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Judo competition to honor student

The 1997 Go Shibata Memorial Judo Invitational will be tomorrow from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the indoor soccer courts in the Student Recreation Center. More than 200 competitors from 8 states and Mexico will participate in the event. The tournament will be held in honor of Go Shibata, a Texas A&M student and judo competitor, who died April 30, 1996. The A&M Judo Team and the Department of Rec Sports are sponsoring the tournament.

Counterfeit bills found in Bryan

Bryan police found two counterfeit \$50 bills and four counterfeit \$20 bills circulating in Bryan yesterday. One \$50 bill was discovered at the Circle K at 300 E. Villa Maria. The other was found at Norwest Bank in Bryan. Sgt. Choya Walling of the Bryan Police Department said the bills can be identified as fakes. "Most \$50 bills have a security thread that you can hold up to the light and see," he said. "These bills don't have the security thread." Walling said Bryan police have no suspects.

Student Senate inducts J-Board

The Texas A&M Student Senate inducted this year's Judicial Board members, six senators and a vice president of communications Wednesday. J-Board members are inducted each year, the other seven offices were vacant. Also at the meeting, Curtis Childers, student body president and a senior agricultural development major, said Tom Williams, the director of Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services, agreed to allow Student Government to run a lottery system to dismiss tickets. After the computer program is installed, students can visit the Student Government Web page and enter their ticket numbers. "This is a great plug for PTTS, good for Student Government because students will visit our Web page and great for students because they have a chance for their tickets to be dismissed," Childers said. He said this would not apply to students who parked in handicap spaces or are habitual offenders. In other business, the Senate passed three bills clarifying and revising Student Government documents — the Student Senate Bylaws Revisions Bill, the Constitution Revisions Bill and the Executive Branch Bylaws Revision Bill.

Film encourages racial harmony

By AMANDA SMITH Staff writer

A documentary film and forum told A&M students, Thursday night, people need to be understanding of different cultures and beliefs. The MSC and MSC Black Awareness Committee (BAC) showed *The Color of Fear* last night in Rudder Theater. Dessiree Ewing, vice chair of the MSC Black Awareness Committee (BAC) and a sophomore biomedical science major, said

the presentation provided students with an opportunity to learn about themselves and others around them. "I am hoping that people will walk away tonight with a better understanding of who they are," she said. "Programs that everyone can relate to really can help. Relationships are something that everyone can relate to. Just because somebody is different, it does not mean that they are bad."

*The Color of Fear* features a group of eight American men from diverse ethnic and cul-

tural backgrounds who participate in a weekend retreat, where they openly discuss feelings on racism in the United States. Lee Mun Wah, the film's producer and facilitative director of Stir-Fry Seminars, headed the discussion in 1993. Aliah Majon, the facilitator from Stir-Fry Seminars, said the film has been shown across the United States and in Germany and Australia. "When our company comes on-site, I want people to understand that they are the key," Majon said. "They are the change agents, not us. I

plant the seeds that grow into flowers of change."

The MSC, through the coordination of BAC, coordinated the program to respond students' concerns of race relations on the Texas A&M campus.

Virginia Smith, BAC director of programs and a sophomore biology major, said students can benefit from the message presented in the film.

Majon said *The Color of Fear* offers students the chance to watch people discussing concerns about racism. As facilitator, she said she takes the students' comments and reconstructs them.

Group aids job-seeking grad students

By COURTNEY SEE Staff writer

The Masters Consulting Group (MCG) gives Texas A&M graduate students assistance other students entering the work force might not have. MCG, an A&M organization, gives students working on master's degrees the opportunity to interact with professional companies in real-life situations.

