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Professor to be guest on Oprah

Dr. Nancy Dickey, president-elect of the American Medical Association, will be a guest on the Oprah Winfrey Show at 4 p.m. today. Dickey, an associate professor of family and community medicine at Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine, will provide information about the implications of alcohol use. The program will discuss alcohol and binge drinking in college. It will also feature an anchorman who will tell how alcoholism changed his life.

Department head elected ICA president

Linda L. Putnam, head of the Texas A&M Department of Technical Communications, has been elected the president-elect of the International Communication Association (ICA). Putnam will officially become president-elect at the end of the association's 48th annual conference July 20-24, 1998, in Jerusalem, Israel. As president-elect, Putnam will be on the board of directors and program chair for the association's 1999 conference in San Francisco. After the 1999 conference, Putnam will become president of the association.

Manicure & Pedicure Practice to be held at Lubbock

Midnight Yell will be in Lubbock, Texas, Friday in the parking lot on the north side of the Civic Center on Street. The football game between Texas A&M and Texas Tech University will start at 1 p.m. in Jones Stadium.

Education leaders seek diversity

AUSTIN (AP) — Trying to attract a diverse group of students despite being barred from using affirmative action programs, public and private colleges and universities in Texas are banding together to create a mission on diversity. Called as "an unprecedented coalition of higher education leaders," the group plans to announce its mission Wednesday about its commitment to recommend ways to enlarge diverse student bodies. The Texas Higher Education Coalition previously worked on fund-raising. This is the first time it addressed this topic and named a committee to do so, Monique of the University of Texas said Tuesday. Affirmative action is off the table. The federal courts have taken it off the table. So what we have to do is maintain and expand educational opportunity without affirmative action," Jones said.

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Campus groups outline diversity goals

BY KARIE FEHLER
 Staff writer

Texas A&M organizations brainstormed plans for increasing diversity on campus last night at a diversity forum hosted by the Student Government Association.

More than 100 students from campus organizations met in Rudder Tower for the second of three forums.

Martin Hodges, director of Minority Affairs for SGA and a senior journalism major, said the forum was started to generate student effort in increasing diversity on campus.

"This forum brought organizations together to devise action plans for increasing diversity at A&M," he said. "If diversity is really going to be effective, it has to come from the students and be a grassroots effort — we need a broad base of organizations helping."

Hodges said groups will work on action plans devised at the meeting and will report progress at a third diversity forum later in the semester.

"One thing that makes Texas A&M unique is our collection of individuals with such different backgrounds," he said. "We want to capitalize on our differences and invest in each other — that's how we'll increase diversity."

Craig Rotter, an agricultural education graduate student, said the forum provided students with an opportunity to recognize diversity on campus.

"They may see this diversity every day, but because they are so busy going to and from class, they may not have the time to focus on it," he said. "These forums give you the time to sit down and discuss diversity issues and how we can improve the issues."

Nelson Burns, MSC president and a senior international studies major, said last night's forum began the implementation process of

improving race relations.

"Some organizations are looking at co-programming on service projects," he said. "I know OI' Ags and Alpha Phi Alpha are getting together to work on a project. It's working together and diversity training that will make a difference."

In the first forum, students and leaders broke into groups to discuss views on racial relations and diversity at Texas A&M, and how individuals and organizations could solve problems.

The progress of the groups will be addressed at the third forum.

A little friendly competition

Service company sponsors contest, promotes global communication

BY AMANDA SMITH
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A team of four Texas A&M students will compete against student teams from 45 of the top business and engineering universities around the world in the 1997 Case Challenge today until Oct. 25.

EDS company, an informational service company in Dallas, is sponsoring the competition.

Catherine Halvorson, the campus re-

lations manager for EDS, said he has devoted a lot of time to working with his teammates on practice cases.

"This semester, half of my workload has been with EDS Case Challenge," he said. "The competition provides an exceptional opportunity to develop a plan of action."

After the 24-hour period of planning, students will discuss the case with EDS executives and present solutions to preliminary judges. Judges will select 10 of the 45 teams to compete in the final rounds Oct. 25.

