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Conference on education seeks better approach to curriculum

By Andrea Warrenburg

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A mini-conference on education titled "Needed: A Whole Curriculum Approach to Teaching, Learning and Assessment" was hosted by Texas A&M Monday to discuss the need for all the elements of school curriculum to work together.

P. Kenneth Komoski, executive director of the Educational Products Information Exchange Institute, spoke to a crowd of more than 60 people about the necessity of viewing curriculum holistically.

"We tend to think of a curriculum as conveniently and neatly packaged, but teachers don't keep it all together," Komoski said. "The textbook is driving the curriculum where there needs to be more balance."

Komoski said EPIE, an independent consumer education agency, tested a group of students at the beginning of a school year over material in a textbook they would study that year. The students' average score on the test was 80 percent. At the end of the year, the students were tested again over the same material and scored 25 percent lower.

"Teachers say 'OK I've done my job and covered the book,'" Komoski said. "But they're not doing their job because they may be covering things not covered at all in the curriculum or that kids already know."

Komoski said that efficiency and organization are not the most important parts of a curriculum, but that it needs to be seen as a whole process.

"There is a need to have customized textbooks that fill state and local objectives," Komoski said. "And we need to test to see if our objectives were accomplished."

The 2½-hour mini-conference was hosted by Dr. H.H. Richardson, A&M Deputy Chancellor, Dean of Engineering and director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station. It was moderated by Dr. Dean Corrigan, A&M professor of educational administration and former Dean of the College of Education.

Sponsors of the mini-conference were TEES, TEES Technology Development Division, the Learning Technology Center and the A&M College of Education Departments of Educational Administration and Interdisciplinary Education.

Helmet saves life of A&M student

Roly Aguilera's motorcycle helmet saved his life Monday night when he hit a car that had moved into his lane of traffic, College Station police officer Gary Stratton said.

After the motorcycle accident, Aguilera told officials that he didn't remember heading south in the left lane on Texas Avenue.

He also said he didn't remember Shanna K. Carroll's car move from the right lane into the left.

"A car pulled out in front of him and he hit the car," Stratton said.

Doctors at Humana Hospital said Aguilera appeared to be fine. They plan to run tests to ensure he didn't

suffer any head injuries, a spokesman said.

Aguilera's heavy clothing protected his body from serious injury while his helmet saved his life, Stratton said.

Stratton said Carroll appeared to be fine although she was shaken-up as a result of the accident.



Rainy days and Mondays

Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack

This jack o'lantern sitting on the sidewalk outside Keathley Hall describes the mood of the day as rain showers continued through the afternoon Monday.

Program searches for 'Miss Coed'

By Selina Gonzalez

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Here she comes . . . it's Miss Coed America.

A Texas A&M University coed could represent college coeds nationwide. The Miss Coed America Program is searching for single female undergraduates who want the opportunity to travel and form contacts while continuing their education.

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Prof: Individual rights no longer alive

By Steven Patrick

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Ayn Rand's philosophy of objectivism is leading the battle for "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," the true concept of individual rights as captured by Thomas Jefferson in The Declaration of Independence, said Dr. John Ridpath.

Ridpath, associate professor of economics and intellectual history at York University, spoke on the importance of individual rights and the philosophy of objectivism last night in "Ayn Rand and the History of Individual Rights."

Ridpath said the United States is founded on the concept of individual rights.

"It is true that individuals have rights; and that truth, in my mind, is the central founding principle of the United States of America," Ridpath said.

"That the moral greatness and the productive greatness of the United States is, in fact, traceable to that principle more than to anything else," Ridpath said that individual rights, as defined

in the Declaration of Independence, are no longer alive today.

"We do not live in a hopeful time, even in North America," he said. "It is no longer the case that the founding principles of the United States are still in play, and certainly not in the world where there is massive starvation and blood shed."

"Rights today are not just pseudo-rights, they are anti-rights."

Historically the concept of individual rights reached its pinnacle in the Declaration of Independence and has been on the downward slope since then, he said.

"I believe that America was born in 1776 and is dying today," he said.

Ridpath does, however, see hope for individual rights in Ayn Rand's philosophy of objectivism.

Objectivists believe reason is the only source of knowledge, man must exist for himself and his own self-interest, and that the ideal political-economic system is laissez-faire capitalism.

"An individual is right to value his or her life as the highest value," Ridpath said.

He also said the role of government should be a limited one which protects individual rights.

"You can embrace whatever social theories you want," he said. "The future is open."

"One thing we can do is call the government to protect individual rights."

Ridpath views individual rights as essential to freedom.

"Individual rights are a principle which defines and sanctions individuals' freedom of action," he said.

"It is the bridge from what is true for every individual morally, to what is morally appropriate in social relationships."

"I view Ayn Rand as indispensable in the battle (for individual rights); because of her work the battle is on," Ridpath said.

Halloween rules apply to students

By Pam Mooman

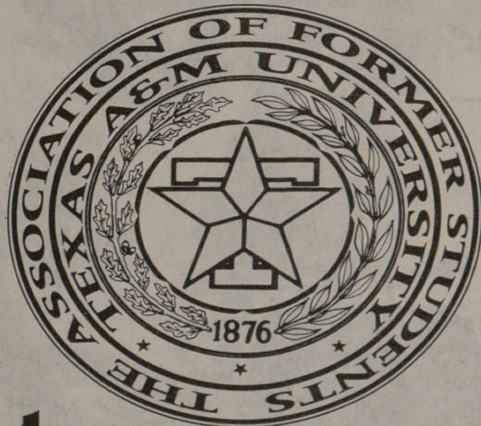
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While college students may have outgrown trick-or-treating, Halloween safety rules still apply to them.

"What we really have to look for is pranksters," Burt Kretzschmar, UPD's crime prevention lieutenant, said. "(College students) are looking for more of a thrill than dressing up."

The UPD will be on the See Safety/Page 9

The Association of Former Students



Fall Senior Induction Banquet

Wednesday & Thursday, November 8 & 9, 1989
6:30 p.m.
MSC - rooms 212-226

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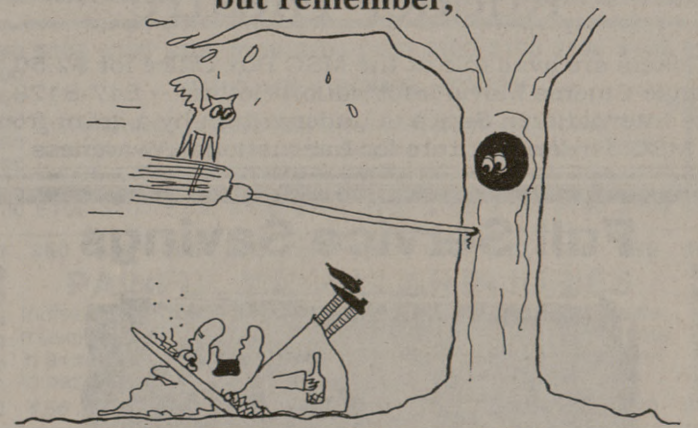
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