

A&M tightens vaccine policy

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Texas A&M's immunization requirements for admission will become more stringent in July 1991 because of a nationwide measles outbreak this past year.

Dr. Erika Gonzalez-Lima, health education coordinator at the A.P. Beutel Health Center, said the Texas Department of Health sent out a memo requiring all colleges and universities to enforce immunization requirements for admission.

Every incoming freshman and transfer student planning to enroll at A&M receives a medical history form to fill out and return.

A&M officials, however, never enforced the requirement that students return the form before they are admitted to A&M, Gonzalez-Lima

said.

"We always assumed most students had up-to-date immunizations because most A&M students have gone to high school in Texas school districts and were required to be immunized," Gonzalez-Lima said.

She said that because of the stricter requirements, all incoming freshmen and transfer students must show proof of two measles immunizations, one mumps immunization, one rubella immunization and a series of Td (tetanus and diphtheria) immunizations beginning in July 1991.

If these students do not show proof of the immunizations, they will be blocked from registration until proof is given.

Two measles immunizations are required because vaccinations given before 1980 did not provide the expected life-long protection from the

disease, Gonzalez-Lima said.

"We assume vaccinations will give life-long protection but we can't be sure until 10 or 20 years after immunization," Gonzalez-Lima said.

She said every student vaccinated before 1980 and every student who has not had measles should be revaccinated. She said these same students should be revaccinated for mumps and rubella because there is no guarantee these immunizations will last for a lifetime either.

"To be on the safe side, students should be re-vaccinated for mumps, rubella and measles," Gonzalez-Lima said. "These diseases are highly contagious and can have serious complications."

Measles can cause encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) and death. Mumps can cause men-

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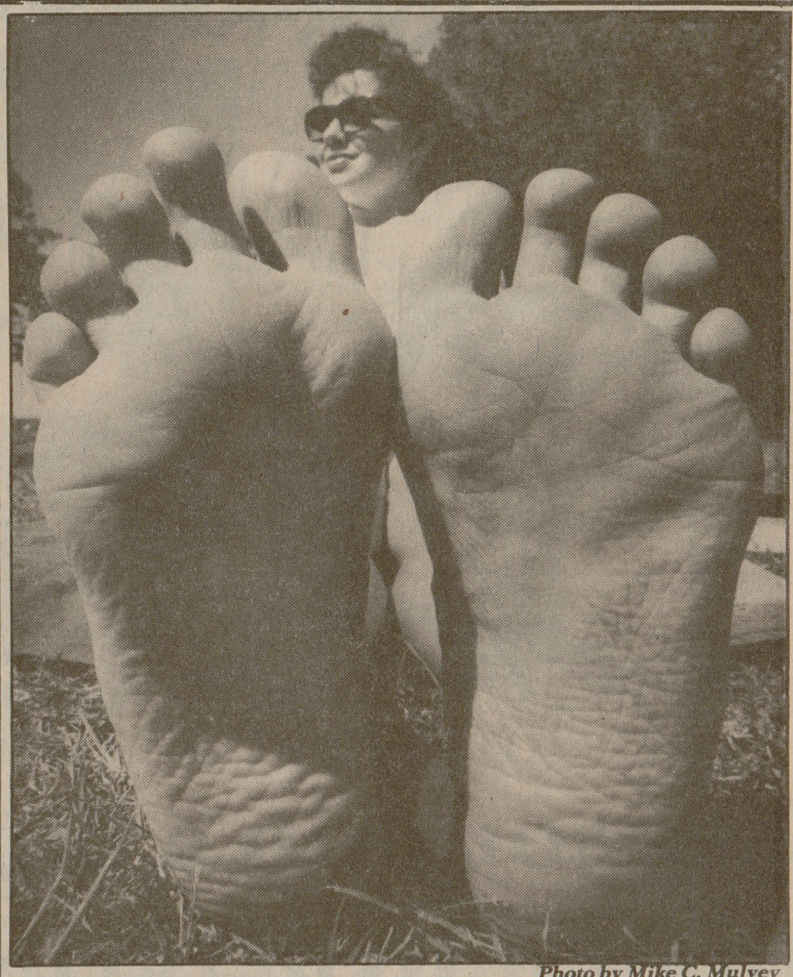


Photo by Mike C. Malvey
Junior Stephanie Israel from Lake Jackson works on her tan while studying Management 211 at the Research Park.