Each student of the winning team will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Members of the second-place team will win a \$750 scholarship and participants from the other finalist teams will receive \$500 scholarships.

Debbie Snell, a senior business analysis and marketing major, said she does not know what to expect from such diverse competition.

"We have improved since the beginning of the semester," she said.

"It's a group coordination competition. I just hope to gain some more experience presenting the case to the group."

Snell said working with other team members this semester has allowed the team to realize each other's strengths and weaknesses.

She said that employers consider problem-solving abilities when looking for employees.

"The Case Challenge is a great opportunity to take advantage of real world experiences," Snell said. "It's a great opportunity to take advantage of real world issues without actually entering the real world."

Tracy Collins, a senior business analysis major, and Jennifer Quade, a junior management major, also will compete with Snell and Kergosien in the competition.

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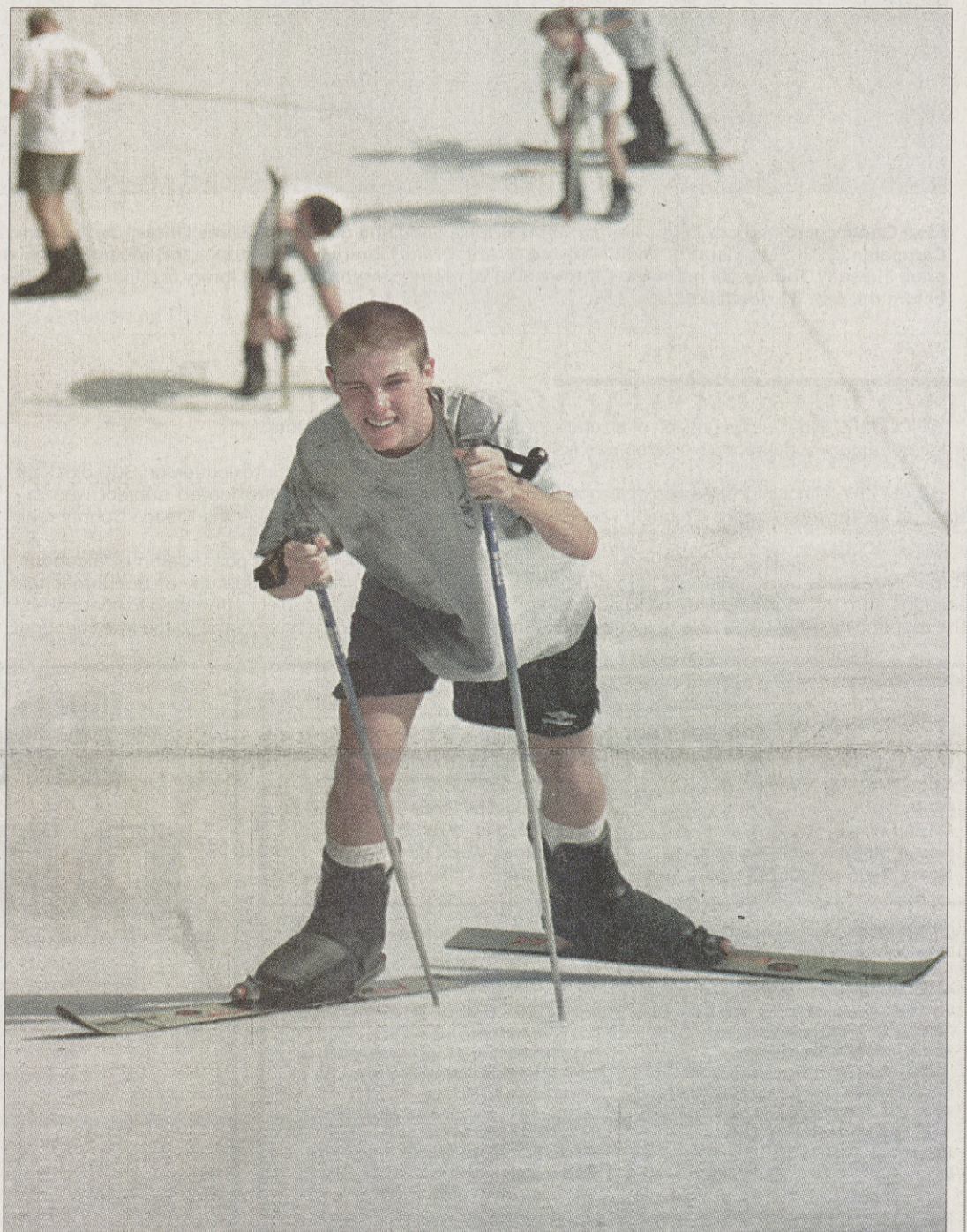
Students were selected for the competition through interviews by former participants in the EDS Case Challenge.

