

Health

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committee," Cantrell said. "But covers the broader issue of healthy living. We think it's important for our students to get that kind of information."

In a statement issued to the senate in November, Bowen said he realized "some will view my negative decision on this recommendation as reflecting a lack of sensitivity on my part for the devastating effects of HIV and AIDS."

Bowen, however, said this assumption is untrue. Students have had mixed reactions to three pilot tests of the course that were conducted in past semesters.

Robert Armstrong, a distinguished professor and head of the Health and Kinesiology Department, said that although students said the course was worthwhile and they would recommend it to friends, many said the course should not be a requirement.

If the Faculty Senate resubmits the proposal, Bowen will again have the option to approve or deny the course's implementation.

Culture

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who came to A&M from China three years ago, said the orientation helped him learn one necessary skill — how to write a check.

"(I had to be taught) how to write a check — where to sign my name and where to put the amount," he said.

Jun Lu, a senior computer engineering major, said that when he came to A&M from China five years ago, he had questions about registering for classes, opening a

bank account and finding an apartment.

"The orientation answered most of my questions," he said.

Drolesky said ISS throws a party the week before classes start to link international students and introduce them to new friends they can depend on during their stay in the United States.

"We try very hard to make sure that the students are provided with a friendly atmosphere when they arrive," Drolesky said. "The point of the welcoming party is to make sure that the new students are not by themselves for the weekend (before classes start)."

The orientation program also gives international students who have been at A&M for a few semesters opportunities to share their wisdom and experience with new students.

"The nicest part about the New International Student Orientation is that we have so many students come back to help because they know what it feels like," she said.

Both Lu and Ouyang help at the student orientations now. Ouyang said he can empathize with the new students because he remembers how he felt.

"I know I suffered a lot when I came here," Ouyang said. "And I know what they are thinking."

Speed

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major, said she is not confident that the speed limit increase was a wise move.

"When the speed limit was 55, people went 70 anyway, so now they will probably go 80," Dunagin said. "It would have probably been better to just continue being lenient with the 55 speed limit than to change it."

Carmon said the primary purpose of the change was not a desire for faster driving speeds, but rather a shift in decision-making power from the federal to the state governments.

"The idea was to give the power of designating speed limits to the state," Carmon said.

Denise Fischer, Texas Department of Transportation public information officer, said the transportation department conducts speed studies and researches roads and highways before changing speed limits.

Research is presented to the Texas Transportation Committee,



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which makes final decisions on speed limit changes.

So far, speed limits have been increased only on four-lane, undivided highways and interstate highways and freeways.

Fischer said some people mistakenly think all roads should be 70 mph just because it is the maximum speed limit.

"But we can't make arbitrary decisions on speed limits," she said. "We have to base it on data and speed studies."

Research on two-lane state highways will begin this month, and studies on the farm and market road system will begin in April.

"With over 76,000 miles of Texas highways, there is no way to get it all in one swoop," she said.

WHAT'S UP

Wednesday

Career Center: A co-op orientation will be held at 10 a.m. in 302 Rudder. Call the co-op office at 845-7725 to sign up for the orientation.

Career Center: A placement orientation will be held at 1 p.m. in 301 Rudder. For more information contact the Career Center at 845-5139.

Career Center: A disk résumé workshop will be held from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in 302 Rudder. For more information contact the Career Center at 845-5139.

Career Center: A placement orientation will be held at 3 p.m. in 308 Rudder. For more information contact the Career Center at 845-5139.

Career Center: A placement orientation will be held at 5:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder. For more information contact the Career Center at 845-5139.

Lutheran Student Fellowship: An open family care group and supper will be held at 6 p.m. at the University Lutheran Chapel. Contact Wendy at 846-6687.

Reformed University Fellowship: A fellowship and Bible study

that explores our relationship with our Heavenly Father will be held at 8:30 p.m. in 111 Koldus.

