

University conference addresses Hispanic health issues

By Robin Roach
The Battalion

AIDS in the Latino culture and medical malpractice and health promotion in the Hispanic community were a few of the topics discussed this weekend at the Texas Association of Mexican American Medical Students' (TAMAMS) 12th annual general conference.

The Texas A&M University Health Science Center and the College of Medicine hosted the conference entitled "Modern Medical Influence on Hispanic Health Care."

The purpose of the annual conference is to allow the eight medical schools to come together and learn what each school is doing in regard to Hispanic health care, said Nora Cantu, president of TAMAMS.

"The conference addresses health issues

that affect the Hispanic community and makes people aware of Hispanic health care — which is not good right now," said Cantu, a third-year medical student here at A&M.

The conference is hosted by the Texas A&M College of Medicine.

Filomeno Maldonado, director of admissions for the College of Medicine, said the conference provides a perfect forum for students to come together and talk with physicians.

The conference began Friday evening with the TAMAMS board meeting, followed by a reception for TAMAMS members.

The conference lasted all day with a total of nine presentations along with a continental breakfast, complimentary lunch, and dinner banquet provided by the College of Medicine Office of Student Affairs.

Ruben Rios, a lawyer with Bailey and Williams Law Associates in Dallas, spoke on how to avoid malpractice lawsuits.

He stressed the importance of keeping accurate and adequate medical records of patients, even in cases where there is a normal finding.

Rios also urged the medical students to be sensitive to the problems of each individual patient.

"Don't make light of the patient's complaints," he said.

Robbie Malone, a lawyer for the Office of the Attorney General, Medical Malpractice Section, also spoke on how to avoid malpractice lawsuits.

"Beside manner is the number one thing to think about," Malone said.

She also expressed her opinion that many times people sue doctors because of their feelings of grief, blame or guilt.

At a presentation entitled "AIDS in the Southwest," Charlene Dora Ortiz, associate executive director of the Center for Health Policy Development in San Antonio, led a discussion on AIDS in the Latino culture.

Ortiz stressed that AIDS education is directed mainly at the white, middle-class, literate population.

"AIDS education needs to address Latinos differently," she said.

Other presentations dealt with Hispanic centers of excellence, health promotion in the Hispanic community, opportunities in the U.S. Health Service and a panel discussion on patient compliance.

Following the final presentation, the TAMAMS Challenge Cup was awarded to the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio for outstanding service to the Hispanic community.

In Advance

The MSC Flagroom will be the site of the 1992 Presidential Forum on Monday, March 30. Candidates for student body president will discuss their platforms, and the candidates for yell leader will perform yells. Students are urged to attend and find out about each candidate prior to the elections on April 1 and 2. Presidential Forum is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

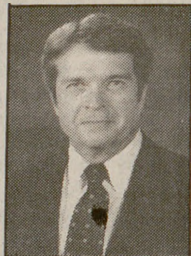
The next evening, candidates for student senate will announce their platforms in the Senate Forum.

For more information call Student Government at 845-3051.

Texas A&M boosts education support with endowments

By Karen Praslicka
The Battalion

Texas A&M is enhancing its commitment to undergraduate education through several new programs, including the establishment of at least 25, \$150,000 endowed professorships to be filled exclusively on the basis of teaching excellence.



Gage

Dr. E. Dean Gage, senior vice president and provost for academic affairs, presented a report entitled "Excellence in Undergraduate Education at Texas A&M: A Priority" to the A&M Board of Regents Friday.

The report outlined the University's plan for undergraduate education, which Gage said is "the heart of what we do in educational programs."

The endowed professorships, funded by the University's Capital Campaign fund-raising efforts, are for renewable five-year terms.

"They will serve as a tangible, long-term reward for recognition for teaching excellence," Gage

said. The University has done some institutional "soul searching" to evaluate and redefine the model of the research university, he said.

"Undergraduate education is a national issue," Gage said. "There's an enormous agreement to re-emphasize teaching and undergraduate education."

He said the University received 28 specific recommendations regarding education in a Multiple Missions Task Force Report, 10 of which are already in place or in process.

A&M also has completed a self-study, in which the core curriculum was re-evaluated.

One example of A&M's commitment to education is the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE).

A Council of Master Teachers will be established for the fall of 1992 to advise Gage and the CTE on how to promote excellence in teaching, provide faculty development opportunities, and promote campus-wide issues on teaching.

The council will be selected from already established Master Teacher Panels within the University's colleges.

Another new program is the CTE Scholars program. One CTE scholar teacher will be selected

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Having a blast

Raul Rodriguez, (left) a senior computer science major, and Wolfgang Voelicker, a senior building construction major, launch a model rocket on the polo field on Sunday afternoon.

MSC sponsors cultural events

Week-long extravaganza celebrates diversity of regions around world

By Sharon Gilmore
The Battalion

Texas A&M's Department of Multicultural Services is sponsoring a week celebrating African-American, Hispanic and Native American cultures with concerts, shows, movies, speakers and much more.

"It is a celebration of the ethnic minority students on our campus," said Lorinda Beekmann, Student Development Specialist.

