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Publications rank A&M in top 100

by Robin Goodpaster
The Battalion

Texas A&M University holds the title as one of the top one hundred universities in the country for its excellent quality of academic programs at a low cost, according to two national publications.

The 1992 Guide to 101 of the Best Values in America's Colleges and Universities lists A&M as one of the top one hundred universities in the United States.

In addition, 'Money' magazine ranked A&M in the top twenty as one of the nation's "best buys" in its 1990 college guide.

"We are proud that we are listed as one of the best buys in the country," said Don Powell, director of Business Services at A&M. "We try to maintain the lowest practical price level we can and still offer quality services. For ex-

ample, the housing rates did not increase at all. In fact, one classification of dormitories actually went down," said Powell.

David Wilson, editor of The 1992 Guide to 101 of the Best Values in America's Colleges and Universities, specifies three major criteria for selecting the schools.

First, the national ranking published each year by magazines such as "U.S. News" are considered. The second factor examined are the results of a high school guidance counselors' poll based on recommended schools. Finally, data on costs versus quality of academic programs, accessibility of faculty, and strength of learning resources and student services are considered.

"Texas A&M met and indeed exceeded our criteria in every category," said Wilson. "Today,

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No Pain No Gain

Danny Colgrove, a senior business analysis major from Shreveport, La., stretches out in the sun in front of G. Rolie White Coliseum while waiting for a running partner on Wednesday afternoon.

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Program helps undergraduates make contacts with professionals Career day gives students chance for networking

By Tammy Bryson
The Battalion

Texas A&M Department of Student Activities and the Houston Aggie Professional Forum have joined together to provide students with an opportunity to make contacts in the business world through a day of "networking."

Career Networking Day, to be held Oct. 4 in Houston, allows students to talk to representatives from companies such as Conoco, Houston Chronicle and American Express, said Felicia James, stu-

dent activities adviser in the Department of Student Activities.

"The main goal is to provide undergraduates at A&M an opportunity to meet and network with professional former students," she said. "The program allows students to visit different companies and learn about a variety of career options."

David Dupre, senior management major, said his experience with Networking Day enabled him to broaden his possible career options.

"It provided me with many opportunities in fields other than (management), so I'm not too limited," he said.

Dupre stressed that Networking Day offers a chance to make contacts in a variety of professions.

"One nice thing is that all the companies have different opportunities for different students," he said. "It is not just limited to business or engineering."

James added that about half of the students signed up to participate this year are in the College of Liberal Arts.

The former students go out of their way to help Aggies with their careers, Dupre said.

"They are so concerned with finding you a job," he said. "If they can't find you one in

their department, they will send you to someone who can."

Dupre added that the Aggie professionals hope that some students who participate will pass this favor down to other students.

"They really treat us with respect," Dupre added. "They want students to become involved so they can provide networking opportunities for other Aggies in the future."

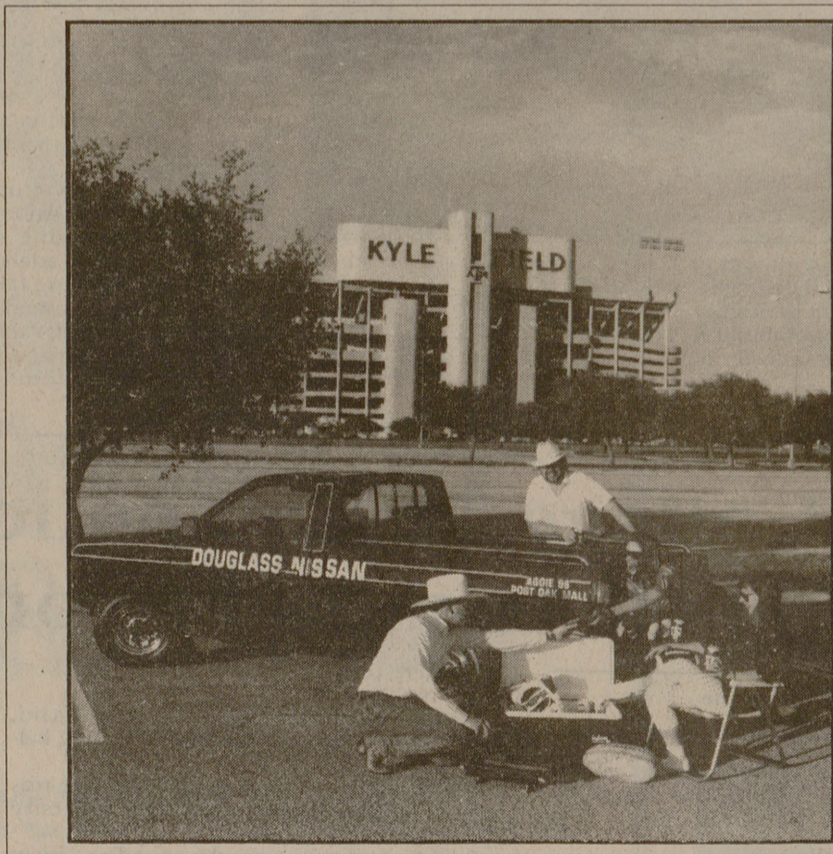
The day begins at 7 a.m. at the Pavilion where participants will meet to be taken to Houston for breakfast with Conoco representatives. From there, students can choose between visiting the Houston Chronicle or Enron, which

will be followed by lunch with the corporation.

The next corporate stop will be to IDS Financial Services and American Express or Brown & Root, depending on which company the student chooses. The day will conclude with a forum of professional speakers discussing issues relevant to students and career networking.

Matt Lang, senior marketing major, explains why he is participating in Career Networking Day this year, "I believe this will be a good opportunity to look at different industries and find out what I'm interested in, but more importantly - I need a job."

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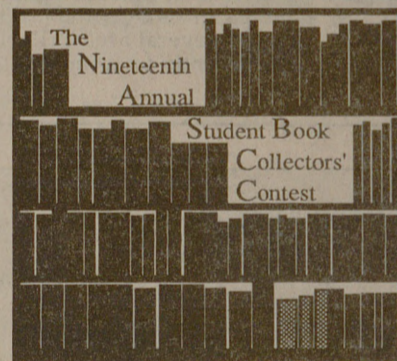
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