

All in the line of duty



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A PTTS officer directs traffic at the intersection of Ireland and Ross Monday afternoon. PTTS is exploring this option of traffic control because the high volume of traffic is irritating drivers.

Council names SWU instructor as '93 Professor of the Year

The Associated Press

GEORGETOWN— Students who want personal wake-up calls for early classes might be told they're dreaming at some colleges.

But at Southwestern University, they need look no further than biology professor Vicente Villa.

He'll telephone students, on request, to make sure they make it to his 8 a.m. class. Once they arrive, he just might keep things interesting by imitating an amoeba. "I think that this is one of the advantages of a small college, that I have to be more accountable, more available, and the students are also more accountable," Villa said.

"I have a very special feeling for the discipline and the subject matter... and I love to share it."

Now, the work he loves has earned him national recognition. On Tuesday, he'll be named the 1993 U.S. Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, an international association of colleges, universities and private elementary and secondary schools.



Campus News Briefs

Air Force holds Career Day in MSC Thursday

Contrary to recent rumors of cutbacks in personnel in the Air Force, many positions are available to interested persons.

The Air Force will be sponsoring a Career Day on Thursday, Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the MSC flagroom.

Approximately 30 active-duty officers from fields ranging from aviation to engineering to medicine will be present to relate, first-hand, their experiences as an Air Force officer.

Commissioning options are available to persons graduating in the next four years through the Officer's Training Squadron, Reserve Officer's Training Corps and the USAF Medical Service direct commissioning program.

Animal life-care center founder dies after illness

Dr. Ned Ellett, veterinarian and founder of the Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center at Texas A&M, died Sept. 10 after a long illness.

Ellett lived long enough to see his dream become a reality when the center's first building was dedicated on 10 acres of land adjacent to Texas A&M's veterinary medical complex in College Station.

The privately funded Stevenson center is intended to give veterinarians at Texas A&M a place to study and care for pets after their owners die or are no longer able to care for them.

Ellett spent the last 10 years of his life collecting donations and getting University officials to support the project.

In his will, Ellett left \$400,000 to help fund the center.

The center is named after Madlin Stevenson, an early major contributor. The facility's core building is named for the W.P. and Bulah Luse Foundation, another major contributor.

The Stevenson center is the only one of its kind in the United States but officials from other universities have visited and expressed an interest in it.

Information on graduate school available

Anyone wanting to know more information about graduate school will have an opportunity to have their questions answered Wed. Sept. 29 from 6-8 p.m. in Room 212 of the Memorial Student Center.

Among the topics to be covered are how to apply to graduate school, graduate school entrance exams, fellowship and assistantships and others.

For more information contact the Office of Graduate Studies at 845-3631.

Construction course draws 'world crowd'

Since Sept. 10, several professionals from the United States, Mexico, the United Kingdom, Japan and Chile have been participating in the Construction Management Program, a two-week course aimed at mid-managers in the construction industry.

Their curriculum includes the most contemporary construction management theory, interactive workshops and and outdoor ropes course.

Program participants are leaders in the construction, engineering and design profession. They all have at least 10 years experience in design or management of construction-related activities.

The program focuses on the industry's best practices as well as allowing participants a chance to share real-world experiences.

The center is counseled by two industry advisory boards to ensure an industry-needs focus while the academic connection assures the latest relevant research.

Volunteers offer positive influence for children

By Geneen Pipher

The BATTALION

Approximately 70 Texas A&M University students and faculty members are volunteering their time as mentors in a support program geared towards helping junior high school students.

The School Family Units program, was piloted last year in a joint effort between the College of Education and Jane Long Middle School, provides an opportunity for middle school students to discuss problems or concerns with caring, non-judgmental adults said Dr. Jane Stallings, dean of the College of Education.

"The program provides the students with adults who will listen and are there consistently," Stallings said. "It is important because often students need adult friends to listen to them and help them."

The School Families meet every week at Jane Long Middle School during the mid-day

advisory period.

"The volunteers have to come to the school once a week for about an hour and they are involved in organizing activities for the students," she said.

Keith Garinger, Jane Long Middle School principal, said about one-third of the students at the school will be involved in School Family this year.

"The program was such a positive thing last year that 20 teachers and around 330 - 350 middle school students will take part in the program this year," Garinger said.

Stallings said, "So many people have expressed interest and want to be involved in School Family this year that we will be needing many more volunteers to act as mentors."

Many students have two parents working and School Family provides caring adults who will help them face tough decisions, Stallings said.

"Every problem found in the inner-city schools was present (last year) among our 22

children," she said. "These included illegal drug use, sexual activity, gang-related violence, abuse, attempted suicide and delinquency."

Dr. Michael Duffy, psychologist and professor of counseling psychology, said the program is beneficial to young people who are going through a formative time in their lives.

"People talk about the breakdown of the American family," Duffy said. "I am not as pessimistic as all that. I just think young adults need to have adults to talk to and help guide them during this time in their lives."

Stallings and Duffy agreed that the program was extremely well received by last year's students.

"One hundred percent of the students interviewed at the end of the year said they would like to be involved in another School Family," Stallings said.

Duffy said, "The kids really look forward to it. It is a change in their busy academic schedule. They get to talk about topics with their peers that they wouldn't normally talk about."

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