In its sixth year of operation, the Case Challenge competition presents each four-person team with a business scenario. Each team has 24 hours to cultivate plans for technology, marketing, finance and human resources in the company.

Leigh Borland, the project manager of the EDS Case Challenge, said the competition gives students an opportunity to work together to resolve a problem.

"The EDS Challenge is an educational opportunity to solve a real-life problem situation," Borland said. "Students have to put together a presentation in a short time."

It's all downhill from here...



Robert McKay/The Battalion
Andy Schaafs, a sophomore chemical engineering major, climbs Mount Aggie for the last run of the day in his beginning snow skiing class Tuesday. This is the last semester that skiing classes will be offered at the University.

Ride Along aims to improve relationship between Greeks, cops

BY RACHEL GEORGE
 The Battalion

The Interfraternity Council will continue the Ride Along program this semester which allows IFC members to accompany a College Station police officer on a weekend night patrol.

The program was initiated by Sigma Chi fraternity last semester with the goals of increasing alcohol awareness and eliminating

negative images students have of law enforcement officers.

Tim Vogds, Sigma Chi social chair and a senior finance major, said the program is beneficial to both police officers and fraternity members.

"It (Ride Along) will foster a better relationship between cops and Greeks," he said. "It gives us the chance to see that there is more to a police officer's job than busting parties. It also gives them the opportunity to see

that Greek life is more than parties and beer."

Dave Deangelous, IFC adviser, said the program will increase respect for the law enforcement profession.

"It is a very good program," he said. "It gives the students a chance to get the feel for what a police officer's night is like — a chance to put themselves in the officer's shoes."

Vogds said that many Greeks are interested in participating.

"Right now the program is only open to members of IFC, which are mainly presidents and representatives from each fraternity," he said. "But, as the program grows, members of the frats will be able to participate."

Officer Paul Price, in the community policing division of the College Station Police Department, worked with Ride Along last year and said it was a success.

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PROFILE:



Douglas

Ronald Douglas

BY JENARA KOCKS
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Dr. Ronald G. Douglas said the biggest challenge he faces as provost and executive vice president of Texas A&M is ensuring that the University develops to its full potential.

"(My biggest challenge is) to continue the development of the research and graduate activities while maintaining the strength of the wonderful undergraduate program we currently have," he said. "The challenge is to try to do both."

Douglas said the deans, associate provosts and assistant provosts report to him. "I'm second in command to the president," he said. "I provide overall leadership and direction to the academic mission of the University."

Douglas accepted the position on March 1, 1996. Before coming to A&M, he served as the vice provost for undergraduate studies for five years and dean of the division of physical sciences and mathematics at State University of New York at Stony Brook.

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Campus Leaders

Danny Feather

BY RACHEL DAWLEY
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Loyal, intelligent and innovative are just a few of the ways friends and Texas A&M cadets describe Danny Feather, the

1997-98 Corps commander.

Feather, a senior economics major, said he wants the Corps of Cadets to increase involvement on campus, improve academically and get more internships. He also wants to build more pride and discipline in the Corps.

The job of Corps commander is "all-encompassing," Feather said. He said his leadership is required for every aspect of the Corps and it has become a major part of his life.

Feather said that growing up in the small town of Mernard, in west central Texas, gave him an interesting perspective on life. Many of the role models in Feather's life were high-school teachers and coaches. Feather's 1993 graduating class at Mernard High School had 30 people.



Feather

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