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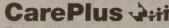
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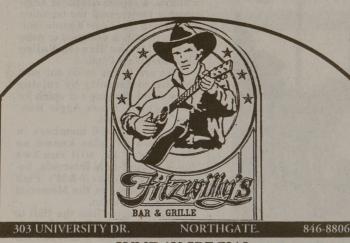
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A&M students celebrate Dia de los Muertos

Mexican 'Day of the Dead' used to honor the souls of departed loved ones

By Stephanie Dube

Mexican American students honored the the souls of the dead as part of the Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration on Wednesday

The Committee for Awareness of Mexican American Culture (CAMAC), sponsored a Dia de los Muertos program to discuss the Mexican holiday.

The program included a speech concerning the celebration's significance, slides commemorating the day, and concluded with a small reception of cultural food and punch. The meeting attracted over 200 visitors

David Hamada, a member of CAMAC, explained the significance of Dia de los Muertos.

The Mexican perception of death is different from what we're used to," Hamada said. "The day is a union of the fiesta and death. honoring the souls of the departed

ed on Nov. 2 and is a national holiday in Mexico, Hamada said. The holiday is a cross between Catholic's All Saint's Day and Aztec rituals, he said.

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provides an oppeople to avoid taking life too seriously and avoid taking death too

harshly. Dur-

cemeteries for a picnic, present offerings to the dead and eat food honoring the holiday, such as

with a celebration."

Dia de los Muertos is celebrat-CAMAC offered dead bread at

the program, which is bread Hamada said.

"This day gives us an opportunity to mock something that is has planned for the upcoming

ed," Hamada "This day gives us an The holiday opportunity to mock portunity for something that is usually dreaded."

- David Hamada,

ing this celebration, people may bring flowers, food and candles to

baked into the shape of humans, Christine Vasquez, chair of

CAMAC, said CAMAC the Dia de los Muertos is only one of the many programs the organization

> On Nov. 30, CA-MAC will hold Las Posadas, Vasquez said. Las Posadas is reenactment of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethle-

hem, she said.

'It will begin at CAMAC member All Faiths Chapel and end at the Grove, provided it doesn't rain,'

CAMAC will also have Fall and Spring cookouts and a confer-

ence in the Spring, she said. The conference, which is ex pected to attract at least 400 p ple, will focus on issues of Latino community, Vasquez sa

Vasquez said CAMAC's the for this year is "Unidos Tru Tomorrow Today" or "United I

Will Triumph.' Anthony Martinez, vice-cl for CAMAC, said this theme cuses on the various issues Latino community faces.

Corrections

An incorrect date for the Texas A&M Muslim Students' Associatio panel discussion appeared in Wednesday's Battalion. The discussion on American Muslin experiences will be held Friday in MSC 201 from 7 to 10 p.m

In Tuesday's Aggielife section th Koran was misquoted. The quote should have said Jesus was the sono

Flags

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students could be charged with a class three felony, which carries two to 10 years imprisonment and up to \$10,000 in fines.

The flags, valued at \$3,500, represent old companies and organizations from the Corps of

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, said the University of Texas' University Relations wants to try to keep the punishment within the University. "It is our preference that the University take care of their sanctions," Southerland said.

The students told the University of Texas' newspaper, The Daily Texan, that they took the flags from the MSC without being noticed around 12 a.m. Sun-

day. When they returned to Austin, they gave one of the flags to The Daily Texan and another to an Austin television station,

Wiatt said the University Po-

dents stole the flags to get attention from the media.

They may have gotten some of the media attention they wanted," he said, "but I don't think that's worth the criminal charges

"What do you expect from a t.u. student?"

-Matt Segrest commander of the Corps of Cadets

lice Department was unaware of the theft when media began call ing them Sunday night. The calls prompted them to check the MSC Flag Room, he said, and they found the flags had been stolen.

The University of Texas Police Department received a tip about the identities of the students and found the flags at one of the student's off campus residence on Wednesday.

Wiatt said he thinks the stu-

One member of the group, who calls himself "Calvin," said the group did not mean for the incident to get out of hand

"The whole point is that it was a prank," he said. "We never intended to be malicious.

Southerland said he does not consider theft to be a prank.

What starts out to be a prank and ends up bringing criminal charges is not a prank anymore,'

he said. "It serves no useful pu pose to have these kinds of int actions between our universitie

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Southerland said he is pleas that A&M students did not reta ate when Reveille was kidnapp or this incident.

Matt Segrest, commander the Corps of Cadets, said the pranks are childish games. "What do you expect from t.u. student?" he said.

Grant Smith, commander Company E-2, the outfit respons ble for guarding Reveille, said does not think very highly of "Th

"Obviously that group of str dents does not hold itself to the high standards that we have here at A&M," he said. Wiatt said the flags will be re-

turned by a University of Texas police officer today. Southerland said that the Uni versity of Texas Police Depart ment reported that none of the flags have been damaged.

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