

ExCEL to host two-day orientation conference for minority students

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THE BATTALION

Incoming minority students and their parents are invited to attend a two-day orientation conference hosted by ExCEL (Excellence in Learning, Culture, Education and Leadership) on Aug. 27-28.

The conference weekend kicks off a year-long program that aims to help ethnic minority students with the transition from high school to Texas A&M.

Sheri Schmidt, ExCEL's staff adviser, said, "Our goal is to get the freshmen started off on the right foot. We want to help make the freshman year a success, because your freshman year can make you or break you."

The conference, which is completely run by students, will include: a mini-step show and oth-

er entertainment, student and staff speakers, parent-only sessions to teach them how to let go of their children, a class search to help students find the quickest route to their classes.

Established in 1987, ExCEL has helped more than 900 students

"Not only do we have to adjust to college life, we have to adjust to social differences as well."

Smoothing out those problems is ExCEL's main goal, Butler said. And the group will continue to support the students with biweekly events throughout

their entire freshman year.

Students like Delfia McKinney, now the group's executive director, say the ExCEL conference lessened their anticipation about attending a predominantly white

school. "My expectations regarding the university were very different until I attended a freshman minority orientation," he said. "My image of what it means to be an was totally transformed."

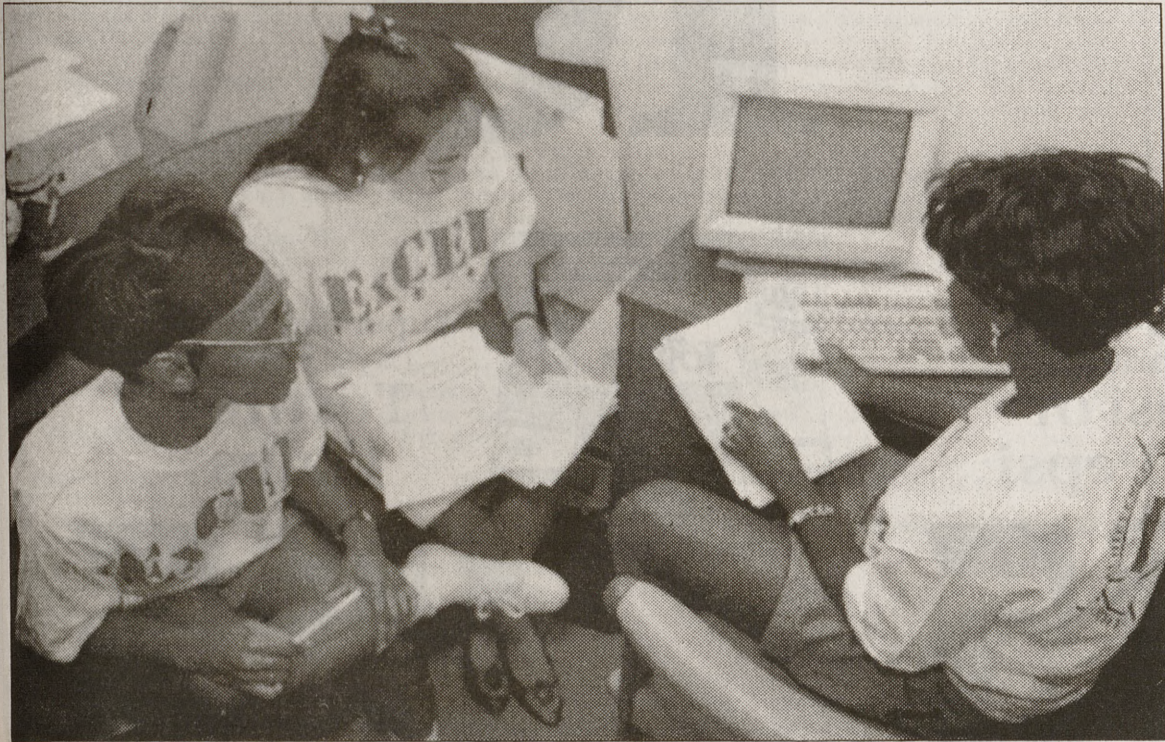
Students and parents can late register for the conference beginning at 9 a.m. on Aug. 27.

