

Engineering 101

Program offers high-school students chance to explore field

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The College of Engineering is holding a program next week for high-school students interested in engineering.

The Summer Enrichment Experience is a series of workshops and seminars that allows juniors and seniors to explore all areas of engineering.

Sheila Bonilla, coordinator of the program, said this is a good opportunity for students.

"They leave with a good impression of A&M," she said, "and it helps introduce them to engineering."

The high-school students participate in activities dealing with both application and theory.

The focus of the week is an engineering project. The students are assigned to groups and given a project to design and finish by the end of the week.

This year's project is the construction of a bridge using only pasta noodles. The participants must make the bridge strong enough to hold a one kilogram weight for 10 minutes. The lightest project that fulfills these requirements wins.

"The students really enjoy the opportunity," Bonilla said, "but find it is a lot of work to get their projects done between going to the seminars."

Engineering graduate students help the participants by advising them and evaluating their designs.

At the end of the week, judges are brought in to evaluate the projects. This year two representatives from International Paper, along with four graduate students, make up the judging panel.

Applicants to the program must show excellence in math and science, along with high PSAT scores.

They must also attach an essay explaining why they want to attend the program and letters of recommendation.

This year the program received approximately 160 applications.

Fifty participants were accepted for each session of the program, one of which was held last week.

Applicants who were not accepted to the program had their applications forwarded to other camps and programs.

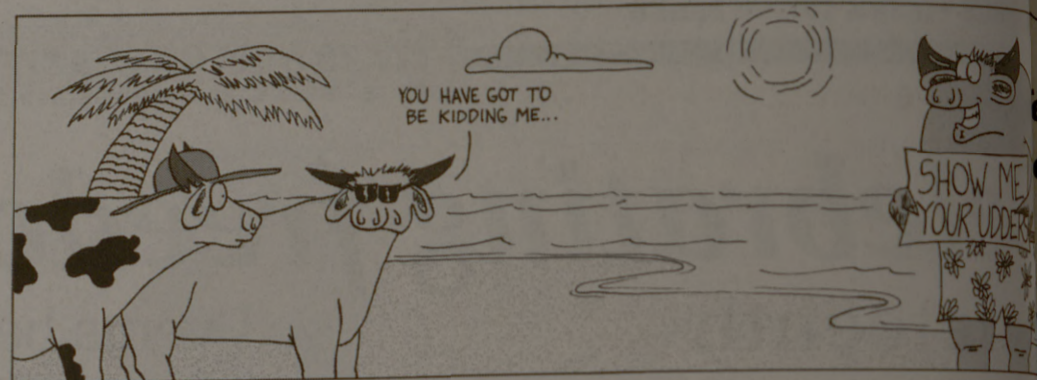
Bonilla said the program looks for people who would be the first in their family to attend college.

While diversity is a goal of the program, Bonilla said, minorities comprise a small percentage of the group. However, approximately half of this year's participants are female.

Bonilla said she believes the program can help guide students into a major that is right for them.

"It lets them know if engineering is for them," she said, "and if so, what field of engineering, and if not, what other majors they could consider."

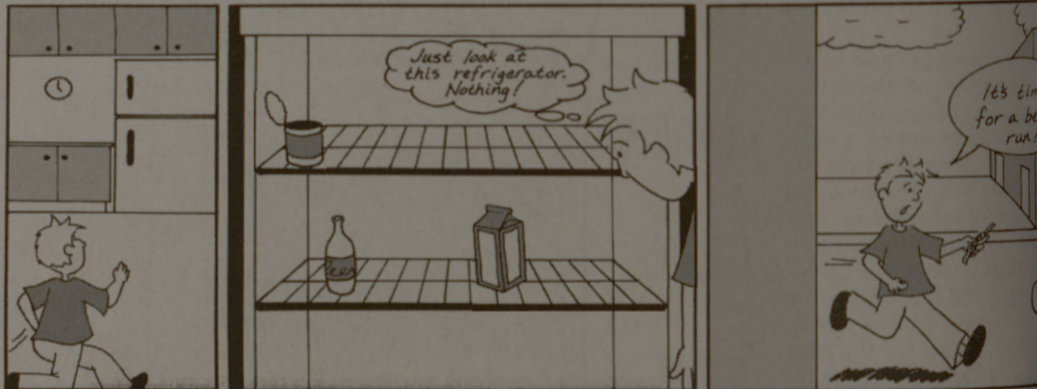
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Ruling prevents au pair from profits

BOSTON (AP) — As British au pair Louise Woodward got ready to head for home, a federal judge temporarily barred her from spending any money earned from selling her story about the death of a baby in her care.

Saying there was a reasonable likelihood Matthew Eappen's parents would win a wrongful death lawsuit, U.S. District Judge William Young ordered Woodward to notify the court and the Eappen family of any contract she signs for book or movie deals.

Woodward, who was to board a

flight yesterday afternoon, was not in court at the hearing.

Police said she would be escorted on a late afternoon flight to London.

Although the court order would not affect any deals in England, it would bar Woodward from taking advantage of any profits earned here.

The order is good for 10 days and could be extended. Young scheduled a trial for Oct. 5.

The suit was filed Tuesday, shortly after Massachusetts' highest court upheld the trial judge's reduction of Woodward's conviction

and sentence for the death of 8-month-old Matthew last year.

"It is wrong for her to profit in any way from what she did to Matty," the baby's mother, Deborah Eappen, told *The Boston Globe*. "What she did was so wrong, for her to benefit financially would be so wrong."

The civil lawsuit also seeks \$75,000 in actual damages and unspecified punitive damages.

The ruling also prevents Woodward's parents and anyone working on her behalf from profiting from the crime.

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