

## Fish



## BY R. DELUNA GRADS

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One participant said in the report, "At the College Station campus you have a lack of true diversity, because our student body is largely white, conservative and probably from fairly well-to-do families."

Dr. Larry Oliver, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said students need to learn people skills.

"The ability to work with diverse teams of diverse people are necessary in today's workplace," Oliver said.

Recommendations were given in the report by the participants. One participant said the opportunities for recruiting minority students must increase to insure diversity on campus.

The report said the graduates had adequate skills in their majors, but they needed a more diverse education.

"These limitations were defined as the fault of the faculty and department heads who do not understand the 'real world' of work and who do not allow their majors to take courses outside their major departments," the report said.

Laurie Nickel, student body president, said advisers do an adequate job of offering students opportunities to participate in internships and take international classes if they are interested.

"Study abroad programs offer

students opportunities to experience different cultures and languages," Nickel said. "These programs have to turn away many students each year due to overwhelming interest."

Oliver said students need to emphasize cultural and international education more.

"Texas A&M produces students that are technically proficient and hard-working, but they need more diversified education to produce the necessary social skills," he said.

Written communication was found to be the number one weakness among the A&M graduates.

"Generally, graduates in business, engineering and agriculture are perceived to be limited in their ability to write a narrative report of their work in language that can be understood across various functional areas of the corporation," the report said.

Oliver said the College of Liberal Arts is expanding to include a degree in music, and a proposal has been made to create a performance studies department which would include dance, music and film.

"Students should have a well-rounded education," Oliver said. "Students need to develop communications skills and the ability to conduct analyses."

The report said graduates expressed a "Generation X" work ethic.

"Generation X" employees value personal and family time more

than work time," the report said. "They do not want to work hours a day, five days a week, much less stay after school for the job done."

Nickel said this is not only a negative aspect, but also a whole hope for efficiency in the aspect of their lives. Family values are important to students.

"In the past, this generation has seen the deterioration of values, either in their own or through friends," Nickel said. "They aim to have a well-life both professionally and personally."

The report said universities need not keep up with the speed of technology and knowledge. Faculty needs continued education to increase the spectrum of edge given to the students.

Oliver said Texas A&M

er universities in the state emphasize technical skills.

"Many times the program concentrated on specialties that will be used in a career said. "Students need to learn life-long skills that will adapt to a changing world and society."

Nickel said Vision 2020 is moving into providing flexible interdisciplinary studies.

"We want to allow students the ability to move throughout their curriculum to help them create a specialty in their curriculum," Nickel said. "They want an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge."

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Sweeney said more than 8 percent of students have a disability. He said of those registered with the Center for Students with Disabilities, more than two-thirds have invisible disabilities.

Jacobs said focusing on invisible disabilities, learning disabilities, will help students understand one could have a disability.

"You could be sitting next to someone in class with a disability and not even know it," she said. Sweeney hopes Disability Awareness Day will help students learn more about their peers with disabilities accepting of them.

"Knowledge supports inclusion," he said. "The concern of students with disabilities is to feel part of the community."

## Simel & Lewis



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## CAMP

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"We have some namesakes that will visit their camp for an afternoon, while others will stay the entire four days; it is entirely up to them," Martindale said. "Some choose to take trips or go to dinner with their counselors or even have a barbecue with their camp. Really, they can do whatever they want and whatever their schedule will permit."

Martindale said two-thirds of each incoming class typically attend Fish Camp.

"Last year we had 7,200 incoming freshmen and 4,800 attended Fish Camp," he said. "The year before that, 6,000 freshmen were accepted and 4,100 attended."

Fish Camp, in its 45th year began, in 1954 when YMCA Director, Gordon Gay, took freshmen cadets to what was then called "Freshmen Camp" to develop leadership skills.

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