Faculty: Pay system should provide options

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Despite discontent among some Texas A&M faculty members about how they are paid, A&M administrators say its payroll system is too complex to change.

Many A&M faculty members, especially professors whose emphasis is teaching, are paid monthly over nine months.

But faculty members aren't upset with getting paid once a month — they are upset at the inconvenience of getting paid over nine months since long-term budgeting is required to make the pay last 12 months.

Some teaching faculty members

who get paid over nine months would like an option of getting paid over nine or 12 months, like faculty at many other universities in the country.

Dr. James Rosenheim, an associate professor of history, said although it is more economically beneficial to only get paid nine times, it is not easier.

"It's a matter of convenience to get paid over 12 months because few of us are good budgeters," Rosenheim said. "A good economist would say getting paid nine times is better because you could be drawing interest in the bank, but it's not convenient."

Rosenheim said professors were given the option of choosing the

nine- or 12-month plan at the university where he taught before coming to A&M. He said he would like to see the option instituted here.

But Tom Taylor, the A&M controller, said the University has a complex method of paying its faculty which does not lend itself to a 12-month pay plan.

"There are some unique differences here that make that possibility a little more complex," Taylor said. "There are many faculty members split between parts of the system and some faculty members have a differing pay distribution from one month to the next. Most other state agencies don't have that problem."

The University of Texas System and the University of Houston, how-

ever, have offered their faculties pay options for many years.

Mary Zakrajsek of the UH compensation department said all teaching faculty are offered the option, but assistant or associate deans automatically are paid over 12 months.

Zakrajsek said she has no explanation for the reason A&M doesn't offer the option.

"We've got an antiquated system here," she said. "Maybe it's because A&M has more speed and technology. We're in the process of changing the system here, but I assume the option will still be offered."

Bill Wallace, director of personnel at UT, said having faculty members'

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Parents' Weekend commences Friday

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Parents' Weekend, an annual Texas A&M tradition that brings family members together, kicks off Friday morning and runs through Sunday afternoon.

Parents' Weekend originally began as an open house on Mothers' Day in 1919 for mothers to check up on their sons.

Over the years, the open house developed into a three-day weekend. In 1974, so it wouldn't conflict with graduation, Parents' Weekend was moved to April. Generally, the event is the first weekend in April as long as this date does not land on Easter Weekend.

The following is a partial schedule for Parents' Weekend 1990:

FRIDAY:

- Federation of Aggie Mothers' Club Boutique, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Rudder Exhibit Hall.
- Pictures with Reveille V, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the MSC Flagroom.
- Who's Who Reception, 3 to 5 p.m. in 205 and 206 MSC.
- Baseball: A&M vs. Rice University, at 7 p.m. at Olsen Field.
- MSC Variety Show: "A Night Under the Stars," 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.
- 1990 Century Singers Spring Concert: "Psalms and

Songs," 8 p.m. in the Rudder Theatre.

- RHA Casino '90, 7 p.m. to midnight at second floor of MSC.
- Ol' Army Yell Practice, midnight at Kyle Field.

SATURDAY:

- College of Business Parents' Brunch and Open House, 8 to 11 a.m. in the Blocker Lobby.
- Aggie Band Awards Ceremony, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Rudder Auditorium.
- Bevo-Burn Barbecue, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grove.
- MSC Jordan Institute Film, "We've Never Been Licked," 2 to 4 p.m. in Rudder Theatre.
- Singing Cadets Spring Concert, 8 to 10:30 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

SUNDAY:

- All-University Awards Ceremony, 9 to 10:30 a.m. in Rudder Auditorium.
- All-University Awards Reception, 10:30 a.m. in the Rudder Exhibit Hall.
- All Faiths Chapel Service, 11 a.m. to noon at All Faiths Chapel.
- Ross Volunteers Performance, 1 p.m. at Kyle Field.
- Corps of Cadets Review and Awards Ceremony, 2:30 p.m. at Kyle Field.

