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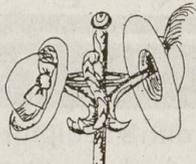
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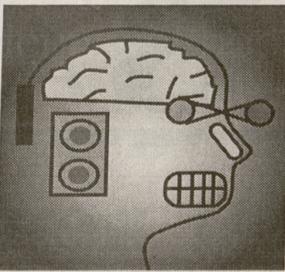
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Experiments take psychology students beyond textbooks, into actual research

Psychology students, who are unfamiliar with psychology hypotheses, are used as subjects in graduate students' and faculty members' experiments.

The students see what psychology is like outside of the textbook," Ricard said.

The experiments, which are performed by graduate students and faculty members, cover topics such as reflex and response times, values and coping strategies.



The Institutional Review Board approves the tests, Ricard said, and students can refuse to participate once they are told what the experiment will entail.

"Students have the right to refuse to participate in experiments they find objectionable," he said. "Students who don't want to do them are allowed to review articles instead."

Students in Psychology 107 are chosen for the experiments because they usually do not know what the experiments are testing, Ricard said.

"In general, the students need to be naive to the hypothesis of the experiment," he said. "People who know the nature of the experiment will ingratiate the experimenters by telling them what they want to hear."

David Woehr, an associate professor of psychology, said students are told what they were being tested for during a briefing following the test.

This allows students to voice any concerns, he said, and gives them a chance to learn more about the experiment.

Woehr said the experiments expose students to information-

gathering techniques, which benefit them in class.

"I see more discussion about the nature of collected data from the students," he said. "Students draw on their experiences from the experiments."

Woehr said experiments benefit from the students' participation because a considerable amount of research is based on human subjects.

"About 2,500 students take the introductory course each semester, which gives researchers an available pool of subjects," he said.

Sara Weaver, a freshman accounting major, said she did not know about the experiments until she was required to take the class.

"They don't tell you about experiments in the registration book," Weaver said. "I didn't know how much time the experiments would take when I found out."

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Aggies network nationally while at A&M

Minority agriculture and life science majors learn about other career possibilities through A&M's MANRRS chapter.

By Courtney Walker
THE BATTALION

Agriculture has expanded beyond farming and raising animals, and Minorities in Agriculture Resources and Related Sciences wants to inform students of the broad realm of possibilities, the MANRRS president said.

Texas A&M's chapter of the national organization was started three years ago by a student and Dr. Joe Townsend, associate dean of agriculture.

A&M will host the MANRRS national convention this year at the Hilton Conference Center March 28-30. The theme will be "Society for Minorities in Agriculture, National Resources and Related Sciences."

The conference includes workshop ses-

sions, banquets, national keynote speakers and a career fair where students can meet employers from around the world.

Wash A. Jones, MANRRS adviser and director of student recruitment and retention programs for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, said people do not realize how diverse the field of agriculture is, and MANRRS gives students a chance to discover all the options.

"Just because you get an agriculture degree doesn't mean you are stuck in the field the rest of your life," Jones said. "There are a lot of other university-related sciences that do not deal directly with production like journalism, biophysics, recreation and parks and biochemistry."

Jana Jaure, national MANRRS president and a senior agricultural development major, said the organization is a way to explore other majors and still stay in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

"It's great because you can see other majors and never have to leave," Jaure said.

Developing student leadership skills networking are top priorities for MANRRS. Marisa Oliva, A&M chapter president and a senior wildlife and fisheries major, said the connection students can make among undergraduates and graduates is a long line of support.

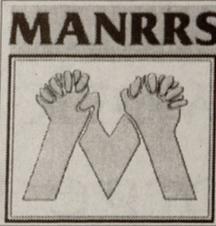
Interpersonal relationships and problem-solving are also important lessons, she learned.

"I developed a sense of professionalism that is essential to survive in the world," Jaure said.

MANRRS is divided into six regions across the United States and has chapters in more than 50 U.S. colleges and universities.

Nilbol Monique Paricharttanakul, MANRRS vice president and a junior biochemistry and genetics major, said the environment makes her feel like she is at home.

"You don't feel like you are just a member, you feel like you are an active participant," Paricharttanakul said.



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Graduate students get boost before formal interviews

Representatives from 19 companies will be available this week for graduate business students to discuss job opportunities.

By James Bernsen
THE BATTALION

Graduate students in Texas A&M's College of Business Administration are taking matters into their own hands in preparation for this week's Graduate Business Career Conference.

The conference, scheduled for Sept. 27-28, will bring represen-

tatives of 19 major companies to campus to speak with students in an informal environment.

The conference is almost entirely organized and run by students, which makes it different from similar events.

Preston Seward, a graduate business administration student, said the conference benefits from being student-run.

"This is a kind of pro-active student movement," Seward said. "Our goal is to create an atmosphere where we can market our graduate program."

Melissa Ellis, assistant director of MBA programs, said students have more interest in the program because they can benefit more from it.

"They're the best ones to

run it," Ellis said. "It gives them the chance to show what they can do and work on something to help themselves."

Melissa Powers, an MBA student, said the students are taking initiative in running the program, which impresses recruiters.

"It shows the companies and recruiters that we have skills," Powers said. "It's a way to show off our talents and the different people in our program."

The program is not like a job fair, Ellis said, but brings students in for "roundtable" discussions with recruiters. In this format, each business representative sits down with six to 10 students and questions are traded informally.

"It's more of an informal exchange between the companies who are visiting and the students," she said.

Powers said the program's focus will not be recruiting, but interaction with business, which will help students.

"The first priority is the networking," she said.

"A lot of these companies are coming later in the fall to do their recruiting."

"The roundtable discussions are an opportunity first for recruiters to talk about their programs, then to allow the students to talk to them and ask intelligent questions. But it also lets them meet the students."

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