

Women's health issues focus of week's events

By Melissa Jacobs
The Battalion

Women's health will be the focus of three programs the Texas A&M Health Education Center is sponsoring this week during Women's Week.

Lori Lindemuth, student assistant at the Health Education Center, encourages women to attend the programs.

"I think it's important that women are aware that they have special health needs, and this is a chance for them to come together and learn about them," Lindemuth said. "We are focusing on health issues that women need to be concerned about now because they will probably be affected by these issues five years from now."

The Health Education Center staff is presenting a program Monday on women and nutrition in the Health Education Center, which is Room 016 of the Beutel Health Center, from 4 to 5 p.m.

"We will focus on weight control, exercise, osteoporosis, premenstrual syndrome and eating disorders," Lindemuth said.

The American Anorexia and Bulimia Association estimates that 25 percent of all college females engage in cycles of bingeing and purging. They also estimate that as many as one in 100 women can be classified as anorexic. Anorexia nervosa is a disorder that involves lack of eating and an obsession

with weight loss.

Sally Miller will present a program Tuesday about women and sexuality. Miller is an obstetrician/gynecologist nurse practitioner at Scott & White Clinic.

"She will discuss methods of contraception, sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS," Lindemuth said.

The Texas Department of Health estimates that one in 240 students on college campuses have the HIV virus, which causes AIDS.

Eta Sigma Gamma, which is a health education honor society, is presenting a program called Arm Yourself Against Breast Cancer on Wednesday.

The program will include how to perform breast self-examinations that help to detect breast cancer.

The American Cancer Society says one in nine women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their life.

The programs will be presented in a lecture-style with time allotted for questions from those who attend.

To promote the programs, the Health Education Center staff sent letters to women's student organizations and residence hall advisors. They also distributed fliers in the Memorial Student Center.

Each of the programs will be held in the Health Education Center from 4 to 5 p.m. on their respective days.

and March," will consist of same sex couples holding hands as they walk around campus.

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Allies, a support network of student, faculty members and staff, will have a reception Wednesday, and GLBA also will have an information table at the MSC this week.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Resurrection week

- Monday, March 28 —**
 - Illusionist and investigative reporter, Dan Korem, Rudder Auditorium — 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 29 —**
 - Men's Bible study, 201 Rudder — 6:30 a.m.
 - Women's Bible study, 401 Rudder — 6:45 a.m.
 - Steve Camp Concert, Rudder Aud. — 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 30 —**
 - Coach Tom Landry and Jon Randles, Rudder Aud. — 7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 31 —**
 - Crucifixion scene & speaker Frank Cox, Rudder Fountain — 12 p.m.

For more information call 845-1515.

Gay awareness week

- Monday, March 28 —**
 - "Take Back the Night" rally & march, Rudder Fountain (Co-sponsored by National Organization Women) — 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 29 —**
 - Lesbian lobbyist of Texas, Dianne Hardy-Garcia, will speak on "Hate Crimes & Workplace Activism," 110 Koldus — 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 30 —**
 - "Hands Across A&M Rally and March," Academic Plaza — 12:30 p.m.
 - Allies Reception, 110 Koldus — 7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 31 —**
 - GLBA general meeting, 292B MSC — 7 p.m.

For more information call 847-0321.

Women's week

- Monday, March 28 —**
 - "Living as Long As You Can Live" by Dr. Veronica Pizlak, 302 Rudder — 10 a.m.
 - "Take Back the Night" rally & march, Rudder Fountain — 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 29 —**
 - Working Women's Teleconference, 601 Rudder — 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 30 —**
 - "Professional Women in 21st Century" by Miriam Slater, 410 Rudder — 1 p.m.
- Thursday, March 31 —**
 - "Community Involvement & Opportunity" by Beverly Lightfoot, 206 MSC — 1 p.m.

For more information call 845-4141.

Schedules mentioned are only a brief overview & are subject to change.

Lawmaker pushes for regent spending reform

The Associated Press

DALLAS — A state lawmaker said he plans to push for a law during the next legislative session to limit expenditures by university regents, following reports of questionable spending by Texas A&M University System regents.

In a copyright story in Sunday's editions, The Dallas Morning News reported that A&M System regents spent more than \$1.6 million over the past three fiscal years and used the mostly public funds for trips to resort hotels, limousines and bar bills.

Records obtained by the newspaper also showed that regents have spent more than \$900,000 in the past four years to crisscross the state in system-owned aircraft. The trips included flying Board of Regents Chairman Ross Margraves and his wife to their son's college graduation in Louisiana and one trip that cost seven times more than flying commercial.

State Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, said the method of financing regents' expenditures at state-supported universities is a "byzantine sys-

tem" that was purposely created to obscure accountability.

"There's a relatively simple solution for this, and I'll push for this in the next session of the Legislature," said Ogden, who holds a master's degree in business administration from Texas A&M.

Ogden, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, said he'll work to "limit and attempt to define what we think is a reasonable amount of expenditures for regents not only at the Texas A&M University System but at other schools."

Business practices of A&M officials and regents have spawned criminal investigations by the Texas Rangers and the FBI.

The spending by A&M's nine regents was \$300,000 more than that of their colleagues at the larger University of Texas System. It also outdid that of all of the regents combined at the University of Houston, Texas Tech University and the University of North Texas, records show.

Money was spent on trips to resort hotels in Las Vegas, Colorado Springs, San Diego, Galveston for meetings of alumni and booster groups. Regents spent \$631 for sine rentals in Baton Rouge, La., \$144 for bills for three regents in Las Vegas and \$48 for food and drinks for one football game at Heim Stadium in California.

Margraves defended the board's expenditures.

"We try only to spend money on things we feel are necessary and appropriate for our capacity as regents," Margraves told Mart "Whatever I turned in for reimbursement is something I felt was prudent."

Records also show heavy use of the owned airline King Air by Margraves, including a trip last year to his son's graduation.

According to flight logs, Margraves and his wife, Madeline, were flown from Houston to Baton Rouge, La., on Aug. 4, 1993, to attend their son's graduation exercises at Louisiana State University and to meet with LSU's chancellor "to discuss joint programs and cooperative efforts between LSU and TAMU Sys-

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officers in the organization said as many as 100 to 200 different people have come to events in the past.

GLBA holds Gay Awareness Week every spring semester.


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and March," will consist of same sex couples holding hands as they walk around campus.

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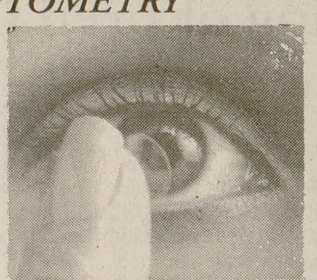
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