Conference puts students on the path to leadership

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By KATIE MISH The Battalion

aturda The 46th annual Fall Leadership Conference kicks off today at the Texas Utilities Electric Leadp Center in Trinidad, Texas.

> he main goals of the three-day erence are to educate delees, give them useful tools to ap-to their organizations and help delegates with their personal wth and self-analysis.

Brent Troyan, chair for FLC a senior English major, said focus of the conference has ay People, a aried greatly through the years. The purpose has changed a lot r the past few years, and I'm over the last 46 years." Troyan l. "We sat down in May and deed what our purpose was going e for this conference.'

athan Cray, director of deles and a junior mechanical neering major, said a big ge for this conference is the ons given to the delegates. We're giving them options," he "where they want to go, what want to improve on, so hopethey'll decide what fits them." ving away from the idea that ere is one specific leadership e and focusing on different show leadership potential." tions to various situations. People learn in different

we've focused on one specific nizations involved. leadership style. We moved away from that this year.

The conference is for any student leader who wants to further their leadership development and is for members of big and small organizations alike,

"Basically anyone from any organization who wants to develop themselves as a leader, we'll take them," Cray said. "We have about 80 or 90 organizations represented."

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> — Brent Troyan **FLC Chair**

Troyan said a student does not have to be the head of an organization to attend the conference.

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MacGregor Stephenson, an adviser for FLC, said the conferays," Cray said. "In the past, ence tries to get all sorts of orga-

"There are 150 spots, and we try to limit the number of people that each organization can send," MacGregor said. "It gives many opportunites for a variety of organizations to participate.'

The FLC office is in the Student Programs Office in the MSC, and 40 percent of the 150 delegates come from MSC organizations, Troyan said.

Despite efforts to spread awareness, the number of MSC delegates has not increased much, he said.

However, the conference has broadened the types of organization participation with delegates from the Inter-Fraternity Council, organizations from the Business Student Council and smaller organizations, Troyan said.

The conferences give the delegates an opportunity to interact with faculty, staff and other students on a more personal level, Troyan said. The delegates break into small focus groups lead by administrators, advis-

ers and other campus leaders. The delegates also attend different sessions that fit their interests, he said.

"In the past, the entire delegation was spoken to by one speaker," Troyan said. "Now there are different speakers, and they can attend sessions that they like. That's a good change.

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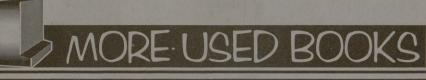
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> With any luck, that ment could become ity for Blue Earth.

For now, however, usic is not a passing the band is looking ahead to it's next few gigs (one at the Crooked Path on August 29th and another at The Theatre in Bryan on Septhat's what we're tember 16th) and con-

centrating performing the live shows to keep its local fan base coming back

► People in the News

Hungry renews Parton's life

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Dolly Parton is ready for Life, Act II. Her new album, Hungry Again, went on sale Tuesday to critical acclaim after a long, dry spell of no country hits or movie appearances.

"I've never been more excited or felt more creative in my life," the 52-year-old Parton said in Tuesday's USA Today. "I feel like I'm just starting the second part of my life, and it's going to be even better than the first."



Parton launched this stage by going back to the beginning. A year ago, she retreated to the Appalachian cabin where she grew up. She stayed for three months.

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