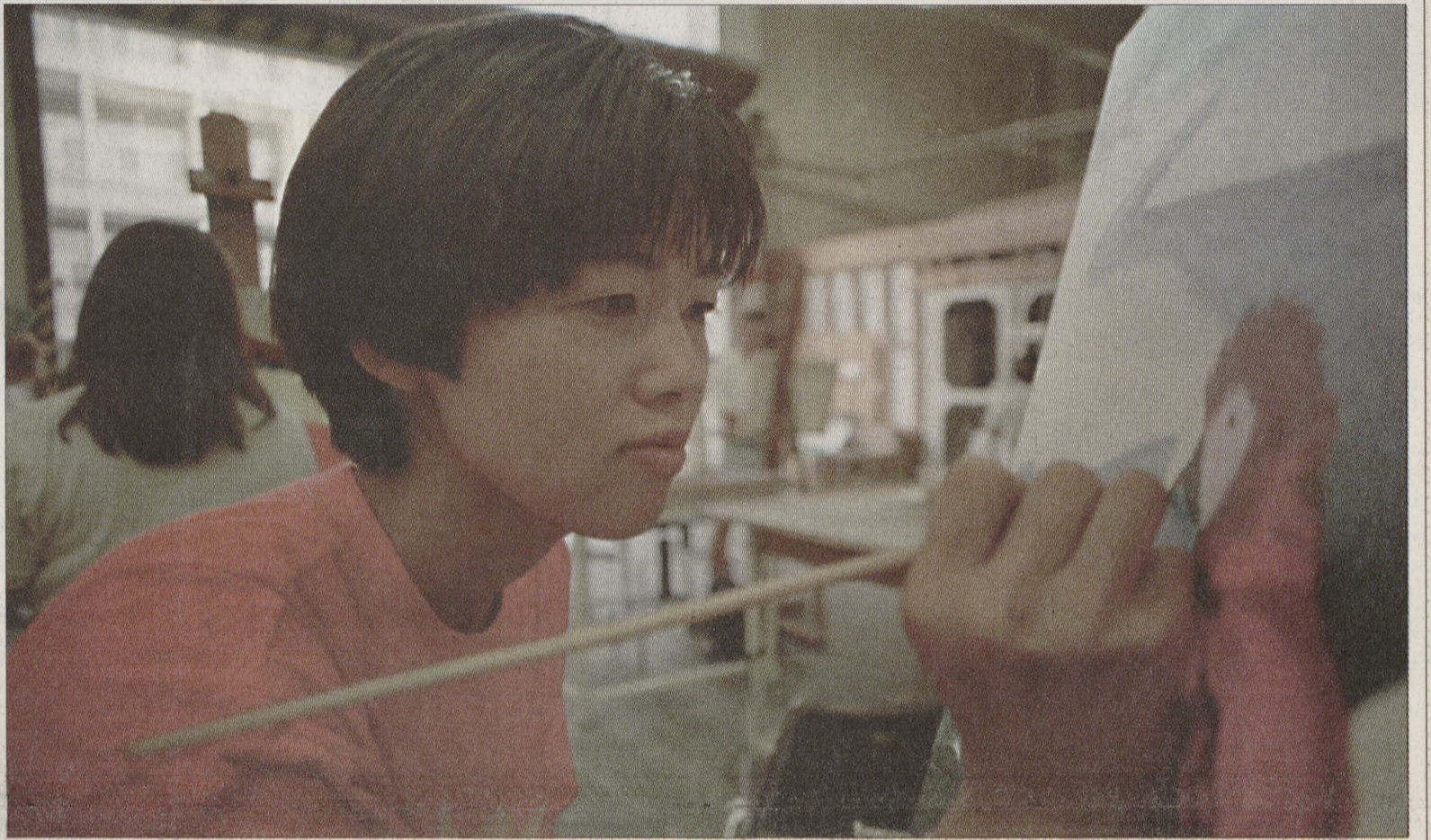
MCG was created four semesters ago by five graduate students in the MBA program. Although the founders expected about 10 students to attend the first meeting last fall, more than 50 people came.

Most of the group's 70 members are students from the Lowry Mays Graduate School of Business at Texas A&M. Shelley Walls, managing partner of external affairs for MCG and a second-year MBA student, said almost any graduate student can join the group. "We're trying to encourage people from other majors to join," she said. "It helps to have information and skills from people with different areas of expertise."

MCG tries to offer professional development and business experience to the members. Walls said the best way for members to get experience is by working on consulting projects with real businesses.

"All other consulting groups on campus are clubs and don't actually work," she said. "That makes this group unique." The group's first project was with Koch Capital Services in Mexico. Other clients include Bryan Small Business Development Center, IBM Global Services, MBA Placement Office at Texas A&M, Zonko's and Houston Industries, which is a corporate sponsor of the group and gave MCG a \$10,000 grant. Other corporate sponsors of the group are the Center for Teaching Excellence and Electronic Data Systems. Dr. Winston T. Shearon, an MBA program director and an A&M professor of accounting, is an adviser for MCG. Shearon said the group has gained work experience in a variety of areas.

Brushing up on the basics



Yumi Kurosaki, a senior wildlife and fisheries sciences major, paints in her Arts 205 class Thursday.

