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International learning project announced



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U.S. Rep. Jack Fields, R-Texas, answers a question Friday during a press conference where the announcement was made that Prairie View A&M University and COMSAT Corporation will be joint participants in a long-distance learning project involving two countries in Africa. Fields' co-sponsor, Edward Markey, D-Mass., joined the representative at the press conference and gave a detailed outline of how the learning project is to be structured.

The project is named in memory of Mickey Leland and is designed to show the potential of satellite telecommunication and distance learning techniques.

Dr. E. Dean Gage, interim president of A&M, said the specific benefits to the University include allowing opportunities in education programs to expand to international programs, preparing students to function in the real world and offering students the chance to get hands-on learning.

Southerland to continue freshman luncheons

By Jennifer Kiley

THE BATTALION

Dr. Malon Southerland, interim vice president for student services, hopes to open the communication lines between students and the administration by carrying on the long-standing A&M tradition of inviting freshmen to lunch.

"Input from students has been valued for a long time at A&M," said Southerland, who held his first freshmen luncheon last week. "It is important that all levels of the organization at A&M receive on a regular basis: information, ideas and corrective criticism from the students, who are the people receiving services."

Southerland plans to hold a freshmen luncheon once every two weeks. He said he decided to hold the luncheons as the interim vice president and not wait until next semester because he wanted to get their feedback about the University.

"It is important because it affects freshmen who won't be freshmen very long," he said. "Receiving their reactions to A&M is important. It is important to interact with the freshmen and receive their advice and input."

"I hope after the luncheons, freshmen will feel it is possible to approach faculty and staff at the University when they have a problem or need assistance," he said.

Southerland recently ran an advertisement in The Battalion asking freshmen to notify his office if they wanted an invitation to lunch. He also invites freshmen to lunch based on mother's clubs recommendations, word-of-mouth, and from among cards freshmen filled out at the MSC Open House.

Brad Russell and Cliff Murphy, Class of '97, said they hope to attend one of the luncheons.

"I am very interested in Student Government; therefore, I am interested in getting to know the administration so we can work



Southerland

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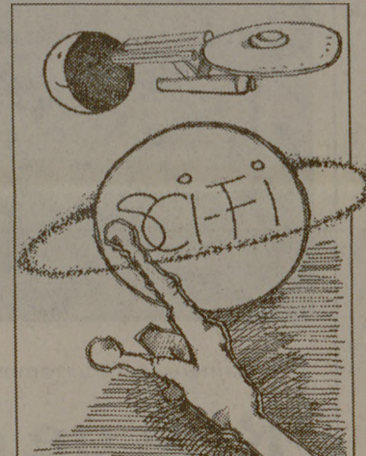
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