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# THE BIG HUG

February 16, 1990 ♦ Midnight ♦ Kyle Field

THE BIG HUG invites all its participants to learn more about Stepping Stone and the problem of teenage runaways. Please come to a special seminar Feb. 15 from 3-5 p.m. in 225 MSC, and hear what is being done to help these kids.

Our speakers include the president and the chairman of Stepping Stone, Dr. Robert Moreno of the University Counseling Services, and Mrs. Susan Dow from the Brazos County Juvenile Services. Listen to their presentations and find out how you can help stop this cycle of unhappiness.

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# Health

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hazardous materials and conduct extensive individual research.

Students in this discipline take computer courses as well as courses that deal with legal and ethical questions that might come up in their careers, Albrecht said. Important applications of medical technology are found in drug-testing of athletes and blood testing for the HIV-virus, she said. The HIV test determines if a patient has been exposed to the virus that causes Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

A related field of study to medical technology is the major of medical assistant. Barbara Lyons, associate professor in physician's assistant studies, said graduates in this field are capable of performing many of the difficult tasks carried out by doctors.

"Medical assistants do a lot of what doctors do," Lyons said.

While students studying to become medical assistants know basic medicine, they also are involved in complicated medical matters such as surgery and neonatal care, Lyons said.

Lyons said the aspiring medical assistant needs to be an amiable person. A 3.0 GPR is required for admission. The applicant then goes through several interviews and tests, Lyons said.

Other fields related to allied health careers are physical therapy and occupational therapy. Both disciplines are taught at the university.

Physical therapists help patients regain basic motor skills lost in accidents or strokes. The physical therapy program at UTMB at Galveston admits 40 students with a minimum of a 2.8 GPR. After students complete the two years of specialization, they can take the state board exam and obtain their certification in physical therapy.

UTMB at Galveston is participating in today's Health Career Fair, which will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first floor of the MSC.

# Space

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orate space research is going on while most people don't even have telephones, he said.

Last year at an annual Soviet space conference where the status and goals of the space program are

# Defense

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third-largest and fastest-growing item in the budget. In comparison, the \$1.5 billion budget allocation for AIDS research would "barely pay a day's interest," he said.

"Our domestic programs are peanuts compared to what we're doing to finance the debt," Barton said. "We really have to balance the need for current expenditures against the need (for) fiscal security."

Vandiver, director of the Mosher Institute for Defense Studies, said the national debt is one of the greatest threats to national security that exists.

Barton said the peace dividend also could be returned to the public in the form of tax cuts or allocated to domestic programs.

Citing the United States' expenditures since World War II and the current \$300 billion defense budget, Barton said "the United States has put more into protecting the free world than any other nation." He said \$60 billion of the defense budget supports the NATO alliance.

Vandiver told the 24 student leaders that for the first time since the war, the United States must fundamentally rethink its defense policies to cope with the quickly changing global environment.

"Problems of national defense in a time of peace always seem to be of lesser importance than domestic concerns," Vandiver said. "Even

reviewed, three main areas for development were established, Thomas said.

First, the Soviets want to concentrate on circumterrestrial (near Earth) space, and study solar wind.

Next, they include astronomy in their space program. They are talking about deploying X-ray observatories with both Earth- and space-based stations.

Also, they are conducting inter-planetary studies, and these studies will most likely be joint enterprises with other countries.

"In terms of potential partners,

though we're entering a period of great destabilization, we may be lulled into believing our nation is secure and pay more attention to what's happening on Main Street than what's happening on Red Square."

"National defense always should be our first priority because even the worst domestic problems pale in significance when your national defense position is weak."

But, the United States also has to worry about problems closer to home when contemplating defense cuts.

Vandiver said closing military bases and demobilizing troops could cause severe repercussions in the economy. Some towns rely on military bases to support the economy, he said illustrating the point with a vivid example.

"Suppose the state were to say to Bryan-College Station, 'We're going to close Texas A&M; we have too many universities,'" Vandiver said. "This community would collapse. We are the economy to a great extent, and that's the kind of thing you have in the defense establishment."

"(A standing army) is not a producer of much. It's a consumer. How do you absorb all of that into the economy, into the workforce? That is the issue that Congress is going to have to wrestle with. You have a much more difficult problem than meets the eye."

