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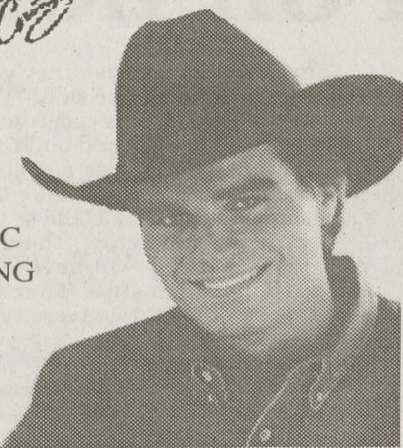
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Political grassroots workshop set for Sat.

A grassroots workshop will be hosted by Bill White, state democratic chair and Garry Mauro, Texas land commissioner, Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel, 801 University Drive.

Training sessions on grassroots campaigning, voter registration and get-out-the-vote efforts will be offered. Attendees will also learn techniques of motivating registered voters who did not vote last year to vote this year.

Dept. accepting award nominations

Texas A&M's Department of Multicultural Services is accepting nominations of people who have worked to promote understanding and appreciation of diversity on campus.

Nominations of support staff, undergraduate and graduate students, professional staff, student organizations and administrators must be submitted to Dr. Emily Santiago by 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26.

Faculty member nominations are being handled by the Office of the Associate Provost and Dean of Faculties.

All awards will be presented at the Diversity Awards Ceremony Tuesday, April 26 in 206 MSC at 10 a.m.

Buchanan co-chair linked to militia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pat Buchanan's campaign co-chairman, Larry Pratt, stepped aside Thursday after reports linked him to white supremacists and right-wing militia leaders, but Buchanan said he was certain the charges are untrue.

Critics immediately used Buchanan's close ties to Pratt, director of Gun Owners of America, to revive questions about his own views on race and equality.

Dole said Pratt "ought to be fired" rather than take a temporary leave of absence.

Prominent author says science excludes women

Harding said that feminist perspectives are not as prevalent throughout the world as they should be.

By Lisa Johnson
THE BATTALION

Sandra Harding, a prominent feminist author and professor of philosophy at the University of Delaware and University of California at Los Angeles, delivered a lecture Thursday night about the need for worldwide acceptance of feminist and multicultural scientific perspectives.

Harding said that science in the Northern part of the world, specifically Western Europe and America, has historically been dominated by European cultural belief that its own scientific processes are superior to the thought processes of other cultures.

European science traditionally has excluded women's achievements and perspectives, Harding said.

Part of the problem with the acceptance of feminist science, she said, is the abundance of discrimination and male bias within the historical record-ings of science.

"From reading the standard interpretations of evolution, one would think that only men evolved," she said.

"One could deduce that, were it not for the fortunate fact that daughters inherit half of their fathers' genes, man would be mating with apes."

Harding said there is a large amount of gender symbolism in science, dating back to the expressions of mother nature and mother earth.

But she also said that in science, man is typically characterized as "peeling away the veils" of mother nature to discover what lies underneath.

This expression, she said, is widely accepted, but sexist.

Harding said this is the case with all standards of nature, learning and science.

Five years ago, Harding traveled for a month in Central America on a trip sponsored by the Panamanian Health Organization, with the objective of bringing feminist perspectives to the health ministries of these countries.

She said she realized during this trip that feminist thinking was virtually unheard of in certain

parts of the world.

"When I was there, one of the Venezuelan doctors who recruited me into the program explained to me that the physicians in Latin America treat women as uteruses with feet," she said, "and that as long as the feet could get the uterus into the clinic, they didn't care what happened to the rest of the body."

"Yet, here, you have a community where the women administer the daily health care for both the children and the elderly, so if women are alienated by the health care institutions, not only their health will suffer, but the health of the entire community."

Harding said people's general understanding of science should not be limited by the achievements of any one society. It is important for people to explore and utilize the strengths of other cultures, she said, such as acupuncture and herbal healing.

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— Sandra Harding
feminist author & professor of philosophy

The medical and scientific advancements of other cultures should not be discounted, she said, simply because they have not been arrived at by Western processes of hypothesizing and experimentation.

"It is increasingly important for Western feminist science to be merged with global and multicultural ideas," she said.

Nancy Kerns, a junior English major who is currently taking a women's studies course, said she agrees with Harding's ideas about utilizing the knowledge of other cultures.

"I think that an important step into truly globalizing science is to make it more gender neutral," she said. "Also, I think that alternative sciences shouldn't be ignored just because they aren't based on our own culture."

Pam Matthews, director of A&M's Women's Studies Program, said she is grateful Harding discussed the need for feminist action on a global scale.

"Through our (lectures) on women's issues, we are reaching students who wouldn't otherwise be reached," she said.

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