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Aggie luncheons honor supporters

By Susan Maguire
 The Battalion

Besides Aggie football games, football season brings another but lesser known Aggie tradition; the pre-home game luncheons held by Texas A&M's president.

The purpose of each luncheon is to honor supporters of the University and to showcase the progress of the University, said President William Mobley.

"These luncheons have been going on for maybe 30 years," he said.

It's also a tradition to honor the president of each visiting team's university and the visiting

officer who reviews the Corps of Cadets as they march to Kyle Field from the Quadrangle.

"Also at each of these luncheons, we have one of our student leaders give the welcome," Mobley said.

This week's honorees are Louisiana State University President Dr. Bud Davis and Maj. Gen. Don Daniel, commanding general of the 49th Armored Division based at Camp Mabry in Austin. Stephen Ruth, A&M's student body president, will welcome them.

"Also, every week, there are two or three programs we recognize," Mobley said.

This weekend, the luncheon's

featured programs are the President's Board of Advisers, the Business Development Council and the Library Development Council.

"Since I've been president," Mobley said, "I have tried to make sure that student leaders speak and that we showcase university programs."

The second home game and luncheon will honor the Aggies who participated in the Persian Gulf War, Mobley said.

Each luncheon begins two and a half hours before kickoff and from 100 to 300 people attend. The honorees' meals are paid for by private donations and a concession fund, but other guests pay a small fee.

Geophysicists try to explain formation Experts study Indochina

By Troy D. Hall
 The Battalion

Two Texas A&M geophysicists are using the continental drift theory to conduct research on the formation of Indochina in Southeast Asia.

The continental drift theory explains that 65 million years ago the great land masses on the earth began separating and evolving into the seven continents found on the earth today.

Dr. Steven Harder, an assistant professor of geophysics, and Dr. Bob McCabe, an associate pro-

fessor of geoscience, and faculty from three other universities are conducting research to determine how the rapid movement of India toward the continent of Asia affected the development of Indochina.

"India slammed into southern Asia, creating the Himalayas, Mountains and Plateau of Tibet," Harder said. "We are researching what effect this collision had on the development of Indochina. We want to determine how far Indochina shot out into the Indian Ocean."

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IN ADVANCE

Mexican Independence Day festivities begin

The Texas A&M campus will come alive with dance, food and entertainment as students, faculty and staff celebrate Mexican Independence Day on Sunday and Monday.

The public is invited to Sunday's festivities from 7 to 11 p.m. in The Grove. Performances include ballet by Folklorico de Coahuila and music by Voz Latina and La Estudiante. Tickets

are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for students.

Celebrations on Monday will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Academic Plaza. Members of the campus community can meet more than 15 Mexican business representatives and stop by booths featuring seven Mexican universities.

Correction

An article in Thursday's issue of The Battalion incorrectly stated Texas A&M President William Mobley is considering a proposed music department. In fact, the University president has to O.K. 11 new music courses and a music minor, which the Faculty Senate passed during its last meeting.

Music appreciation courses are offered through the Department of Philosophy and Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts. Further development of the music program is in the planning stages, with no degree presently proposed. A minor in music could be available in Fall '92. The Battalion regrets the error.

Mobley stresses role models

By Melody Dunne
 The Battalion

There is a great need for Mexican-American role models in the nation's high schools and communities, University President William Mobley said Thursday night.

Mobley stressed that people can make a difference in their culture by encouraging youths to follow high academic standards.



Mobley

He proposed to the members of the Society of Mexican-American Engineers and Scientists that they set goals and focus on what is really important to them in life.

"Too many people do things just because they think other people think they should," Mobley said.

"When you know what you're shooting at, it's a lot easier to hit your target," Mobley said. "If we don't have a notion of what we're shooting at, we waste a lot of time."

Feedback, when positive, is incredibly important, Mobley says.

"When you're a positive feedback source, others feel positive about you," Mobley explained.

"But if you're a source of grumbling and you're critical of other people, people start to avoid you."

Mobley also targeted the importance of teamwork. He said everybody should be open to new ideas to be able to grow and have a better understanding of others.

Gene Perez, a junior meteorology major and MAES vice president, said he hopes MAES members will join people in all the technical fields.

Members of MAES attend professional retreats and conferences, and offer tutoring to Bryan High School and a local junior high. Last year they had around 200 members. Perez said he hopes to double that number this year.

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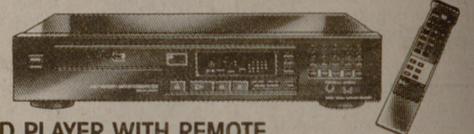
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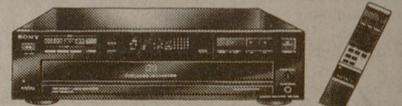
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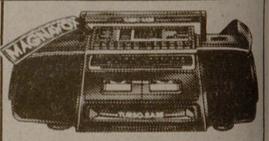
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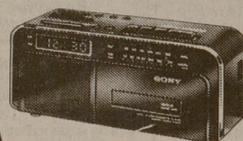
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