Weekend rodeo aims to reunite Aggies

By COURTNEY SEE Staff writer

The Texas A&M Rodeo Association is sponsoring its All Aggie Reunion Rodeo Sept. 26-27 to give Aggies and former students a chance to watch rodeo events together. The All Aggie Reunion Rodeo is open to A&M students and their families, former students and A&M employees. Jeff Isbell, president of TAMU Rodeo Association and a senior business major, said he expects 700 to 900 spectators to attend the rodeo. "The biggest things we do are the two rodeos we put on, one in the spring and one in the fall," he said. "It provides students with an environment to learn rodeo if they want to." Events planned for the rodeo include bareback riding, bull riding, team roping and goat-tying. The Rodeo Association will give away belt buckles to the winners of each event. Amy Kemp, vice president of TAMU Rodeo Association and a senior agricultural business major, said she enjoys rodeo even though it

takes a lot of discipline. "Rodeo has given me an opportunity to set goals and strive to reach them," Kemp said. "Rodeo has taught me a lot of responsibility and a lot of drive, but then it's also a nice stress reliever from school." The Aggie Rodeo was one of the first college rodeos in the nation. It started in 1919 as an animal husbandry fair and developed into the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA), which was founded at Texas A&M in 1949. Charlie Rankin, the first president of NIRA and Class of '50, said he helped establish NIRA after A&M's rodeo team began competing with other schools. "Because professionals and non-students were competing in the rodeos, we decided we needed a national association for collegiate rodeos to regulate rules, eligibility and the awarding of scholarships and prizes at college rodeos," he said. "It's the governing body for all intercollegiate rodeos nationwide." The TAMU Rodeo Association is open to

A&M students, whether they are rodeo contestants or interested in learning about rodeo. Members learn how to coordinate a rodeo, including fund raising and publicity. Isbell said members of the Rodeo Association do not have to participate. "Probably half of the members aren't even rodeo participants," he said. "They come out because they enjoy rodeo and want to learn more about it. They're the backbone of the association. They help put on out two main rodeos to help provide funding for the rodeo team itself."

Sarita Sullivan, social chair and public relations chair for the Rodeo Association and a junior agricultural development major, said she was hesitant to join the Rodeo Association because she was not on the rodeo team. "I went (to the Rodeo Association meeting) and it was fun," she said. "The people were nice and they needed people to help out with the rodeo. I knew how to time the events, so I helped out and have been in the organization ever since."

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College of Veterinary Medicine challenges students to excel

By AMANDA SMITH Staff writer



David Hebel, a 4th-year veterinary student, examines Lacy yesterday at the Large Animal Clinic. Lacy was fitted with a trachostomy tube to cure a swelled larynx.

Only one college at Texas A&M welcomes cats, dogs, horses, pigs and exotic animals through its doors. The A&M College of Veterinary Medicine is the largest veterinary school in the United States, and the only one in Texas. Of the 1,000 students who applied to the College last year, 128 were accepted. Although class size is small compared to other A&M colleges, it exceeds those at the other 26 veterinary schools in the United States. The College of Veterinary Medicine releases applications in July with an Oct. 1 deadline. In March, the college notifies the students who are accepted. Classes begin in August or September. Dr. Mary Herron, assistant dean for professional programs at veterinary medicine and a doctor of veterinary medicine (DVM), said the selections committee looks at

experience and other criteria, such as a student's GPA, performance on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), leadership positions and familiarity with the veterinary profession. "A veterinarian does many things," Herron said. "The criteria gives an overall look at how the student performs. We look for people with varied backgrounds. We accept people from programs across the state." Herron said Texas residents are considered first, but out-of-state applicants also may be accepted to the College. Although veterinary students are not required to have certain majors as undergraduates, students must take some prerequisite courses to be considered for veterinary school. Herron said students should concentrate on grades in science courses, but should be open to new possibilities. "Continue to explore the profession," she said. "That is the foundation for vet school. Get some experience working

with animals in a practice." Caroline Seiter, a second-year veterinary student, said she worked for a cattle clinic in Jacksonville, Florida last summer. "I really got a lot of experience there with cattle," she said. "If you know that it's what you want to do, then go for it." Seiter said she spends her days in lecture and three two-hour labs. "I really like being able to work one-on-one with the animals and clinicians," she said. She said adjusting to longer class hours was the hardest part of her first year at veterinary school. First-year veterinary students spend half a day in lecture and the other half in a lab. Herron said the College of Veterinary Medicine reorganized the curriculum two years ago to give first and second-year students more time to work with animals and doctors in clinics. "They begin clinical reasoning in the first year," Herron said. "The majority of their day is spent in lecture

and laboratories. While they are learning the basics of veterinary science, they are also learning the basics of case management." As a part of case management, Herron said students can study patients and evaluate case histories. Richardson said she wants to work with small animals. She said working in the clinic with both large and small animals during her first year benefited her. "Almost immediately, you get to do a lot of hands-on things," Richardson said. "Everybody learns every species. It puts things into perspective." Herron said students may use this experience in the clinic to plan their final year of veterinary school. "The fourth year is a unique year," she said. "It is twelve months long and they spend the full time in the hospital. They rotate through clinical services and they see cases."

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