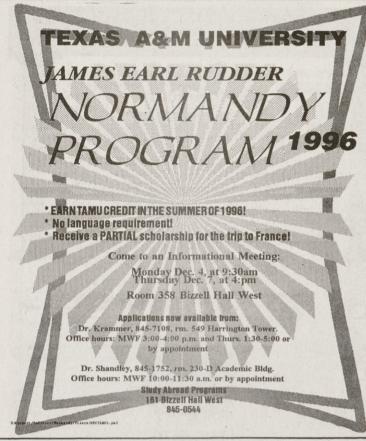
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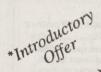
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Leaders emphasize action over discussion Frie

□ NAACP's recent fliers. an item for discussion at Thursday's roundtable, evoked misconceptions on campus.

By Heather Pace THE BATTALION

At last night's Student Government Roundtable Discussion, student leaders emphasized acting on ideas, not just talking about them.

The roundtable, held every last Thursday of the month, seeks to promote campus unity by bringing together diverse organizations in a discussion of current campus issues

Alan Watson, Conservative Coalition president and a junior finance major, brought up the issue of the NAACP's recent fliers, which evoked racist misconceptions.

The fliers announced Thursday night's discussion of campus racism. One flier depicted a black man playing drums and read, "Do Sambo and Aunt Jemima got you job? Reality or fallacy, come find out."

The other flier depicted a businessman and read, "White American pimps and their mil-

be crucified." Washing-

fended by the fliers if

"If they are just questions, I see nothing wrong with these."

Toby Boenig, student body president and a senior agricultural development major, said although he did not personally support the fliers, the NAACP has a right to free speech.

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Watson said although he was not offended by the fliers, he believes there is a double standard. When the College Republicans

put up similar fliers last year, he said, they were quickly chastised.
"I couldn't care less if they put those fliers up," Watson said, "but what bothers me is

that if the Conservative Coalition put up signs like that, it would

ton said he GOVER was not ofthey were written to promote chairing a committee to explore

questioning.

"The question is if the fliers are perceived as facts," he said.

"I don't think people should go around being sensitive to everything they see, but I do think we should be aware," Boenig said. "Personally, I have a problem with them, but it is an

issue of free speech. Another topic of discussion during the roundtable was the multicultural course requirement, which is being addressed by David Brown, College Republicans president and a junior political science major, and

Shawn Williams, NAACP president and a senior management major. They are

currently racism on campus and to find a more mainstream way of reviewing the curriculum.

"We want to change the core curriculum of existing classes to address issues that have been left out," Brown said.

It was important not only to talk about multiculturalism issues, Brown said, but to do something about them and im-

Improving relations between the Corps and the Residence Hall

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Association was another item for discussion at the roundtable. The Student Senate and the RHA have considered resolutions to change the funding of two

Corps programs. Currently, the programs are funded through onampus students' fees. Wendy Lyons, RHA representative and a graduate student Purd

pursuing a teaching certificate brought up the RHA's proposal at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday night.

Lyons said the Senate and the Lady A
RHA brought the bill forward
because continually talking Annua

about it was not going to accom-

"It's nice to say it isn't fair," she said, "but you have to do something about it."

It was perceived by some that the RHA wanted a vote on their proposal Wednesday nigh, Lyons said. In actuality, they only want ed to get the senators thinking about the proposal, she said.

"Our intent was to bring it, show it and put it to committee,' she said. "We didn't want to bog down the meeting."

Study suggests shift work bad for women's hearts

□ The study was published in the **American Heart Associations** journal Circulation.

DALLAS (AP) — Working rotating shifts may be hazardous to women's hearts, a study suggests.

The study, in Friday's issue of the American Heart Association journal Circulation, says women nurses who worked irregular shifts for more than six years were up to 70 percent more likely than co-workers to suffer a heart attack.

The study was done by a team at the Harvard Medical School and written by Dr. Ichiro Kawachi, an assistant professor of medicine. "Shift work is a type of stress," he said.

"If you disrupt the body's daily biological clock, the body responds by pouring out stress-related hormones ... and these things generally do bad things for the body

Kawachi said "rotating night shifts also are associated with reduced job-related performance and higher levels of per-

ceived stress."

