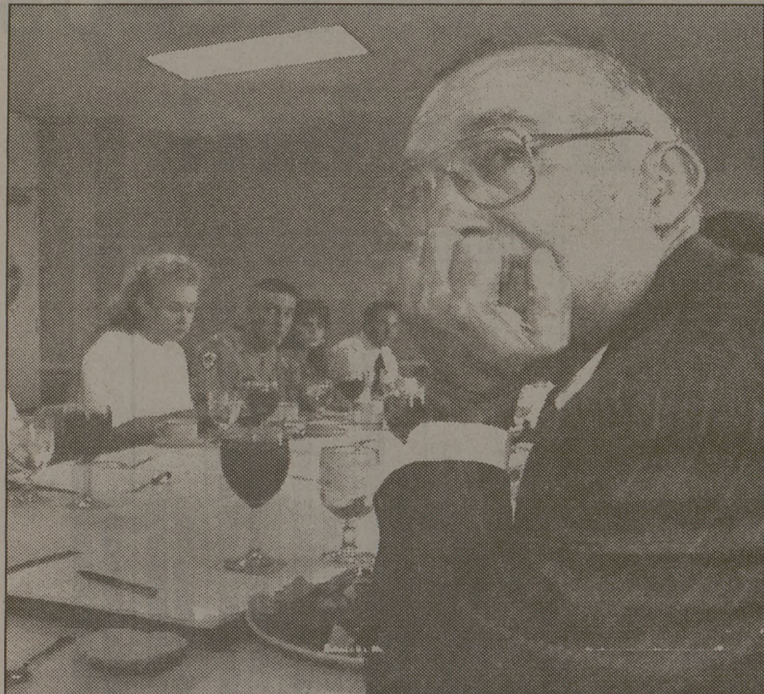


A&M students walk in Mobley's shoes



Dr. John Koldus listens to students voice their concerns with A&M.

By **MONIQUE LUNSFORD**
Staff Writer of THE BATTALION

About 20 students, during a luncheon held by the vice president for student services Wednesday, reminisced Aggie experiences and discussed changes they would implement if they were allowed to fill President Mobley's shoes for a day.

Dr. John Koldus invites a selected number of students to a luncheon he hosts once a week. Koldus said these luncheons allow him to be more in touch with student concerns and important issues of the University, as seen through the eyes of the student body.

"I've been doing luncheons ever since I have been here, starting in 1973 when I came," Koldus said. "The whole idea was to reach out and touch students, hopefully in a very positive way, and get a good feel for what's happening in Texas A&M."

The luncheons alternate each week between upperclassmen

and freshmen. In a casual atmosphere, students answered questions which included why they came to A&M, the most unique experience they've had at Texas A&M, what they would do if they were the President of A&M for one day and what they would change.

Individual responses ranged from students being influenced to attend A&M by their relatives and friends and the pros and cons of Aggie life.

According to some of the participants, it was an opportunity to come together and meet new people.

"The main thing I got out of the lunch was how Aggies come together and communicate with each other, what all we have in common, our differences and everybody's opinions about things on campus and A&M," said Jake Johnson, an engineering major from New Braunfels.

The luncheons are held in the MSC and are funded by the A&M Mother's Club and the Association of Former Students.

Firm gives funds to resource library

By **JULI PHILLIPS**
Reporter of THE BATTALION

The Placement Center Library has a new name, and more funding. The library received a gift of \$150,000 from the Andersen Consulting firm of Houston and Wednesday became the Andersen Consulting Center Resources Library.

At the dedication ceremonies Wednesday, the Career Center, which the library is a part, thanked the consulting firm for the gift and stated the planned uses for the money. It will be used to purchase books, publications and videos that may aid in career searches.

"This gift will help us get the library up and running and on its way to being a first-class facility," Dr. Wayne Terrell, acting executive director of the Career Center said in a prepared statement.

Last fall, the University reorganized its Career Center, merging the Placement Center and the Office of Cooperative Education and creating a career education division which oversees the Andersen Consulting Resources Library.

"One thing that we are continually trying to improve is our help in trying to get our students into the work force," Mobley said during his speech at the dedication ceremonies. "That is a hard job."

Armed security guards patrol Houston schools

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Security officers patrolling Houston's secondary schools have begun carrying guns this year for the first time in more than two decades, school officials said.

"I don't see that there was an option," said Julie Shannon, principal of Furr High School, one of the schools that decided to arm their officers.

"You can't take fists to a gunfight," she said. "I'd rather be safe than sorry."

Trustees for Houston Independent School District decided almost a year ago to allow secondary schools the option of arming officers who patrol hallways and grounds, but the required training and procedures were

completed only recently. The decision to arm campus police is not the first of its kind, but HISD's program is likely to be among the largest in the state.

Not all of the district's 69 secondary schools have agreed to give their campus officers guns, a report released in January, but campuses said "yes" to unarmed and armed guards, but the decision is being re-evaluated by several campuses. Some schools still were undecided, and no complete tally was available.

On 25 HISD campuses, on-duty Houston policemen patrol the grounds and they too have been armed.

District officials said the decision was unavoidable, given the new dangers students, teachers and others now face on campuses.

Society wins 'Best New Chapter' award

By **TANYA WILLIAMS**
Reporter of THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M chapter of the Golden Key National Honor Society was awarded the Best New Chapter award last month at the Golden Key National Convention, held in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The Golden Key National Honor Society is a non-profit, academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership and service opportunities, as well as scholarships. Across the United States, there are 180 chapters which consist of juniors and seniors that are in the top 15 percent in all fields of study. According to a press release from the society's national headquarters, "The Best New Chapter award recognizes the chapters that have been chartered for only one full school year and have far exceeded expectations in both chapter activity and organizations."

"All new Golden Key chapters may apply for this national award; however, only a few universities are deemed outstanding enough to receive this honor."

The Texas A&M chapter, which was chartered as a student organization in the spring of 1991, boasts 1000 members that have met the requirements of a 3.4 grade point ratio after completing 60 class hours. Chapter president, Tracey Maxey, feels that the active members, along with a dedicated core executive team, helped with the success of the chapter.

"We had a very good officer core team that worked well together," Maxey said. "Nationals recognized the potential of A&M."

Dr. Susanna Finnell, associate director of the Office of Honor Programs and Academic Scholarships as well as the society's new adviser, said that the society has done well because of past work.

"I don't take credit for the things that the advisers and students did last year which was recruit new students, which is really wonderful," said Finnell. "I'm looking forward to helping with some exciting programs."

Maxey hopes to get all of the inactive society members involved in the coming year's activities so that the chapter can be recognized again by nationals for superior performance.

"Hopefully, this year we will keep working toward the next award, the Golden Key Chapter Award."

The Texas A&M chapter will have its first meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder 401.

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