

Ceremony to award black undergrads

By SHELIA VELA

The Battalion

Texas A&M University's Black Graduate Students' Association (BGSA) will hold its second annual recognition awards banquet Sunday to honor black undergraduates who have a cumulative grade point average greater than 3.0.

"The purpose of our program is to promote retention of minorities at Texas A&M and encourage these students to obtain advanced academic degrees," said Leon Turner, BGSA public relations officer and historian.

Turner said the award ceremony has been established to reward black students for their academic excellence.

Charles Castine, general manager of General Electric, will serve as the keynote speaker. He will encourage students to increase their knowledge, awareness, and marketability as they pursue their careers, Turner said.

William Joseph Citizen, Jr., a junior political science major who will attend the awards banquet, said the ceremony will offer a chance to meet new people and gain recognition. "This type of recognition gives students a sense of accomplishment," he said.

The banquet will take place at 3 p.m. in Room 224 of the MSC.

Correction

A news brief appearing in Thursday's issue of The Battalion incorrectly identified the date of a professional development seminar sponsored by Texas A&M University's Office of University Relations.

The seminar will take place Friday, April 9.

The Battalion regrets the error.

"United Colors of A&M"



A member of the Philippine Student Association dances as part of the Second Annual Aggie Culture Extravaganza, United Colors of A&M.

Other groups that performed were the Native American Student Association, Fade to Black Dance Ensemble. The show was a part of the celebration of Diversity Week '93.

Mobley says KKK out of line at A&M, nation

By MARK EVANS

The Battalion

Texas A&M University President William Mobley said the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan do not warrant the attentions of modern society. "Groups like the KKK are totally inconsistent with the values of this university community, state and nation," Mobley said in a statement released to The Battalion Thursday. "They deserve neither the time nor attention of thinking people in a democracy committed to equality and justice for all."

Mobley's statements came in response to an announcement made earlier this week of a Klan-sponsored rally in College Station on April 24.

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-President Mobley

Grand Dragon Michael Lowe told The Battalion Wednesday that several A&M students, who are also Klan members, requested the rally.

"We had three rallies in February, and some members from Texas A&M, who were with us, suggested we have a rally in College Station," he said.

Lowe said programs such as Celebrate Diversity Week exclude whites and are discriminatory. However, Mobley said, programs such as these lend the United States its strength.

"The strength of our nation resides in our diversity and development of all our human resources," he said.

"I am appalled by any group or individual advocating any form of racial or ethnic divisiveness, supremacy or intolerance," Mobley said. "We need to keep our attention and efforts focused on enhancing educational and economic opportunities for all in our society, and not be diverted by individuals or groups advocating any form of intolerance or divisiveness."

The Klan rally is scheduled for April 24 at Oaks Park.

Resurrection Week

Event to unite Christians

By BELINDA BLANCARTE

The Battalion

Christians from Texas A&M University campus organizations will spread the gospel of Jesus Christ during Resurrection Week beginning Monday, said Bobby Dean, event coordinator and Corps of Cadets chaplain.

"Resurrection Week is a week of unity between Christians to proclaim the truth of the resurrection of Christ," Dean said Wednesday.

Dean said Resurrection Week will happen because of prayer from himself and leaders of student Christian organizations.

"This is a week that was literally called for by Christ," he said. "I asked Christian leaders to pray and see if this is something Christ wanted them to do. God put the vision in people's hearts to do this."

Organizers include members of the Baptist Student Union, the Catholic Student Association and Aggie Sisters for Christ.

The theme of the event is "Arise!" a theme Dean said will reach both Christians and non-Christians.

"We hope to call non-Christians out of unhappy lives and to arise to true life," he said. "We want Christians to live like Christ is alive."

Included in the events will be an information room where students can receive counseling or ask questions about Christianity.

Information room hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday in Rudder 507 and

Tuesday, Rudder 305. The information line phone number is 847-1950.

"If any student has someone they want us to pray for, they can call that number and we'll pray for them," Dean said.

Lauren Buckle, counseling coordinator, said Resurrection Week can benefit many students.

"We think we can provide a lot of answers and present a new light," Buckle said Thursday. "We want to make sure every student on campus has a chance to hear about Christ this week."

Other events during the week include a speech Monday by Tom Nelson, pastor of Denton Bible Church. He will discuss the academic standpoint of the resurrection.

"That's good for people who don't believe in the resurrection," Dean said.

Wednesday in Rudder Auditorium, Louis Giglio, a Christian college speaker from Waco, will challenge non-Christians to learn about Christ.

Organizers also will present a crucifixion scene Thursday at Rudder Fountain.

Throughout the week, members will hand out fliers to spread the gospel, Dean said.

"We don't want this to be offensive," he said. "We're not out to judge people. We're just out to say that everyone needs Christ."

"We don't believe that Judaism is the way to salvation," he said. "We don't believe the Islam faith is correct. This may be offensive, but Jesus' message is not politically correct."

Local News Briefs

A&M to host RA Conference

Texas A&M will serve as host for the 1993 Residence Advisor Conference in which 400 resident advisors will attend. The conference begins today.

More than 40 programs will include sessions about communication, teamwork, eating disorders, sexual harassment and AIDS. Thirty schools will be represented.

Dr. John Koldus, vice president of student services, and Tom Murray, associate director of student affairs/residence life, will speak at the conference.

The annual conference is sponsored by the Southwest Association of College and Univer-

sity Housing Officials (SWACUHO).

Vet college holds education fair

An animal education fair will be held Sunday to educate the public about a wide array of domestic animals at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, University Drive on Agronomy Road.

The emphasis of the fair will be on education with hands-on learning guided by veterinary students.

The fair will also include displays on behavior, disease and care for animals. The college's Class of '96 is organizing the event.

Admission is 50 cents for ages four-14 and \$1 for ages 15 and older. Children three and under may attend without charge.

Marathon to aid impaired children

The Kids To Camp '93 bike ride will be held Saturday to provide funds to send disabled and diabetic children of Brazos County to summer camp.

The race, which is sponsored by the College Station Noon Lions Club, will begin at the Olsen Field parking lot at 8 a.m. with a staggered mass start. Distances will include 10 miles, 30 miles, 50 miles, 62.5 miles and 100 miles. The terrain is rolling hills. Cost is \$20. For more infor-

mation, contact Barry Harding or Linda Chatham at 845-8481.

Seminar to discuss mental retardation

A seminar on new developments and services about mental retardation will be held at Bryan High School from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dr. Richard Parker, who is with Texas A&M's special education department, will speak on mental retardation services.

Sue Sheridan, Harris County Department of Education, will discuss on the new definition of mental retardation.

The registration fee is \$10, which includes a box lunch.



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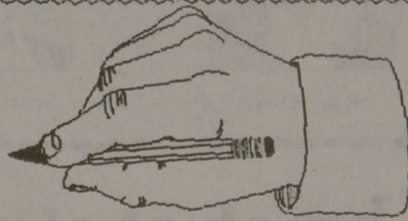
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