

A&M yearbook a family tradition for 1994 Aggieland editor



Michelle Kaye, a junior journalism major from Beaumont, poses with several previous editions of Aggielands. Kaye was selected as the 1994 Aggieland editor.

By JENNIFER MENTLIK
The Battalion

When Michelle Kaye was a child, she would read her father's Aggieland - Texas A&M's yearbook. So when she was selected as the 1994 Aggieland editor, the position seemed to be a natural progression in her life.

"My dad would show us his Aggieland and tell us about his life at A&M," she said. "So when I got this position everything started to come together."

Kaye, a junior journalism major from Beaumont, said an Aggieland has been in her home since before her birth. Her father attended Texas A&M University as a member of the Corps of Cadets.

Kaye began her career with the Aggieland during her sophomore year as a writer. This year, she is serving as copy editor under the 1993 Aggieland editor, Donna Roth. Although she plans a few changes for the 1994 yearbook, Kaye believes it is a traditional book, and she intends to keep it that way.

"It's very permanent," Kaye said. "It's like

an Aggie Ring. It's something you're going to have forever."

One of Kaye's main goals is to diversify the Aggieland staff. She hopes her staff will exemplify a cross section of the student body and will be one of the yearbook's strong points.

"I want to make sure that the Corps section is properly represented by the Corps members, that minorities represent minorities, that Greeks represent Greeks," she said.

The Aggieland plays an important role in recording the history of A&M, she said.

"We document things like how tall Bonfire was, how many people went to this Midnight Yell, who the parents of the year were," she said. "Little things like that are going to slip your mind but you'll want to remember them. It is the University's diary."

As editor of the largest yearbook in the country, Kaye's duties will cover nearly every aspect of publishing and producing the book.

Her responsibilities include selecting and managing the staff, determining the yearbook's content and handling the budget as well as business trips. She traveled Thursday to Kansas City, Mo. to tour a

publishing plant.

Considering the amount of time Kaye spends in the Aggieland office, she said it is equivalent to a full-time job.

"I come in-between classes, before classes, after classes," she said. "It'd be easier for me to count the hours I'm not in the office. We joke about how we're going to put up cots here, and how I don't need an apartment for summer because I just live here."

Kaye said too many students don't realize the amount of work involved in publishing the yearbook.

"I hear people say 'Well the book doesn't come out until fall. What are you doing now?' People don't think we do anything until September then we put the entire 850-page book together in one month," she said.

Requirements for editor include maintaining a 2.0 GPA at the time of appointment, one year previous experience in a responsible position on the Aggieland or comparable yearbook and completion of registration in Graphics 210.

The Student Publications Board interviews each candidate before selecting a nominee. E. Dean Gage, senior vice president and provost, has final approval of the nominee.

Diversity and Equality Coalition offers political choice to KKK rally

By SHELIA VELA
The Battalion

The Diversity and Equality Coalition (DEC) held a political rally Saturday on the steps of Texas A&M University's Administration Building to provide a political alternative to the Ku Klux Klan rally held in College Station.

"History shows that protests and curiosity have sometimes turned into support for hate rallies such as the KKK," said Jeffrey Brown, member of DEC and senior English and history major. "This is an alternative political rally, while simultaneously getting the word out what DEC is about."

Brown said the rally was successful considering the short notice, and DEC is an informal

volunteer group with no financial support.

Despite the late start, approximately 75 people attended throughout the entire rally which lasted from 12 to 3:30 p.m.

Members of the Texas A&M faculty and staff participated at the rally. Marco Portales, a professor of English, spoke on minority issues at A&M; assistant psychology professor Wendy Stock, discussed women's issues and hate groups; and Larry Hickman, chair of the Faculty Senate Committee on Minority Conditions and professor of philosophy, spoke about minority statistics.

Whoopstock Unity Fest '93, which was also held as an alternative to the KKK rally, and the DEC rally had the same aim. They both provided an alternative

to the KKK rally, but the DEC rally dealt with race issues on campus while Whoopstock provided a more social aspect.

"Since the KKK is a political organization, we wanted to provide a political rally with a different side to things," he said.

Ron Goig, freshmen political science major and DEC member, said the rally provided a forum for professors and members of DEC to discuss why the KKK decided to hold a rally in College Station.

"The faculty had the opportunity to speak and share thoughts of what needs to be done on campus to make the KKK not think of us as prime KKK material," he said.

"We were both on the other side of the world where the KKK was," Goig said.

Health Tips

Advice for taking prescription medication

By STACEY GARNER
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Can't seem to stay well? The key may be that many people stop taking a medication as soon as they feel better - even though often they are not.

Prescription medications are unintentionally misused by people who have misconceptions about the treatment of their illness. Take into consideration the following steps when it comes to prescription medication:

- Take all of the medication. When a physician prescribes medication, it is prescribed in a dose to help eliminate the illness. Not taking all of the medication after starting to feel "well" could likely cause a relapse.

- Also, not taking all of the medication could lead to the development of resistant strains of bacteria and other microorganisms. When this occurs, medication usually used to treat the illness is no longer effective and other types of medication must be used.

For example, some types of tuberculosis and gonorrhea have developed resistant strains.

Only in the case of a suspected adverse reaction should medication be stopped before completing the treatment.

- Do not share medication. Do not share medication or take medication from someone who seems to have the same illness. Only a physician can make the proper diagnosis. Taking medication that has not been specifically prescribed can be harmful.

Further, sharing medication may prevent the person who received the prescription from receiving all the medication necessary to eliminate the illness.

- Do not take old medication. All prescriptions should be completed and therefore none should be lying around. These should not be used to treat an illness that seems similar.

Each illness should be diagnosed and treated by a physician in order to receive proper treatment and taking old medication can be harmful.

Also, old medication may have been lying around long enough to no longer be effective.

It is important to see a physician and follow the advice given to recover from an illness. This includes taking all medication prescribed.

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