

Class gives students chance to network

□ The second speaker for the "Distinguished Visitor Lecture Series" will offer students career advice.

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THE BATTALION

Marilyn Auverman, vice president of NationsBank, will speak to students as part of the MSC MBA/LAW "Distinguished Visitor Lecture Series" today at 10 a.m. in 231 MSC.

Auverman will discuss her career experiences and offer advice to students as they enter the work force.

Duke Hobbs, a volunteer special adviser for the MSC, said the lecture series, which brings in top executives in a variety of industries, is open to all students who are willing to attend the course every Friday.

"Students don't receive credit for the course right now, but it has been approved as a one-hour course for next spring," Hobbs said. "The class will have about 60 students and will

follow the same format we've had this semester."

The lecture series has already brought Charles Robertson, a retired former president and major stockholder for Environmental Systems Company. Four other speakers are scheduled to come to campus this semester, Hobbs said.

"Our next speaker on Oct. 13 will be Malcolm Jozoff, president CEO of Lennox Inc., which manufactures fine china," he said.

Hobbs said the lecturers volunteer to come to the University "strictly for the honor of speaking to A&M students."

"The speakers don't receive an honorarium," he said. "They come here because they want to help the students learn from their accomplishments."

Everyone is encouraged to take part in the course, Hobbs said, because it helps people look at things broadly and offers new perspectives.

Brian Harvey, director of programs for MSC/MBA LAW and a junior accounting major, said he wanted to participate in the lectures because he thought they would be a great opportunity to learn from successful professionals.

"You gain a general knowledge of the business world," Harvey said. "You also learn what to do and what not to do."

Harvey said the lecturers are company executives, but they offer advice that could benefit students from every college on campus.

"The course benefits business students a little more, but the business world is made of people representing all majors," he said.

Jessica Smith, a sophomore general studies major, said she heard about the program while attending a pre-law meeting.

"I decided to take the class because I thought it might give me an idea of what I might want to do," Smith said. "It has given me some direction."

The class allows students to network with people in high positions and gives them a chance to learn from the mistakes of people who have made it to the top, Smith said.

"I'm surprised more people, especially at this University, have not taken advantage of the class because it has so much to offer students," she said. "They can learn about the lives and experience of people who have already made it."

Arafat, Rabin sign milestone peace agreement

□ The accord will end Israeli's occupation of West Bank cities.

WASHINGTON (AP) — In another milestone toward peace, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chief Yasser Arafat signed a historic agreement Thursday ending Israel's military occupation of West Bank cities and laying the foundation for a Palestinian state.

"We want you as good neighbors," the gravelly voiced Rabin told Arafat, his onetime blood enemy. "Enough killing and enough killing of innocent people," Arafat declared to loud applause.

Under the glittering chandeliers of the East Room, President Clinton presided over two hours of speeches and pageantry before an audience of 200 diplomats, foreign ministers, Cabinet secretaries and members of Congress. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Jordan's King Hussein joined Clinton as witnesses to the accord.

Outside, Pennsylvania Avenue was turned into a parking lot for nearly two dozen VIP limousines.

"Chapter by chapter, Jews and Arabs are writing a new chapter for their ancient lands," Clinton said. Arafat and Rabin both called on Syria and Lebanon to drop their reluctance to

join the peace process.

To worldwide acclaim, Arafat and Rabin signed a tortuously negotiated agreement for Israel to relinquish control of territory it captured from Jordan in the 1967 Six-Day War.

The agreement outlines in painstaking detail the step-by-step withdrawal of Israeli forces and the transfer of governing authority for Palestinian self-rule in 30 percent of the West Bank, containing most of its Arab population. The accord also allows for Palestinian elections.

The document — signed on a polished desk that once belonged to Abraham Lincoln — was a follow-up to the 1993 White House agreement that brought Rabin and Arafat together for a historic handshake of peace.

"Please, take a good, hard look," Rabin told the hushed audience. "The sight you see before you at this moment was impossible, was unthinkable just three years ago."

But Rabin also warned that peace could crumble unless both sides unite against terrorists who are trying to prevent peace. "Don't let it happen," he implored.

"If all the partners to the peacemaking do not unite against the evil angels of death by terrorism, all that will remain of this ceremony are color snapshots, empty mementos," Rabin said.

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