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er and parents with the adjustment from high school to college. But Tracey Butler, the program's public relations chair, said the transition is much more complicated for ethnic minorities.

"Texas A&M has been bashed a lot in the news lately because of tensions between minorities and the rest of the students," she said.

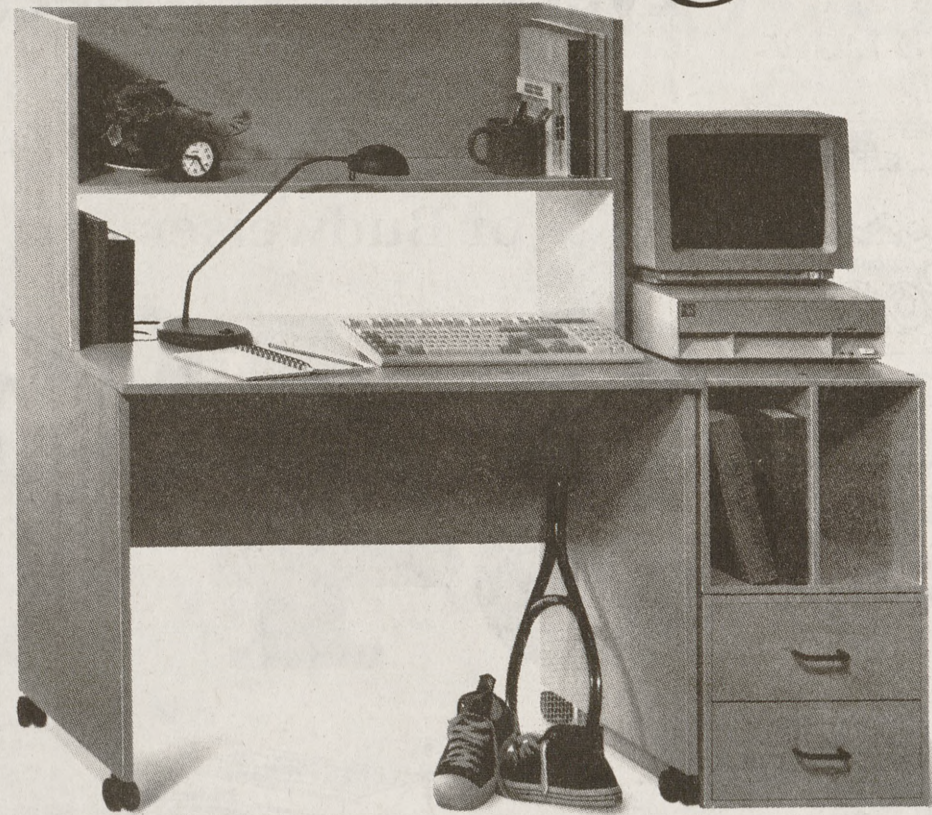


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Accounting/finance major **Tanisha Hicks**, bio-med major **Sandra Yu** and elementary ed. major **Cedra Brown** (from left) work on the schedule for a conference ExCEL will be hosting this week. The three members spent all day Monday organizing and coordinating plans for the conference.

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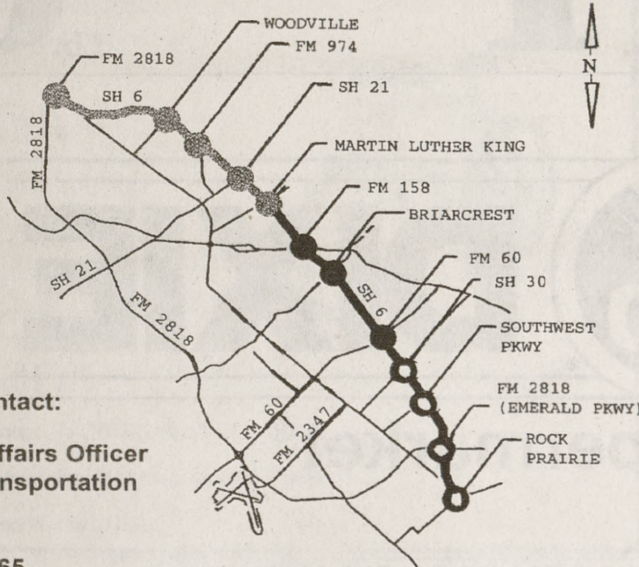
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