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The dead shall teach the living

Program enriches Aggies' educations

By Ann Marie Hauser
THE BATTALION

The Willd Body Program of the Texas A&M College of Medicine provides a rite of passage in the education of future physicians.

Through the program, medical students benefit from hands-on experience working on bodies donated by individuals.

Dr. Elvin E. Smith, interim vice president for Health Affairs, said the donations are an indispensable aid in medical teaching and research.

"It's difficult to put a price on these donations," Smith said. "They are an extremely important contribution that we value very highly."

To donate one's body, a copy of a bequest form must be completed, signed and witnessed by two people.

Dr. James A. Knight, former dean of the College of Medicine and a professor of psychiatry and medical ethics, said students must have great respect when working with the cadavers.

"All kinds of efforts are made to humanize the cadavers in preparing the students," Knight said.

Four students are assigned to one cadaver each semester. They begin their study at a designated area of the body until the dissection is complete.

James Lange, a second-year medical student, said he was apprehensive before they uncovered the body but soon adjusted.

"The hardest part for me was working on the face, hands and fingers," Lange said. "I am very grateful to those people for their donation."

Knight emphasized the respect and reverence that must be given to the body during the dissection.

"This is a big step for students in their education because they are in the presence of death all the time," Knight said. "It forces them to work through their feelings on death."

Smith said students participating in the class undergo extensive instruction before working with the cadavers.

"One of the most poignant times in a physician's education is to experience the death of a patient," Smith said.

The program began when the College of Medicine was established in the mid-70s.

The Uniform Anatomical Gift Act was established 30 years ago to enable individuals to donate their bodies or parts of their bodies to medicine.

Prior to the passage of the Act, the law required the deceased's body to be next of kin.

The State Anatomical Board developed rules and regulations to ensure that programs are conducted properly.

Permission from the Board is required to create this type of program within an institution.

Smith said the remains are usually returned to the families for a closed-casket funeral or cremation.

Knight said the importance of the program is expressed in a Latin saying engraved above the entrance to the laboratory: "Mortui vivos docent" (the dead shall teach the living).

More college freshmen dropping out of school

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 27 percent of college students drop out after their first year, according to a survey of 2,564 schools. It also shows the college graduation rate is at its lowest level in more than a decade at the surveyed schools.

A report released Wednesday by American College Testing reveals the freshman-to-sophomore dropout rate at the surveyed two- and four-year public and private institutions rose to 26.9 percent this year.

That's just a little above last year's rate of 26.2 percent, but it's nearly 2.5 percent higher than the dropout rate reported 13 years ago when ACT began collecting data.

"It's taking students a lot longer to graduate," says David Merkwitz, a spokesman for the American Council on Education, a group representing the nation's colleges and universities.

"We could be seeing a lot of stop-outs, not dropouts." More high school graduates are going to college, but rising tuitions mean some cannot afford to stay in school, he says. Also, increasing numbers of nontraditional students, who now make up more than 40 percent of the enrollment at two- and four-year public and private schools, are forced to study in a start-and-stop fashion, he said.

In addition, improving economic conditions mean more jobs, which can lure students from campus.

Former Dole campaign official fined \$6 million

BOSTON (AP) — A former vice chairman of Bob Dole's campaign finance committee agreed Wednesday to pay a record \$6 million in fines for funneling illegal contributions through his employees to the Dole camp and other political causes.

If the plea agreement entered by Simon C. Fireman is approved by a federal judge as expected, it would be by far the largest penalty in U.S. history for illegal campaign contributions.

Fireman, the owner of Aqua-Leisure Industries, was accused of getting employees of his company to make contributions and then reimbursing them through a cash flume running to Hong Kong and then back to the United States.

He allegedly used \$120,000 to reimburse employees for contributions to the Dole campaign, the 1992 Bush-Quayle campaign, the Republican National Committee and Democratic Joseph P. Kennedy II's campaign for Congress.

U.S. Attorney Donald S. Smith said there was no evidence that any of the campaigns or committees knew about the scheme.

The Clinton and Dole campaigns sought to turn the plea agreement to their own advantage.

Dole spokesman Nelson Warfield stressed the Dole campaign had cooperated fully with the probe, adding pointedly that "this approach stands in stark contrast to what the public has come to expect from others."

President Clinton's campaign spokesman, Joe Lohr, shot back that Dole was obligated to explain how his campaign got involved in "this kind of criminal behavior."

BAH! by Chuck Johnson

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