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Hispanic council works toward promoting unity

By Tracy Smith THE BATTALION

Promoting unity in Texas A&M's hispanic community is the goal of the Hispanic Presidents Council.

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ideas of what works and what doesn't," Carranza said. "By working together organizations can plan programs and events that educate A&M students, while also bringing the groups closer together."

Alvarado said the members on the council include all the hispanic organization presidents and an elected delegate from each group.

Morales said the council meetings are open to all hispanic students.

"We encourage students to attend the meetings and voice any opinions or suggestions they have," Morales said. "The council stresses a user-friendly attitude and wants to be considered accessible to all hispanic students."

Alvarado said that right now the council is working to get the Brazos Valley involved by setting up educational speakers on a number of issues important to the hispanic community.

"We want to bring the Latin community together to discuss issues," he said. "The council also plans to work with high school students, educating them about issues such as gang violence."

Carranza said that including the community in the council's programs, especially schools around the area, is important to get more people involved.

"It also helps with the recruitment of minority students," he said. "Showing high school students that we support them and are willing to help serves as a positive role model."

Viz-lab

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"I have no interest in downgrading art. The lab is a wonderful opportunity to combine computers and art."

The curriculum has also been recently revised, House said. Directors revised the curriculum to devise separate required classes for students.

Students who are admitted to the program with little art background are required to take two art classes, and students with little computer animation experience are required to take two classes in computer programming.

Visualization science is a master's level program in the College of Architecture. There are currently 28 students in the program.

Brian Green, another former A&M student employed at Dis-

ney, said that while he views visualization program, he was censored.

House said that the merit does have a policy that prohibits censorship.

"We are going to experiment in what gets sent to Texas A&M's name on it," House said.

The visualization program opened six years ago. The computer animation program is one of the best in the country, House said.

"The students and faculty all working hard to make that this is a strong program," House said.

Disney's CGI department still considers A&M visualization lab students for future employment, Green said.

"I have no ill feelings about the department," Green said. "I just think we could spend more time and money recruiting where."

Center

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the unemployed is one of the center's main goals.

"We're excited to help people learn to put bread on the table," Simms said. "The center can help high school dropouts or those who graduated from high school but decided not to go to college. The training will help them get professional skills they need."

Simms said officials at TEEEX hope the job training center has a positive economic impact on the community.

"We have a vision that the center is going to revitalize their economy," Simms said. "We want to redevelop the area and restructure the economy."

Parker said that the east Houston area previously had no strong economic base.

"There are no strong spending habits," Parker said. "With this

opportunity, the young people need more money. Then they spend more money in the restaurants, filling stations, department stores. We will have a big impact."

Parker said the center is expecting enrollment to grow next semester.

"We're expecting phenomenal growth," Parker said. "We have 600 in the spring and next fall."

Parker said the association A&M has been a great benefit to the center.

"Houston is a pretty good town," Parker said. "I've gotten a lot of support from Houston businessmen that former students."

"The identification with the center has also created a great business for us. Students at TEEEX the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service because they have to be identified with A&M."

"I think it's pretty good to be identified by part of Texas A&M University."

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