For a complete schedule of all 1990 Parents' Weekend activities, stop by the Student Government office on the second floor of the Pavilion.

Conference searches for solutions to solid waste management issue

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The solution to the critical issue of solid waste management in the United States is community involvement, which was concluded Wednesday at the Keep America Beautiful "Let's Not Waste The 90s" national town meeting videoconference sponsored by the Brazos County Earth Day Committee.

After six panelists composed of recognized scholars, elected officials and waste professionals discussed today's disposal crisis on a national level, people from across the nation and Canada could call the experts and have their questions answered.

Moderator of the national town meeting, Dr. Harvey Alter, resources policy department manager of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said, "Solid waste is a large sore and we have only applied a small bandage."

William Ruckelshaus, chairman and CEO of Browning-Ferris Industries, Inc., and the first administrator of the U.S. EPA, said the solid waste management problem differs from the pollution problem in that solutions to the solid waste crisis exist.

The Honorable Dana Rinehart, mayor of Columbus, said a united national commitment is the only way to deal with the solid waste crisis.

Hal Gershowitz, senior vice president Waste Management, Inc., said many of the landfills in existence are state of the art and safe.

Dr. Laura Green, senior scientist and president of Cambridge Environmental, Inc., said functional landfills must have quality design, operation and management.

Frank Miller, executive director of Virginia Peninsula Public Service Authority, past president of American Public Works Association and the past president of the Institute for Solid



Wastes, said the secret to running a successful landfill is to involve the public.

"The solid waste solution is public participation," Miller said.

Dr. Robert F. Testin, associate professor of packaging science at Clemson University, said often packaging appears to be the reason for the solid waste problem because it is visible. Packaging makes up a third of the waste in the country, Testin said.

"The solution is better packaging by designing tactics to attack the problem systematically," he said.

Gershowitz said more volunteers are willing to separate their garbage in order to recycle. Consumers often have separate trash containers for

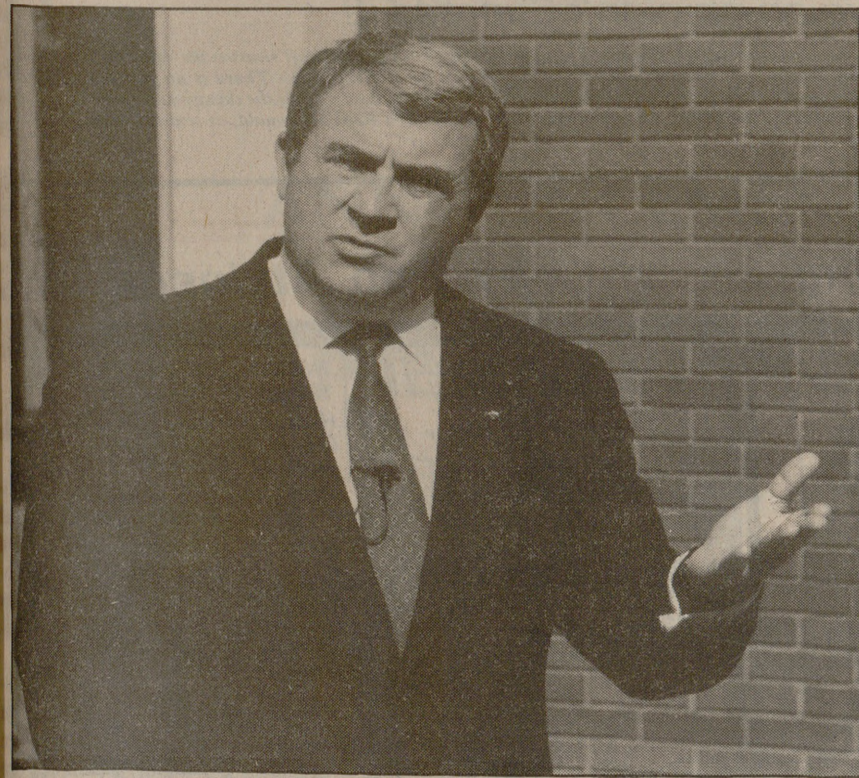
glass, paper and can products.