The study focused on nursing because it is one of the few professions in which a arge number of women work night shifts.
Of the 79,000 nurses who responded,

about 59 percent had done shift work and 41 percent had not. From 1988 to 1992, 292 of the respondents

had heart attacks, 44 of which were fatal.

The overall risk of a heart attack was low for the entire group; for that reason, the 70 percent figure was considered a moderately higher risk.

PARKING

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is that there is still lots of parking space behind the sports center," Cochran said. "They expect that area to see the overflow."

The board consists of eight students and three representatives from different PTTS areas.

The students represent groups repring

The students represent groups ranging from the Corps of Cadets to Student Government, Cochran said, in an effort to recognize the opinions of all aspects of the University.

Reactions from students throughout campus are mixed.

from a distance, and I hope things will be

president and a zoology student, said from her

perspective there is prevalent racism minorities face when participating in traditions.

though I don't always feel comfortable do-

ing it," she said. "I do it because I am an

Aggie, and it is my right as an Aggie to go

"I participate in many traditions, even

Ferleshare Starks, A&M NAACP vice

Ozzie Pugliese, a freshman computer engineering major who frequently parks in the two lots, said the changes are going to worsen an

already bad situation.

"It doesn't sound like a very smart thing to do," Pugliese said. "I already have to follow people around with my car to get a space.
"It's going to be really hard to get a space

during the middle of the day. I'll probably be riding a bike." Many students are concerned about the effects

the parking lot change will have on them and question where they will now have to park. Cole Stanley, a senior recreation, parks and tourism sciences major, said the A&M parking

situation does not need this extra burden. "It's ridiculous," Stanley said. "We need all the parking we can get.

"I feel like I've already paid for half of the new parking garage [Koldus Building] from my parking tickets alone."

out and take part in these traditions, but I have sympathy for those minorities who don't because it takes a special kind of person to put themselves in that kind of

As a way of solving these problems of racism on campus and in the media, Dr. Marco Portales, NAACP adviser, offered a solution of mutual awareness in a reading of his essay Curing Racism, You and I.

In the essay, Portales pointed out that racial pride is often mistaken for racial hubris. Racism is the most widespread disease in the nation, he said, and takes place Some students realize the renovations will cause problems in parking for a short time, but feel the changes to Kyle Field are worth it.

Gabe Aguirre, a sophomore political scence major, said although the parking changes will be inconvenient, they will benefit a good cause.

"I think in the long run, the renovations on Kyle Field will outweigh any parking in conveniences we will experience temporarily," Aguirre said. "It's not like we have any place to park now, so what's two more lots' In addition to the temporary lot that will

be established on West Campus, PTTS officials suggested parking in area 63 (Olsen Field), 103 (between Olsen Field and the Rec. Sports Complex) and 95 (Wellborn Road across from Kyle Field).

anywhere, all the time. The only cure, Portales said, is for people to force themselves to believe that people can become better. He stressed that people should not let the past shape their presents or their futures because to do so would "perpetuate racism's historical animosity."

"We are the only ones that can change,"
Portales said. "We don't have to be color." blind because color differences are obvious.

"What we need to do is take the time to learn about each other and see those differences in a positive light."

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cultures requirement. The University only requires six hours in humanities and six hours in social sciences to serve as cultures courses.

But the committee's actions

Nan West supported the notion of letting the faculty control a school's core curriculum.

When Rangel asked Cantrell to speak, regent Robert Allen of Houston protested, saying the Board should trust the school presidents.

"It seems to me that this com-

did not sit well with some re-gents. Board Chairman Mary ought to speak our minds ought to speak our minds through the chancellor and, therefore, through the CEOs of the institutions," Allen said. "I think it's absolutely improper for this Board to pass over any of those (CEOs). ... Why are we

calling on the faculty?" Rangel, however, said it was

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"It is, by state statute, our responsibility to look into all matters," Rangel said, "particular statutes," Rangel sa larly those that have been problematic at any campus, or those that are of great interest to every campus.





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