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Class agent hopefuls must attend meeting

By JULIE MYERS
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May, August and December graduating seniors interested in seeking election to class agent for the Class of '90 will meet March 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the Clayton Williams Alumni Center.

Attendance is required in order to seek election. Voting will be April 10 and 11 at the Association of Former Students annual Spring Induction Banquet.

Requirements, qualifications and the duties of being a class agent will be discussed by Jim Jeter, Class of '70, associate executive director of the association, and Class Programs Coordinator Jean Herbert-Wiesenburg.

"The importance of the position of class agent cannot be underestimated," Herbert-Wiesenburg said.

Class agents serve five-year terms as members of the association's council, the longest volunteer term of any position on either the board or council.

Presently, there are 138 class agents representing 70 classes, from the Class of '17 through the Class of '89.

Depending on the size and wishes of each class, members elect one to four agents every five years to act as liaisons between

the class and the association. Among the many duties class agents perform, keeping their classmates informed of class and association activities and news is a priority.

Herbert-Wiesenburg said communication by class agents has been a major factor in garnering former student support for the many programs of the association which include academic programs, students' loans, student activities, and other special projects.

Early in the 1890s, the class agent concept was instituted into the organizational structure of what was then the Alumni Association. This was designed to maintain unity of classes after graduation.

In June 1893, the idea was formally adopted by an amendment to the Association's constitution. The use of the class agent as a point-of-contact for fellow Aggie classmates has developed over the years as one of the strongest attributes of today's association.

All seniors planning to attend the mandatory meeting and those who cannot attend should contact Herbert-Wiesenburg in the Class Programs Office of the Association of Former Students, 845-7514, for information regarding eligibility.

Fraternity members get involved

Thirteen IFC representatives join B-CS Chamber of Commerce

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Members of the Texas A&M Intra-Fraternity Council have found an additional activity to occupy their time — Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce meetings.

Darren Smith, a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon and president of the IFC, came up with the idea last semester as a way for fraternity members to get more involved in the community.

"I thought it would be a good way for us to show community support," Smith said. The IFC is a 26-member organization made of representatives of each fraternity. Thirteen of

these representatives are elected to the Executive Council. It is this elite group that attends B-CS Chamber of Commerce meetings.

The B-CS Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization open to anyone who wants to get involved.

These members of the community meet about every other month and discuss financial and political aspects of the Twin Cities.

K. Jack Speer, executive vice president of the chamber, said various members of the local community belong to the organization.

"Our membership really runs the gamut," Speer said. "We have everyone from local leaders to the housewife who just wants to help build in

the community."

He said the 1,300-member group welcomes the addition of fraternity members.

"We are delighted," he said. "We encourage young leadership to get involved. We especially like to get groups from A&M," he said.

Smith said fraternity members play a passive role during the educational meetings.

"Right now when we attend meetings, we just observe," Smith said. "It's a learning process right now. Our place is to let them conduct their business."

Speer strongly encouraged more students to involve themselves in the chamber of commerce. The only requirement for members are annual dues of \$145.

Awards announced for international week

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Contest winners from the 10th Annual International Week were announced this week by International Student Services.

Cultural display gold awards were awarded to Indonesia, Mexico, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Lebanon and Bangladesh.

International Buffet Gold Awards were presented to the Arab Club, for its roast lamb and rice, and baklava; India, for its chicken and vegetables in curried sauce; Indonesia, for its peanut crisps and soft corn patties; the Chinese Student Association, for its ravioli and sweet and sour meat;

and Turkey, for its baklava and pilaf with raisins.

Talent show gold awards were based on different criteria than other gold award presentations.

ISS Student Adviser Tina Watkins said the talent show was judged according to organization, poise and performance as opposed to the entertainment value of the presentation.

"We should never judge cultures," Watkins said.

Consequently, Watkins said there are no first, second or third places. The countries that win a gold award share five first places. Puerto Rico, India, Vietnam, France and the Philippines won gold awards in the tal-

ent competition.

Their depiction of a living book earned Puerto Rican students one of

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Indian students also received an award for their stick dance.

Vietnamese students' delicate fan dance was cited for an award, as were French students who took the audience on a tour of Paris complete with a subway and famous French landmarks. A rhythmic coconut dance earned the Filipino students a gold award also.

Pakistan won the best of show award in the art exhibit category. The United States Student Association won the drawing and painting awards. Pakistan won the photography and crafts awards for art exhibits. The sculpture award went to the Chinese Students Association.

The International Week overall winner was Indonesia based on the highest point totals in all categories.

Group hits streets for clues to drug war

AUSTIN (AP) — A citizen-legislator group searching for answers to what has been called a drug epidemic in Texas will hit the streets to find those answers, the chairman said Tuesday.

"We're going to take you to some crack houses ... we're going to ask you to go on drug raids — we're not going to ask you to kick in the door," Sen. Ted Lyon told the Task Force on State and Local Drug Control.

Lyon, D-Rockwall, also said the 14-member task force would visit prisons to talk to inmates.

After additional hearings in Austin, as well as nine other cities — McAllen, Laredo, Houston, Tyler, Dallas, El Paso, Amarillo, Lubbock and Beaumont — Lyon said he wanted a report completed by mid-summer.

"I think we have a tremendous opportunity if we get our report done" early enough "then perhaps that will be a focal point of the elections this fall," Lyon said at the first meeting of the task force.

"What's cooking in the kitchen? Crack's cooking in the kitchen," Rep. Carolyn Park, R-Bedford, a committee member, said.

She said people talk about a "service station on

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every corner — we're going to see the day when there's a drug treatment center on every corner," Charles Terrell of Dallas, chairman of the

Texas Criminal Justice Board, said, "If we could cure our drug problems and correct our educational failings, we could stop building new prisons.

"In fact, we could close half of what we have today and rent them out as condos or motels for those who are adventurous at heart."

Terrell, citing a "drug problem that is out of control," suggested mandatory drug education in every classroom, beginning with first grade; funding of 24-hour drug courts in large cities; use of former military bases as penal facilities for drug offenders; and front-page newspaper notices identifying users.

He suggested life without parole for three-time drug offenders, "or better yet the death penalty."

"We should not call it a 'War on Drugs,' as they do in Washington, unless we are prepared to dedicate a 'wartime budget' to the cause, including the possibility of tax increases," Terrell said.

Officials search for ways to increase vaccinations

DALLAS (AP) — Investigators from the national Center for Disease Control are coming to Dallas to find ways to reduce the number of children who go without measles shots and other vaccinations.

Dallas County health officials said the 3-month-old measles epidemic proves that too many children are not being immunized, the Dallas Times Herald said.

By Monday, 1,013 measles cases had been reported in the county; more than half were preschoolers and most of them hadn't been vaccinated, the newspaper reported Wednesday.


The epidemic has resulted in

the death of a 26-year-old Dallas woman and two unvaccinated toddlers.

"We have had our noses rubbed in the fact that we, like health officials around the country, let down our guard about immunizations," Dr. Gordon Green, Dallas County health director, said.

"We're making up for years of not doing anything because we thought people were getting their immunizations," he said.

The county's chief epidemiologist has asked the CDC to include Dallas in a nationwide study to help find long-term solutions to prevent future epidemics.



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