Thursday

Career Center: A placement orientation will be held at 11 a.m. in 301 Rudder. For more information contact the Career Center at 845-5139.

Career Center: A co-op orientation will be held at 2:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder. Call the co-op office at 845-7725 to sign up.

Career Center: A placement orientation will be held at 4 p.m.

in 301 Rudder. Contact the Career Center at 845-5139 for more information.

Career Center: A placement orientation will be held at 5 p.m. in 302 Rudder. Call the Career Center at 845-5139 for details.

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Loose Diamonds

Marquise Cut

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.31	I	SI1	\$475 ⁰⁰
.31	H	VS2	675 ⁰⁰
.47	I	SI1	1,700 ⁰⁰
.49	J	SI2	1,150 ⁰⁰
.49	G	SI1	1,519 ⁰⁰
.50	F	SI2	1,475 ⁰⁰
.54	F	SI2/SI1	1,674 ⁰⁰
.57	K	SI1	1,150 ⁰⁰
.68	J	VS2	1,900 ⁰⁰
.69	K	VVS2	1,750 ⁰⁰
.71	H	VS2	3,100 ⁰⁰
.71	G	VS2	2,900 ⁰⁰
.76	F	SI3	2,250 ⁰⁰
.83	H	SI1	3,150 ⁰⁰
.84	K/L	SI1	2,150 ⁰⁰
.94	K	SI1	2,650 ⁰⁰
1.01	I	SI1	4,500 ⁰⁰
1.21	K	SI3	3,750 ⁰⁰
1.86	J/K	SI3	4,350 ⁰⁰

Emerald Cut

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.43	L	VVS2	\$750 ⁰⁰
.71	H	SI2	1,675 ⁰⁰
.74	H	SI3	1,500 ⁰⁰
.83	H	SI3	1,575 ⁰⁰
.88	G	SI2	1,750 ⁰⁰
.93	G	SI3	1,950 ⁰⁰
1.28	I	VS2	4,650 ⁰⁰

Round Diamond

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.41	H	SI2	\$495 ⁰⁰
.44	J	SI1	\$750 ⁰⁰
.64	H	VVS2	1,990 ⁰⁰
.70	I	I2	\$850 ⁰⁰
.70	I	SI1	2,100 ⁰⁰
.71	H	SI1	2,200 ⁰⁰

Round Diamond

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.72	I	SI1	2,160 ⁰⁰
.72	I	VVS2	2,875 ⁰⁰
.91	J	SI2	2,960 ⁰⁰
.95	I	I1	2,275 ⁰⁰
1.00	G	I1	2,600 ⁰⁰
1.03	H	SI3	3,450 ⁰⁰
1.11	F	SI1	3,950 ⁰⁰
1.16	J	SI1	3,950 ⁰⁰
1.64	I/J	SI1	6,600 ⁰⁰
1.89	K	SI3	4,350 ⁰⁰
9.51	L/M	I1/I2	29,000 ⁰⁰

Pear Shape

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.49	F	SI1	1,300 ⁰⁰
.49	H	SI1	1,253 ⁰⁰
.50	F	SI2	1,100 ⁰⁰
.79	K	SI1	1,475 ⁰⁰
.92	K	VS2	2,300 ⁰⁰
1.02	J	SI1	3,250 ⁰⁰

Princess

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.49	K	SI1	\$875 ⁰⁰
.53	K	VS1	975 ⁰⁰
.72	H	I1	1,475 ⁰⁰
.80	J	I1	1,375 ⁰⁰
.80	H	I1	1,475 ⁰⁰
1.00	H	SI3	2,325 ⁰⁰
1.42	H	SI3	3,900 ⁰⁰

Oval

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.40	J	VS1	\$675 ⁰⁰
.50	I	SI2	1,383 ⁰⁰
.81	I	VS2	3,225 ⁰⁰
.93	I	SI2	2,860 ⁰⁰
1.00	G	I1	2,700 ⁰⁰
1.53	I/J	SI1	5,800 ⁰⁰

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