

Career Center to offer 'reality' course

Underclassmen must attend program on employment opportunities in fall

By Julie Polston
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Beginning next fall, students at Texas A&M will be given a "dose of reality" in a new seminar offered by the Career Center.

Reality 101, a class focusing on employment opportunities, will be required for freshmen and sophomores.

"The seminar will basically show them (students) how tough the job market is, and using excerpts from major publications, we hope to have almost a shock effect on the students," said Dr. Wayne Terrell, executive director of the Career Center.

Most students wait until graduation approaches to worry about finding a job, he said.

Terrell said the seminar will stress the importance of a high grade point ratio, acquiring work experience and developing personal skills. Professionals will lecture on opportunities in various fields, he said.

"The workshop is designed to

make students aware at a very early age that they need to start thinking about the job market," he said.

University administrators reorganized three separate offices - Cooperative Education, Career Education and Placement Services - to form the Career Center.

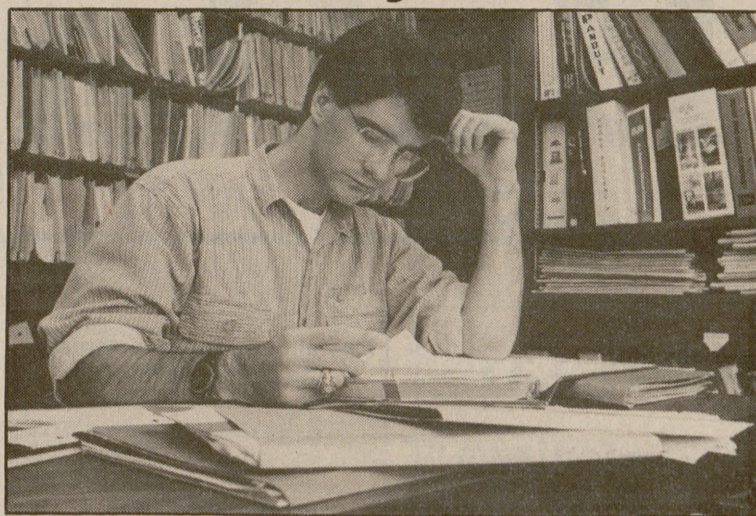
The Cooperative Education Office, or "co-op," helps students find jobs for two or more semesters in exchange for pay and academic credit.

More than 2,400 students have participated in co-op, making it the third largest program of its kind in the country, Terrell said.

Students learn how to interview, write resumes and network through the Career Education Office.

"We want to teach students how to sell themselves," he said.

The Placement Services Office primarily is for graduates and students interested in summer internships. Students register for interviews with company representatives who travel to campus seeking new graduates.



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Jon McGary, a senior computer science major from Houston, researches possible employers in the Placement Center Library.

The poor economy has reduced the travel of company representatives to college campuses. Terrell said he hopes to overcome this problem by aggressively pursuing firms that normally do not make recruiting visits.

In May, A&M and the University of Texas will try to sell companies on the strength of the academic programs at both schools at the College Placement Center's national conference.

Students interested in the Career Center can go to the 10th floor of Rudder Tower for more information. The center will move to room 209 of the Student Services Building during spring break.

MSC All-Night Fair planned for Saturday

By Melody Dunne
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If you want to milk cows, pin condoms on the donkey, play giant Twister and see stuffed cats fly, come to the MSC All-Night Fair this Saturday.

Dennis Koch, adviser to the All-Night Fair, said 57 booths, sponsored by different student organizations, will be set up in the MSC to play games or offer services during the fair, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Crawfish races, blackjack, cake-walks and cat tosses are just a few of the games to be played.

Kim Wright, administration head for All-Night Fair, said during the evening, a "Date Auction" will be held, where dates can be bid upon.

Student volunteers, such as yell leaders and student representatives, will be "sold" to the bidder offering the most Fair tickets.

Since the theme for the evening is "Flashback," rooms will be decorated to represent different decades, she said.

The A&M Magic Club, the Chinese Fighting Arts and several local bands will provide entertain-

ment for the fair, mostly in the Flag Room, Koch said.

About 70 people can play Giant Twister games. Judges will watch for anyone that falls, while a caller tells players how to position their hands and feet, he said.

In addition, the 1992 Miss Texas A&M and some pageant finalists will sing during the evening.

The entrance fee is \$1 and tickets for games will be sold for 10 cents each. For each 10-cent ticket an organization game booth collects, the All-Night Fair Committee will give the organization 5 cents back.

Koch said the more creative an organization gets with their booth the more money they will make.

"Last year we had one group make over \$400," he said. "An average group makes \$50 to \$60 during the fair."

Certain booths will offer food as prizes, but some small refreshments will be sold, such as soft drinks and finger food, Wright said.

Koch said the fair provides good bonding between students.

"It's a good way to get ready and pumped up for spring break," he said.

Nintendo Video Game Tour returns to A&M campus

By Julie Polston
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Texas A&M students once again can play video games for money and prizes today and Friday near Rudder fountain at the Nintendo Video Game Tour sponsored by MSC Recreation.

Nintendo is currently on its second nationwide tour and will visit a total of 35 col-

lege campuses by May. Last year, Nintendo toured 55 schools, including A&M.

"They (Nintendo) liked A&M and wanted to come back," said Davin Driskill, MSC recreation chairman.

Thirty-two Super Nintendo game stations, consisting of the most popular video games and the latest releases, will be housed in a giant tent, said Stefan Ryan, tour manager for Nintendo.

Seven Game Boy booths also will be sta-

tioned outside. Games include Super Mario World, Pilot Wings and F-Zero.

On stage, a tournament will begin every seven minutes with three different games, said Kevin Tisdale, who works for the promotional company running the tour. Tournaments are always full everywhere Nintendo goes, he said.

"I think this is going to be a great turnout," Tisdale said.

The high scorer in each tournament

round will win a T-shirt, and all players will receive a cup. First, second and third prizes will be given away at \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively.

The overall winner at A&M will receive a Super Nintendo Entertainment System and three cartridges.

In addition, this person could win \$10,000, \$5,000 or \$1,000 in a drawing for the highest scorers from all the colleges on the tour, Tisdale said.

CORRECTION

The Battalion Wednesday incorrectly identified Dr. Paul J. Wellman, associate professor of psychology, as the head of the department.

Dr. Stephen Worchel is the head of the psychology department.

The Battalion regrets the error.

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