Because the United States is encountering unprecedented change in the world, there are currently more questions than answers, Vandiver said.

"We have entered the most destabilized period in world history since

the United States is first," Thomas said.

Although the Soviets lack advanced technology (Soviet television must be unplugged when not used or they will explode), their space program gets a great deal of attention, Thomas said.

"The Soviet Union is not just buying over with assets," he said.

They do, however, commit quite a bit of money to their program as well as their best people, he said.

"The Soviet commitment to the space program is that — a commitment," Thomas said.

the beginning of the second world war because we don't know what's going to happen in the Soviet Union in Eastern Europe," Vandiver said.

"Is President Gorbachev going to be able to ride this bucking bronco to the head of the revolution, which is what he's really trying to do?"

Vandiver said international events give the United States the opportunity to make some long-term changes in defense policy.

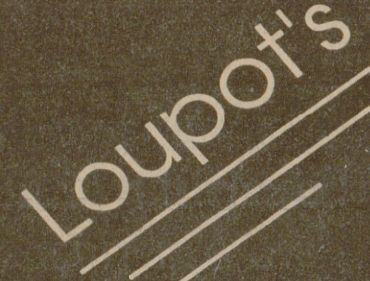
"The real challenge will be to take international opportunity and domestic constraint into a chance to save money in a sensible way, and do something that has been left undone for too long: matching defense spending to a military strategy," he said.

Vandiver also offered a solution to the problem of cutting defense spending that would, at the same time, protect national interests.

"I suggest that one way to do this, to achieve cuts in national defense, is to contemplate something we have avoided considering like the plague: unify the armed forces," he said.

Barton said that whatever happens in Eastern Europe, the current generation should still remain alert.


"Once they remove the threat of Soviet retaliation and Gorbachev stays in power, then your world is going to be a much safer place than your grandparents' world," Barton said. "But you're still going to have to remain vigilant because it does mean there's not going to be a threat to the United States (that there's not going to be any threat to democracy.)"



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# CONNECTION

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## Flu Gotcha Down?

The A. P. Beutel Student Health Center has a central purpose: to alleviate and prevent illnesses that negatively impact on the student's well-being. The A. P. Beutel Health Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The services of available to students registered at Texas A&M are:

1. OUTPATIENT GENERAL MEDICINE
2. SPECIALTY CLINICS:  
By referral from staff physicians, specialists in the fields of orthopedics, urology, dermatology, gynecology, general surgery, and otorhinolaryngology are available for limited consultation.
3. ACCREDITED MEDICAL LABORATORY
4. X-RAY SERVICES
5. PHYSICAL THERAPY:  
Preventative and rehabilitative services are offered by licensed physical therapists.
6. ALLERGY CLINIC  
Limited allergy testing is available for a fee.
7. IMMUNIZATIONS
8. COLD CLINIC
9. PHARMACY  
Pharmacy sells a limited number of prescription medicines at a nominal cost.
10. HOSPITALIZATION  
Payment of the Health Center Fee entitles students up to 10 days of hospitalization per semester at no extra charge.

## Important Dates

Students Over Traditional Age (S.O.T.A.)

Wednesday February 14 - 12:00 Noon  
Brown Bag Lunch Speaker Series  
"Financial Aid for Aggies Over 25"  
A&M United Methodist Church Rm. 113

Friday February 16 - 6:00 p.m.  
SOTA Supper Club - Garfields(Holiday Inn)

Friday February 23 - 12:00 noon  
AGGIES WITH KIDS  
Brown Bag Lunch - Health Center Conference Room

Off Campus Aggies

Friday February 23  
Mardi Gras Dinner and Dance

Saturday March 3  
All Night Fair

Saturday March 24  
Big Event and Picnic

Wednesday March 28  
General Meeting

Saturday April 7  
Parents Weekend Picnic and Slide Show

Wednesday April 18  
General Meeting

TBA Aggie Olympics  
OCA Dinner Club meets every Friday for dinner. Look in the Battalion 'What's Up' section for location.

For More Information call either the OCA office, 845-0688 or the Off Campus Center, 845-1741.

Off Campus Housing Fair

"Off Campus Housing Fair - Not a Trivial Pursuit" will be held on Thursday, March 22nd. The Housing Fair will be held in the MSC this year. Look for more details in the Battalion in the upcoming months.

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