As part of the celebration, the first Aggie Cultural Extravaganza will take place Thursday in room 201 of the MSC from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"It is the first year for the Extravaganza that is planned by the students," Beekmann said.

Students will provide some of the entertainment at the Extravaganza. The events include a step show by Kappa Alpha Psi, a mariachi band, Native-American song and dance and a performance by the Vietnamese American Student Association.

"The cultural entertainment will be presented by A&M student organizations," Beekmann said. "The purpose of the event is to create cultural awareness through

entertainment."

The show and week's events help students recognize different cultures, said Lathalia Trammel, ticket-sales chairperson for the Extravaganza.

"I think it is a wonderful opportunity for students to see the cultural diversity on campus," Trammel said.

The Extravaganza costs \$2 for students, and tickets can be purchased in the MSC on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or at the door.

Celebrate Diversity Week '92 began Sunday with "Up With People," a musical celebration of cultural diversity sponsored by the Interfraternity Council, continues through Saturday, April 4.

A brown-bag seminar, sponsored by the Department of Student Activities, will take place Monday from noon to 1:15 p.m. in room 292 MSC and will be repeated from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. that night.

Beekmann said that during the seminar students will examine racism in television programming.

"Students will be watching a clip dealing with racism from 'A Different World' and discussing a

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CELEBRATE DIVERSITY WEEK '92

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<p>MONDAY, MARCH 30</p> <p>"IT'S A DIFFERENT WORLD: RESPONDING TO CAMPUS RACISM" Time: 12:00-1:15 p.m. & 7:00-8:15 p.m. (repeat) Location: *Room 292 MSC Info.: Multicultural Services 845-4551 sponsored by Dept. of Multicultural Services</p> <p>"THE SPIRIT OF CRAZY HORSE"—A PBS FrontlineVideo Time: 12:00-1:15 pm Location: *Room 292 MSC Info.: Multicultural Services 845-4551 sponsored by Dept. of Multicultural Services</p> <p>"THE KILLING FIELDS" Video Time: 6:00-7:30 pm Location: *Room 292 MSC Info.: Wendy Graves 845-4551</p>	<p>TUESDAY, MARCH 31</p> <p>FLAG ROOM PERFORMANCES 12:00 pm R.E.S.P.E.C.T. MSC Hospitality A skit addressing cultural awareness through R.E.S.P.E.C.T. 12:30 pm Native American Dance & Song</p> <p>ORIGAMI: THE ART OF CREATIVE PAPER FOLDING Time: 12:30-1:00 pm Location: *Room 292 MSC sponsored by Civil Engineering</p> <p>BEYOND AWARENESS: EXPLORING WITHIN-GROUP DIFFERENCES Time: 6:30 pm Location: *Room 292 MSC Info.: Michael Osterbuh 845-4768 The "Beyond Awareness Players" will present a series of confrontational role plays involving "target groups" (ethnic minority, gay, lesbian, and women), based upon actual campus conflicts. Discussion will follow. sponsored by Dept. of Student Affairs</p> <p>"Jungle Fever" video Time: 8:00-10:00 pm Location: *Room 292 MSC Info.: U-ACT - 845-4551 sponsored by University Awareness for Cultural Togetherness (U-ACT)</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1</p> <p>TAMU DIVERSITY AWARDS PRESENTATION & RECEPTION Time: 10:00 am Location: Room 206 MSC Info.: Multicultural Services 845-4551 The 1992 TAMU Diversity Awards will be presented to winners in the following categories: *TAMU Student *TAMU Student Organization *TAMU Support Staff *TAMU Professional Staff *TAMU Administrator *TAMU Faculty sponsored by Dept. of Multicultural Services, Division of Student Services</p> <p>FLAG ROOM PERFORMANCES 12:00 pm UNITY SPEECH Elicia Williams 1:00 pm STORY TIME Michael Villarreal Readings from the works of Sandra Cisneros & other Chicano authors Cultural display tables will also be set up in the MSC between 11-2pm. sponsored by MSC Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Cultures</p>	<p>THURSDAY, APRIL 2</p> <p>FIRST ANNUAL AGGIE CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA Time: 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Location: 201 MSC Cost: \$2.00/\$1.00 (12&under) Info.: Multicultural Services 845-4551 Featuring a variety of cultural entertainment by TAMU students and student organizations including singing, dancing, stepping and drama. Cultural door prizes too! TICKETS ON SALE March 30-April 2 MSC Foyer & AT THE DOOR! sponsored by Dept. of Multicultural Services</p> <p>HISPANICS What the Future Holds April 3-4, 1992 Time: Check-in begins on Fri/April 3 - 1:00 pm Location: MSC & Rudder Cost: \$10.00/H.S. students \$15.00/TAMU students \$20.00/non-students Info.: Eric Trekel/Michelle Alvarado/Cynthia Cruz 845-1515 The fifth annual CAMAC (Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Culture) conference will focus on the impact of Hispanics in education and business as well as address Hispanic/African-American issues. sponsored by MSC Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Cultures</p>
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