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MBA program makes top 20

BY APRIL YOUNG
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The MBA program in the Mays College and Graduate School of Business was ranked 7th in the nation among public programs and 36th overall among more than 300 Masters of Business Administration (MBA) programs.

The MBA program provides a general overview of business and students have an undergraduate degree and an average of 4 years work experience. However, the undergraduate degrees and work experience need not be business related.

Dr. John Dinkel, associate dean of the masters program, said the program's ranking will draw people to the University.

"Being ranked attracts big name companies who offer high starting salaries and better employment packages," Dinkel said. "Because of the ranking the program attracts better students who want these benefits, so it's important that we pay attention to ranks and make sure that we get ranked."

Dinkel said he attributes the success of the program to the modifications that have been made.

"We have made changes to our work requirement, which brings students with more work experience who attract better salaries," he said. "The program was also redesigned to make it more attractive to recruiters and students by emphasizing teamwork, integration among various courses in

the program and communication skills."

Tom Irwin, a first year MBA

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Associate Dean

student, said the program helps students gain experience that can be used in their careers.

"Through the program, we get broad-based knowledge of the as-

pects of business so we can build a foundation," Irwin said. "We work in teams with people in various undergraduate backgrounds so you get to tap into their knowledge as an undergraduate and what they've been doing in the work place."

Dinkel said the program has seen an increase in participation on the part of students and recruiters.

He said the recent rankings indicate a positive future for the MBA program and wants it to keep gaining more national recognition.

"We will also see an increased demand by students to get into the program and an increase in demand by employers for students who graduate from the program," he said.

Libertarian offers new political ideas

BY SALLIE TURNER
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The Libertarian party presidential candidate will speak tonight on why libertarianism is the hope for America at 7:30 in 111 Koldus.

Jacob Hornberger, supports the legalization of drugs, the elimination of gun control, opening the country's borders and abolishing the Internal Revenue Service.

The speech is sponsored by the Reagan Leadership Society and the Students for Individual Liberty.

Hornberger is the founder of the Future Freedom Foundation, an organization whose mission is to present a moral, philosophical and economic case for libertarianism.

Jay Slovacek, president of the Reagan Leadership Society and a

sophomore accounting major, said the speech, Alternative Politics for Gen-X, is an opportunity for students to examine viewpoints outside of the traditional political system.

"[Hornberger] is the Dr. Pepper choice in a Coke and Pepsi world," he said. "We deserve another choice."

Adam Mikeal, vice president of the Reagan Leadership Society and a sophomore history major, said college students are interested in Hornberger because he does not fit into the traditional political system.

"We want an open exchange of ideas on campus and that's why we are bringing him in," he said.

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RHA honors Crocker Hall

BY RACHEL HOLLAND
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The Residence Hall Association recognized Crocker Hall as the Best of the Year for the 1998-99 Academic Year last night at the RHA Banquet.

Michael Haughey, RHA president and a senior mechanical engineering major, said more than half of the residence halls named in hall reports for the year, but Crocker stood out as an outstanding hall.

"Crocker conquered several tough issues this year and really turned its reputation around," he said.

"Some of their impressive programs include Mardi Gras Madness and the Bonfire sober programs."

Haughey said Crocker Hall has been known for alcohol abuse in past years. He said this year's hall resident, resident advisers and other hall officials worked to reverse the bad reputation.

Toan Duong, president of Crocker Hall and a senior computer science major, said he is glad to receive recognition for a hall that he has always seen as outstanding.

"Two years ago, when I became president, no one would have thought we would have won this award [because of the reputation]," he said.

"I am glad that our residents are getting recognized for their efforts."

RHA also recognized Neeley Hall and Mosher Hall as the Most Improved Halls of the Year; Aston Hall, Male Hall of the Year; Leggett Hall, Female Hall of the Year; and FHK Complex, Coed Hall of the Year.

Dr. Ben Welch, keynote speaker at the banquet and director of student activities, said the leaders in RHA are amiable, giving, gifted, involved, enthusiastic, self-directed, passionate, influential, and respectful, have integrity and are tenacious.

