunities to become doctors or lawyers or any other profession they might be interested in."

"The college fair will link the community, higher education, public schools and families. I think it will be a big success."

Fernandez said the University Outreach Center in San Antonio has accomplished a great deal during its first year.

"We're on a roll," she said. "In just a year, we have touched thousands of kids."

Each year, the program will start with a new group of seventh graders, although they also will continue regular meetings with older students in the program, Fernandez said.

"We're going to track students until they get to college, and hopefully all the way through college," she said.

The director of the University Outreach Center in Houston, Beverly Clark, said her office services 11 inner-city schools where the majority of the population is black and Hispanic. There are 260 students in the Houston program.

"We go to each school every week and spend time speaking with the students about college," Clark said. "We've taken them to several college campuses on weekends, including A&M, UT and the University of Houston."

"We also do a lot of student motivational activities. For instance, we have recognition dinners for students who make the honor roll to try and keep them academically motivated."

"We're trying to keep them interested and motivated about school. We sell them the idea that college is an option. We don't want them to worry about the financial part of attending college. We just want them to prepare and make the grades."

Clark said the center also sponsors activities for parents encouraging them to become active involved in the school process.

"The University Outreach Center is not a recruiting tool for either A&M or UT," Clark said. "We're simply trying to prepare students for attendance at any college or university."

Fernandez said the centers in all four cities have limited staffs and welcome volunteers to help run the program.

"We would love to have volunteers from A&M during the summer," she said. "College students mean so much to these kids because they really relate to them. If any A&M students want to be mentors to middle-schoolers, this would be a great place to do it."

## Councilman caught lying about age

ALVIN (AP) — A councilman who says she did what many women do — lie about their age — faces possible legal charges after she listed her altered age on a sworn candidacy application.

Loyce Crouch, who knocked 11 years off her age when she filled out her sworn candidacy application, has turned in her keys to City Hall, saying she never will return.

Crouch, 59, gave a brief explanation at a City Council meeting Tuesday night on why she lied.

"Since I was divorced 13 years ago, I have consistently knocked 10 years off my age, along with every other woman in the United States," said Crouch, who acknowledged misrepresenting her age ever since she first won election in 1979.

She said she stated in her candidate applications that she was born in 1940 although voter registration records showed that she was born in 1929.

Brazoria County District Attorney Jim Mapel, who was not amused by her explanation of the discrepancy, said he plans to present allegations to a grand jury that Crouch committed perjury as soon as he obtains the necessary documents.

"If knocking 10 years off my age constitutes perjury in the eyes of those people, well, then this evidently is not the nation that I revered," she said.

City Attorney J. Kay Gayle says the problem is not that Crouch lied about her age, but that she falsified a public document and swore that the information included in the document was correct.

Crouch claims the matter was brought up because some other members of the City Council don't want her there.

## Classics scholar, modern student square off in 'Another Antigone'

By Cray Pixley  
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

A classics professor caught up in the world of Greek tragedy and a young Jewish student solidly anchored in the nuclear present clash in the Aggie Players' production of "Another Antigone."

The A.R. Gurney Jr. play running through Saturday in Rudder Forum pits Professor Henry Harper against his student, Judy Miller, in a fascinating battle that has many layers.

Harper's academic principles, Miller's adamant stance on her right to adapt the Sophocles' myth, "Antigone," and accusations of anti-Semitism combine to form a plot that would be interesting even if only because of the generation gap between student and professor.

Harper is horrified at Miller's adaptation of "Antigone," which places the myth in the nuclear arms race, with the two pivotal characters modeled after Ronald Reagan and Jane Fonda.

Harper tells Miller he has no time for her "juvenile polemic on current events" and that she should stick with the assigned topics.

One can't help but agree with Harper. Miller's stubborn refusal to obey the lesson plan indirectly leads to Harper's self-exile from teaching and throws all the characters lives into a whirlpool of tension.

Steven A. McCauley is exceptional as Harper, the passionate classics scholar forced into abandoning his principles after refusing to grade Miller's version of "Antigone."

McCauley's Harper goes through life quoting Greek verse like a character out of one of his beloved tragedies. The scenes between Harper

and Danyah Arafat's Miller are a meeting of the classic vocabulary and trendy-yuppie speech.

Harper is easily an everyman's idea of an English professor cloaked away with his classics. Harper's life is rooted in ancient Athens, which is glaringly obvious when he is interacting with Dean Eberhart, played by Mary Ellen Brennan.

Eberhart and Harper have a relationship that might have been more serious but never developed. Eberhart still cares for her professor but understands that he can't live in the real world, unshrouded by Greek tragedy.

Brennan is wonderful as the frazzled but understanding dean who must smooth the ruffled fur between faculty and student. McCauley and Brennan's scenes together are among the best in the play.

Arafat plays a stubborn and driven Miller, but it is difficult to truly understand Miller's position and actions. That fault lies in the play, because the character is not as clearly drawn as Harper and Eberhart's. Miller's character switches — from dedicated, upwardly-mobile

undergraduate to a radical student — are difficult to understand.

J. David Roberto is warm and sensitive as Miller's boyfriend, whose dedication and zest for Greek literature is as strong as Harper's.

The end of "Another Antigone" is thought-provoking and will leave spectators in discussion as they leave the Forum.

First-time director Troy Herbert has done an excellent job with cast and play.

Rick Boultinghouse's scene design is a remarkable fusion between the ancient Greek and the contemporary, which also mirrors the conflict between Harper and Miller.

The action takes place in a crumpled, neo-classical Greek forum furnished by a coffee maker and Harper's new leather briefcase. Futuristic music blends in to smooth over the transitions from scene to scene.

"Another Antigone" continues Tuesday night and Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$2 for students and senior citizens and \$3 for the general public and are available at Rudder Box Office.

## In Advance

### Brazos Animal Shelter sponsors dog dip

The Brazos Animal Shelter will be having dog dips **April 8, 15, and 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the shelter parking lot at 2207 Finfeather Road in Bryan.

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