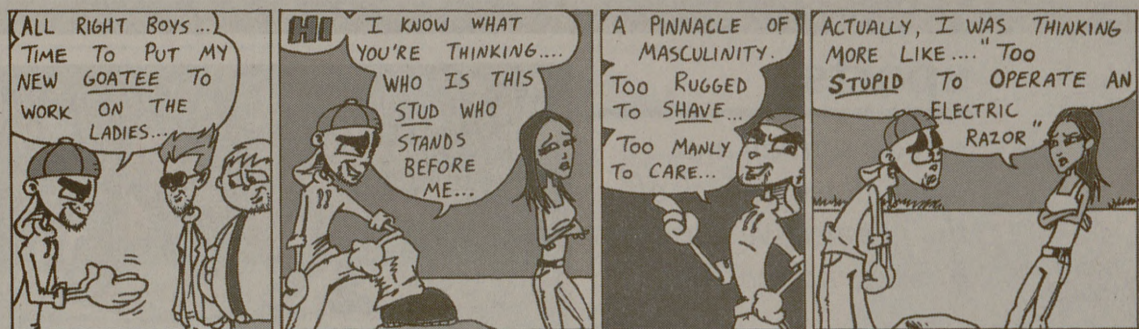


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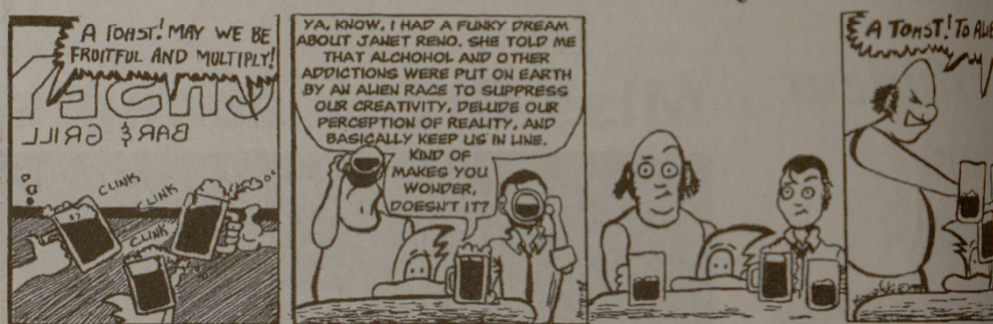


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Nutrition conference focuses on benefits of herbal medicine

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Texas A&M Faculty of Nutrition will host a conference to disseminate information on herbal medicines and dietary supplements today at 9:00 a.m. at Rudder Theater.

The 26th annual Texas Human Nutrition Conference, "Food & Pharmacy: Nutrition, Herbs and Dietary Supplements," will include functional foods, herbal medicines and dietary supplements.

Dr. Martyn Gunn, professor of biochemistry and nutrition and chairman of the conference committee, said consumers should look for a scientific basis behind claims being made by makers of herbal medicines and supplements.

"A lot of claims have been made on hearsay, not scientific fact," he said. Gunn said since dietary supplements are

not stringently regulated by the Food and Drug Administration, buyers should beware. "Because [supplements] are unregulated by the FDA," he said, "you never know how much you're taking."

Speakers at this year's conference will include: David B. Schmidt, senior vice president of food safety from the International Food Information Council; Dr. Cathy Kapica, of nutrition and clinical dietetics at the Chicago Medical School; Dr. Charlotte Gyllenhaal, of the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy; Dr. John A. Milner, head of the Nutrition Department at Penn State; Dr. Daniel M. Sheehan, of the Division of Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology at the National Center for Toxicological Research; and Dr. David Lamb, of the School of Physical Activity and Education at Ohio State University.

Committee promotes leadership, community

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College students from four states will attend workshops on organizational issues presented by Texas A&M students, other universities and non-profit agencies.

The MSC Hospitality Committee's Southern Regional Conference on Student Community Service will attract 200 students to the George Bush Conference Center today through Sunday.

Justin Wood, a conference coordinator and a senior agribusiness major, said the goal of the conference is to bring college students together to share ideas on service.

"It is to promote the idea of service and volunteerism," he said. "And to cre-

ate a forum where ideas and experiences can be shared."

Roger Bower, director of human resources for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central Texas Inc., is presenting a workshop at the conference and said college students play a role in helping the children served by the foundation.

"College students have a real strong way of connecting to children," he said. "Because of the closeness in age, there is an immediate connection between volunteer students and the children."

Wood said the conference will include outreach activities and a fair displaying service opportunities.

"The participants will have the opportunity to go out in Bryan-College Station and do some hands-on service work during the outreach activities," he said. "At the opportunities fair, organizations

will have information at the conference.

Participants can come by for information on what the organization and what opportunities there have become.

Robert K. Goodwin, president of the Points of Light Foundation in Washington D.C., will be the keynote speaker Saturday.

Kirsten Jacobs, a junior education major, attended the conference last year and said she gained the information she gained from the conference into her own work.

"It was a really neat opportunity to network with other schools and organizations," she said.

"I went to a workshop on handicapped people involved in programs and it enabled me to create a program for A&M."

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