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Students suspended for slurs

One appeals sentence as other two serve

AUSTIN (AP) — Two Westlake High School students are serving their penalties this week and a third is appealing after all three were ordered suspended over racial incidents at a football game in October.

Don Rogers, superintendent of the predominately white Eanes Independent School District, said the suspensions ranged from three days to six, the maximum allowed by state law.

School officials would not identify the students involved in the incident that sparked controversy statewide and resulted in what was believed to be the first time the University Interscholastic League has disciplined a Texas school for a racial incident.

Westlake was reprimanded, placed on probation through the 1990-91 school year and ordered to prepare a plan for dealing with racial sensitivity after the NAACP filed a complaint against the school.

The students were suspended for going into the stadium the night before the game against mostly minority Austin LBJ High and writing with shoe polish.

Dorothy Orebo, principal of LBJ, said, "I'm glad for the school's sake and the community's sake they have been able to identify" the three students.

Orebo said she had no reaction to the punishment because individual schools assess punishment appropriate to their guidelines. She added that most schools have no guidelines for dealing with racial problems because such incidents are seldom reported.

Both Rogers and Westlake principal John Matysek emphasized they could not prove the racial slur was written by the students being disciplined.

Jordan Institute for Awareness names fellows for 1989-90 year

By Julie Myers

Of The Battalion Staff

Nine Texas A&M students have been named 1989-90 Jordan Fellows by the Jordan Institute for International Awareness.

In the three years since it began, the Jordan Fellows Program has given students who met application and interview requirements the opportunity to travel to countries of their choice to pursue academic and personal goals.

The application process involves writing a three-page essay, an itinerary and budget. In addition, applicants must submit three references.

The institute limits grants to \$3,000 per student.

The Director of the Jordan Fellows Program and senior industrial engineering major Roderick Anderson said about half of the initial applicants are granted an interview by the panel of two faculty members, and two or three Jordan students. A maximum of 10 students are chosen each year from among those applying.

Students also may combine their fellowship with class credit by taking language classes in the foreign country or arranging credit for research.

Upon returning, students are required to present a report on the trip and their findings.

Robert W. Anderson, an electrical engineering graduate student from Omaha, Neb., will travel to Spain and Germany to learn about neuroscience research at universities and institutes.

Marcus B. Butler, a business administration graduate student, will travel to Austria to work in a financial institution and attend classes at Johannes Kepler University in Linz.

Karl R. DeRouen Jr., a graduate student of geography from Eunice, La., will research a federation of former British colonies in various Car-

ibbean nations this summer for his dissertation.

Andrew S. Gardener, a senior English and French major from College Station, will research Italian methods of teaching foreign languages in Italy.

Krista D. Lyons, a sophomore political science major from Welmore, will travel to England as an exchange student at the University of Lancaster. In addition, she will conduct independent research regarding the European Economic Community's proposed changes in 1992.

Jennifer L. Mobley, a junior economics major from College Station, will work in Paris for a multi-national corporation this summer and improve her ability to speak French to further her goals in international

business. Mobley said the program was looking for students who would take the initiative to travel solo instead of with an organized group.

"That's what made us all stand out," Mobley said. "We had specific goals in mind."

Laura S. Moore, a senior political science major from Seabrook, will work in Paraguay and visit Chile to further her career exploration in Latin American affairs.

Catherine Rentz, a sophomore anthropology major from Spring, will work on a dig in Ireland and then study anthropology at the University of London.

Randolph T. Stephenson, a junior political science major from Commerce, will research the Swadhyaya

movement in India as an approach to economic development.

Applications for next year's fellows will be available in September for all undergraduates and graduate students.

The Jordan Institute promotes international awareness through a variety of programs, including travel opportunities, international speakers, exhibitions, cultural programs and international career seminars.

In addition to funding the Jordan Fellows, the institute administers the MSC Overseas Loan Fund, the Jordan Enrichment Fund and the Jordan Living Abroad Program. The institute also supports the Jordan Collection of international art objects on display in the MSC.

Computer facilitates research

Cray Y-MP gains acceptance at A&M

By Todd Swearingen

Of The Battalion Staff

Texas A&M University's recently acquired Cray Y-MP supercomputer has been online for the past couple of months and is already assisting faculty and students in conducting valuable research.

Dr. Bahram Nassersharif, director of the supercomputing facility, said the engineering departments have been utilizing the machine the most.

Nassersharif said that the oceanography and meteorology departments have used the supercomputer to model patterns of global climate, the mechanical engineering department to model fluid dynamics and the chemistry department to conduct work on molecular models.

"Right now, we've got faculty and graduate students just beginning to use the machine — there are probably about a half dozen serious users at this point using as much time as they can get on the machine," Dr. John Dinkel, associate provost for computing and information services, said.

The Cray is capable of nearly 300 million calculations per second. Dinkel said that this is about 20 times faster than any of the other computing facilities on campus.

"By way of comparison, the machine is probably a 1,000 times more powerful than a Mac (per

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Pets can sit on Santa's lap

Brazos Animal Shelter will take holiday portraits of animals with owners next week to raise funds

By Selina Gonzalez

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Bryan and College Station pets better watch out because Santa Claus is coming to town.

"Santa will make an unusual pre-Thanksgiving visit to help raise funds for the Brazos Animal Shelter," Patty Arreola, Brazos Animal Shelter representative said.

Pet portraits with Santa are sponsored by CNC Photographics and allow pet owners to have their picture taken with their pet and Santa, Arreola said.

Portraits will be taken at CNC Photographics, 3601 E. 29th Street in Bryan, on Nov. 15, Nov. 16 and Nov. 19.

"Anyone who wants to take a picture with Santa Claus is welcome," Arreola said. Owing a pet is not required, and Arreola suggested that parents take their children. All profits will be donated to the Brazos Animal Shelter, she said.

Arreola said CNC Photographics requests that no wildlife be brought for a pet portrait and that the pets' vaccination records be up-to-date.

No reservations are required to have a pet portrait made, Arreola said. Portraits will be taken in a den setting with a Christmas tree and books in the background.

"Last year, 80 pets participated in the pet portraits with Santa fund-raiser," Arreola said. "We made between \$300 and \$400."

"We get a lot of community support from both those who have adopted pets through the shelter and others. People really love their pets."

Arreola said some clients have sent their pet portraits in Christmas cards.

The two packages that are offered are one 5x7 and four wallet size photos for \$16 or one 8x10, two 5x7s and eight wallet size photos for \$21, Arreola said.

Nov. 15-16, Santa will be at CNC Photographics from 5 to 9 p.m. and on Nov. 19, he will be available from 2 until 7 p.m.

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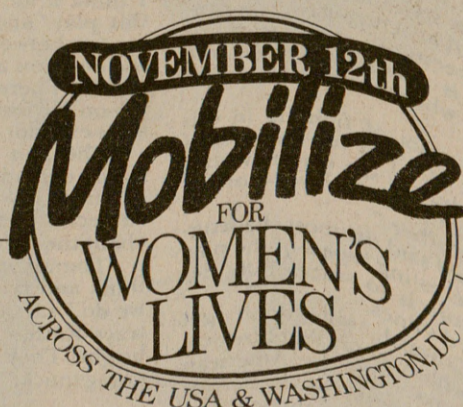
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