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# Hispanic leaders disagree with new requirement

**□ The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarship now includes a U.S. citizen prerequisite.**

HOUSTON (AP) — Youth scholarships have always been at the center of the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. But a new requirement this

year that applicants for the scholarships must be U.S. citizens has outraged Hispanic leaders.

The League of United Latin American Citizens announced Saturday it would pass resolutions condemning the new citizenship requirements.

Houston LULAC Director Johnny Mata called the rodeo executive committee "ignorant" and "lacking in cultural understanding" in establishing the new criteria.

"We want to be rational in our thinking," Mata said at the LULAC board meeting, held during Saturday's rodeo parade.

Mata said LULAC is pushing to get the standard changed to legal residency, but he said the group has not decided on a qualifying requirement that the young people be seeking U.S. citizenship.

The concern that students worldwide might try to take advantage of the rodeo scholarships

is what rodeo officials spurred the new policy.

"I have no response to anyone who would call us ignorant," said Leroy Shafer, the rodeo and stock show's assistant general manager.

"Our decision was well thought out, well explained and well-tentioned," he said. "Quite frankly, we're getting tired of name calling and we're not going to engage in any. We're not going to bow to pressure on this."

# Computer

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frequently, people from time to time tend to spread it around," Scott said, "and that is what we believe happened."

The theft occurred in a restricted area during a weekend when few people were around. Lt. Bert Kretzschmar, supervisor of the UPD Crime Prevention Unit, said most computer thefts occur in isolated areas.

"Most computers are stolen when nobody is looking," Kretzschmar said. "Computer parts are usually stolen in areas where doors are left unlocked and in unsupervised areas, such as labs and offices, where a person can take a computer apart without being noticed."

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In the past, computer parts were often stolen from Sterling C. Evans library. But Kretzschmar said the current trend is to steal from the Blocker and Bright Buildings.

Scott said thieves sometimes break into buildings by climbing through ceiling tiles.

"We had a problem with people going over the ceiling tiles as recently as last week," Scott said, "but they are going to put some extra doors with hardware at key points to prevent people going over that way."

Many thieves gain access to buildings because of student carelessness.

Scott said students who are working on projects often leave doors open, giving thieves an easy entry.

"Students want to be able to come and go while working on a project, so they put

something in the door to keep it open," Scott said. "Inadvertently, they leave it open for someone to come in."

Despite relatively easy access to campus buildings, few thieves are walking out of buildings in the middle of the day with entire computers tucked under their arms. The majority of computer crimes, Kretzschmar said, involve the theft of small parts.

Thieves can be deterred, he said, if students and department members would take preventative measures, such as engraving identification on computers and using security devices.

"There are special screws that can be purchased to protect parts," Kretzschmar said.

"Departments that have labs should use cable tie-down devices to keep people from walking off with computers or should bolt computers to tables."

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be easier, quicker and more efficient (for the faculty)," he said. "It will also eliminate a big step and a whole lot of labor on the part of the secretary."

But some professors are uncomfortable having results on the Web, Troy said, because they fear that anyone on the Internet will be able access the results.

This will not be the case, Troy said, because only A&M students, faculty and administrators will have access to the evaluations.

"The change that we plan to make is to have more information available," he said. "(But) it will still be somewhat restricted."

Dr. David Carlson, associate professor of anthropology, said he has no objection to his evaluations being made more readily

available. "The College of Liberal Arts voted several years ago that evaluation results could be distributed to anyone that asked for them," he said. "They are not kept secret. Putting them on the Web just makes them easier to get to."

Ravi Chona, associate professor of mechanical engineering and his department's representative on the Engineering Faculty Advisory Council, said he does not object to the information's distribution, though he is concerned with the implication easy access will have.

He said some professors will lower their teaching standards as a result of widely distributed evaluation results.

"I think the biggest issue is: Will something like this encourage teachers to make students 'feel good' about their course so they can get a good evaluation back?"

Chona said, "I think it could be disastrous for the University and its reputation."

# CAMAC

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the most important thing is to help the ones who are just trying to survive. The conference has shown them that there are Hispanics out there who are successful, and that gives them hope."

Ramirez said the keynote speakers at the conference were excellent examples of Hispanic leadership because of their accomplishments within the Hispanic community.

Carmela Mellado, a conference speaker and editor in chief of Hispanic Engineer magazine, pointed out contributions Hispanics have made to various scientific fields, such as physics and chemistry.

"Our community needs to know that our people are doing these kinds of things," Ramirez said. "They are an inspiration."

Gloria Villalobos, a freshman architecture major, said

the conference speakers, through their stories of accomplishment, showed her that she can make a difference.

"My favorite speech was given by Jimmy Cabrera, an inspirational speaker who explained to us how we can achieve our goals," Villalobos said. "He told us to remember the phrase 'It is to be, it is up to me.'"

Villalobos said the Rio Bravo Ballet performance Friday evening was another conference highlight.

"It was good to see some Hispanic talent at Texas A&M," Villalobos said. "Through dance, you can see all the different cultures that have influenced our own."

Alvarado said this year's conference was successful, but she hopes people from a broader range of ethnicities will attend next year's conference.

"It seems like we're being pulled from different directions," Alvarado said. "I think we can learn more from each other. We'd just listen to one another."

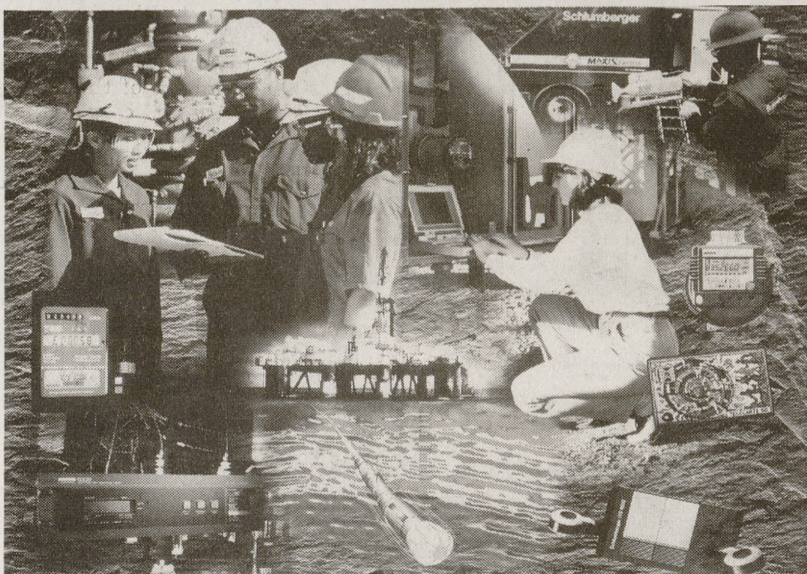
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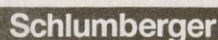
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