

Programs stress quality in education

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annually from each University college. Recipients most likely will be non-tenured assistant professors and will receive a \$5,000 teaching grant. They will be required to conduct research and share their results with the University.

The CTE Visiting Scholars Program will bring nationally recognized teaching scholars to campus for conferences, workshops, seminars and individual tutoring.

The Classroom Communication Enhancement Program, working through the CTE, is already in place. Students are able to file complaints about a breakdown in classroom communication, and all complaints must be investigated and resolved within seven days.

"This was put in place to ensure we were having proper communication between students and instructors," Gage said. "It gives us an opportunity early in the semester to correct the difficulty or make a faculty reassignment if necessary."

The Reload Program began this spring to give students in general studies an extra

semester to pull up their grades to enter a specific major. Gage said there are careful selection requirements and circumstances involved, but it pays off for the students.

"Most students are challenged and committed to making the grade from that point on," he said.

Other programs already in place include the Teaching Assistant Training and Evaluation Program, the University Honors Program, a network of University advisors and counselors, the Office of Professional School Advising and international student exchange programs.

The University influences high school students through programs with the Center for Academic Enhancement and Outreach.

The center helps academically troubled high school students to stay in school and continue their education at a higher level.

"It's an integral and important part of recruitment to diversify the student body," Gage said. "We're not just trying to recruit for A&M or for other colleges involved in this - we're trying to recruit for higher education."

A&M works with other schools, including

the University of Texas, the University of North Texas and the University of Houston, to help students academically and financially.

"Many kids don't have a home where there's literacy and tutoring," Gage said.

The University also is trying to maintain quality through enrollment management, Gage said. The goal is to maintain a total enrollment of 41,000, 75 percent of that undergraduate students, and 25 percent graduate and professional students.

Presently, the University is at 80 percent undergraduate students and 20 percent graduate and professional students.

"Limited enrollment is essential to maintain quality in classroom and laboratory instruction, and have adequate faculty, facilities and support services that are so very important," Gage said.

If University enrollment continues to grow as it has in the past, there would be 60,000 students at A&M by the year 2000.

Gage closed his program by saying "we haven't stopped" and that the University will continue to maintain a level of excellence in education.

NASA adds 1 day to shuttle mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Atlantis' environmental mission was extended Sunday from eight to nine days so its crew can make extra measurements of earth's endangered ozone layer and other parts of the atmosphere.

The shuttle's crew of six men and one woman have done everything possible to save enough power for an additional day in space, including turning off the cabin lights and galley equipment when not in use.

When told of the extension, commander Charles Bolden Jr. said "That's great news! The guys are really excited about it. . . . Everybody's smiling."

"We're smiling down here, too," Mission Control replied.

Atlantis was supposed to return Wednesday after eight days in orbit, but scientists involved in the mission asked for a ninth day.

Landing is now scheduled for just after sunrise Thursday at the Kennedy Space Center.

This is only the fourth time a shuttle flight has been prolonged for scientific purposes. The last occasion was Discovery's biomedical research mission in January.

Nine other shuttle flights have been extended at least an orbit, but only because of technical problems of bad weather at landing sites.

Cambodia endangers peace pact with attack

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) - The Vietnamese-installed government launched an offensive against Khmer Rouge guerrillas in northern Cambodia on Sunday, threatening the U.N.-sponsored peace accord that is meant to end more than a dozen years of war.

The Khmer Rouge, who are hated for the hundreds of thousands of deaths they caused during the three-year reign that was ended by a Vietnamese invasion in 1978, called for an immediate truce.

The government and the Khmer Rouge have accused each

other of starting the recent fighting by trying to seize more territory before full deployment of U.N. peacekeeping forces under the pact.

The government and three rival rebel groups signed the peace agreement in Paris in October. But the four-month interval before U.N. officials arrived to begin overseeing the truce left a power vacuum marked by frequent cease-fire violations, political assassinations and civil unrest.

Yasushi Akashi, head of the U.N. peacekeeping operation, said fighting was spreading, and condemned it as a threat to peace.

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