"The first letters of each of these words together spell Aggie spirit," he said. "Both past and future RHA leaders model this Aggie spirit."

Slow mow-tion



TERRY ROBERSON/THE BATTALION

Robert French, a member of the athletic field staff, mows the Tiffway 419 Bermuda grass at Olsen Field before Tuesday's baseball game. The grass is mowed at least three times a week and before every baseball game.

Tibetan scholar offers insight into life's lessons

BY RICHARD PADDACK
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World-renowned teacher of Tibetan Buddhism, Khenpo Tsewang Gyatso, offered students a Buddhist perspective of the meaning of life last night in Rudder Tower.

The meeting was the first of a traveling series of teaching sessions by Gyatso which will end in Dallas May 2.

Gyatso, an honors graduate of all four schools of Tibetan Buddhism, was awarded a silver medal for his achievements by the Dalai Lama.

During the public discussion, Gyatso expounded upon the most subtle aspects of Tibetan Buddhism.

Gyatso's intention during his teachings is to offer a strong foundation of knowledge in Buddhism to all that are interested, regardless of their religion and beliefs. Gyatso said religion allows people to stay focused on goals and the positive aspects of your life.

"It is important to accomplish something in your life, to do something good for your family your friends and your country," Gyatso said.

He said achievement and understanding reality are the keys to understanding



CARIÑO CASAS/THE BATTALION

Khenpo Tsewang Gyatso, an honors graduate of all four schools of Buddhism, discusses Tibetan Buddhism Tuesday night in Rudder.

the meaning of life.

"First, it is important to fully complete something during your life time, to make your life meaningful," Gyatso said.

"Next, you should strive to achieve absolute reality, to liberate oneself from all the suffering of this world and it's miseries."

Gyatso said meditation is the most effective way to achieve absolute reality.

Tuesday night's presentation was sponsored by the TAMU Buddhist Association.

Movin' on out

Preparation eases process of vacating residences, saves tenants money, hassle

BY MELISSA JORDAN
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With the hectic schedule of finishing finals, packing up furniture and clothes, students may not adequately prepare for moving.

The Office of Adult, Graduate and Off-Campus Student Services is available to help students with issues associated with living off-campus.

Risa Bierman, coordinator in the Office of Adult, Graduate and Off-Campus Student Services, said one of the most important things for students to remember is to give a written move-out notice at least 30 days before their apartment leases expire. Bierman said the office helps students find off-campus housing information, roommates and sublease tenants.

Cindy Bass, assistant manager of Pepper Tree Apartments, said a Texas Apartment Association (TAA) standard lease form requires a 30 day move-out notice, but other provisions may be stated in the special provisions portion of the lease. Bass said clients must be careful to read the fine print of their leases to know the apartments' move-out policies.

If residents fail to give written notice to the apartments, Bass said they may be charged a reletting fee, which can be up to 85 percent of tenants' rent.

Bierman said a key part of the move out process is making sure the apartment managing office has each tenant's forwarding address

A few key points

- find out apartment's move-out procedures
- give 30 day intent to vacate notice with forwarding address
- get a cleaning list from apartment
- clean
- schedule an inventory check time with apartment manager
- contact utility and telephone companies to end services



in writing. This will help ensure the return of the tenant's security deposit. Bierman said students should designate one roommate to receive the apartment security deposit to speed up the deposit return time.

Once the intent-to-vacate notice is given, residents must take care of other details including contacting utility and telephone companies and cleaning the apartments.

Cody Dailey, a sophomore engineering major, said students are often not aware they can receive a list of procedures for moving out of their apartments. Dailey said the list will inform them of apartment requirements and make sure they complete all of the tasks necessary for moving out of an apartment.

Bass and Bierman said key areas to clean are refrigerators, ovens and bathrooms to avoid cleaning fees after moving out of apartments.

Bass said tenants may ask for a cleaning list

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