Miller said the only obstacle to overcome in the recycling solution of solid waste is knowing how to plan a functional program for the public.

Concerned citizens of Bryan/College Station and Texas A&M students attended the videoconference. People called from several states including Florida, California, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi and Ohio.

Mayor Lee Cook from Austin called the panel to ask about the future of recycling and the willingness of the public to participate. Miller responded by saying consumers should purchase products that are easily recycled.

"It's not a collecting issue; it's a buying issue," Miller said.



Mattox
Photo by Steven M. Noreyko

Mattox defends campaign tactics

By SUZANNE CALDERON
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During a campaign stop at the Brazos County Courthouse on Wednesday afternoon, Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox, Democratic candidate for governor, discounted this year's controversial governor's campaign by saying there is not much to it.

Speaking to a crowd of about 20 in front of the courthouse, Mattox said, "In the long run this a pretty minor campaign as far as the intensity of the efforts — I'm sure some political journalists could tell you about some really mean and tough campaigns that have taken place in Texas and around the United States."

But more controversy emerged on Tuesday when during a live television broadcast from Dallas, Mattox said he has signed statements from people saying they have seen Democratic candidate Ann Richards use illegal drugs.

Mattox had a one-sided television debate in Dallas on Tuesday night. He said he had challenged Richards to the television debate, but she declined.

"I think Ann Richards is refusing to debate because she is afraid to answer certain particular questions about drug abuse," Mattox said. "I think in the long run she may be able to hide from me ... but she certainly won't be able to hide from Clayton Williams come No-

vember."

While Mattox debated by himself Tuesday night, Richards rallied with supporters in Austin according to an article in the Houston Chronicle on Wednesday, where she was quoted as saying that Mattox was the "garbage man of Texas politics."

Responding to Richards comment, Mattox said, "Well, a garbage man is somebody who goes out and picks up trash, and I've been picking up her trash."

Mattox said Richards needs to stop going around calling names and come up with some answers instead. He said he'd like her to come out of hiding so they can discuss the real issues.

"I do think I'd like her to come out and talk about tax policy, the environment and about what we are going to do about crime and drugs," he said.

But, it's hard to have someone lead a war on crime and drugs when they refuse to answer those types of questions, Mattox said.

When asked to reveal the sources who say they have knowledge of Richards' drug use, Mattox said the sources would prefer to remain unnamed.

"They are just like the sources you have as an investigative reporter — they are not real anxious to say all they know," he said. "They are not real interested in getting involved in the governor's race."

Discussing issues in the campaign, Mattox

said he is pushing hard for a state lottery. He said with the lottery he is hoping to bring in \$700 million to the state, with much of the money going to education.

Education needs to be set as a higher priority in the budget, he said.

Implementing a state lottery would not lead to problems with illegal gambling, Mattox said.

"No, it's just the opposite ... in those areas that you put in-state lotteries you actually reduce gambling in the state," he said.

Mattox said he doesn't think the lottery is a regressive means of bringing in income. He said he thinks Richards' plan for a state income tax is much more regressive because it doesn't give people the option of whether or not they want to participate.

"A lottery is something people can participate in; they can enjoy it; they want to do it, and they have the option," he said.

The question Mattox said is being asked now is who can best have a contest with Clayton Williams. He said he thinks he is qualified to stand "toe-to-toe" with Williams on the issues.

Mattox said he is pleased with how his campaign is running.

"We believe the momentum we had coming into the primary campaign is still with us," he said.