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Forum stresses leadership skills

BY CARRIE BENNETT
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Educators from across Texas will meet today and tomorrow to share ideas about leadership techniques and to discuss similarities and differences between high school, college and post-college leadership programs.

The leadership conference, which is co-sponsored by the Center for Public Leadership Studies (CPLS) at the Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M's Leadership in Medicine Program, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the John Ben Sheppard Public Leadership Institute, will culminate in the creation of the Texas Association of Leadership Educators.

Katherine Edwards, program coordinator for Texas A&M's Leadership in Medicine program, said she attended a small conference hosted by the John Ben Sheppard Public Leadership Institute at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin, which was held to gauge the interest in organizing a statewide leadership association.

She said the groundwork for the conference was laid by Duane Leach, the director of the John Ben Sheppard Public Leadership Institute, who will also be one of the guest speakers at the leadership conference.

"We hope to organize an official association for the state of Texas by bringing together leadership educators from across the state and

different disciplines," Edwards said.

She said the conference is a forum for leaders in businesses, schools, nonprofit organizations and other areas to share leadership ideas.

Chris Townsend, organizer of the conference, associate professor of agricultural education and undergraduate program director for agricultural education, said adult leaders from various areas will attend the conference.

She said the panels will be interactive, allowing panelists and attendees to meet with each other.

Townsend said the conference will highlight the National Youth Organization Leadership Model which outlines what youth leaders should be.

"Youth leaders should have vision, be action oriented, ethical and have the ability to work with others and have human relations," Townsend said.

Nancy Dickey, president of the American Medical Association and associate professor in the College of Medicine at A&M, will speak on leadership and world health at today's dinner.

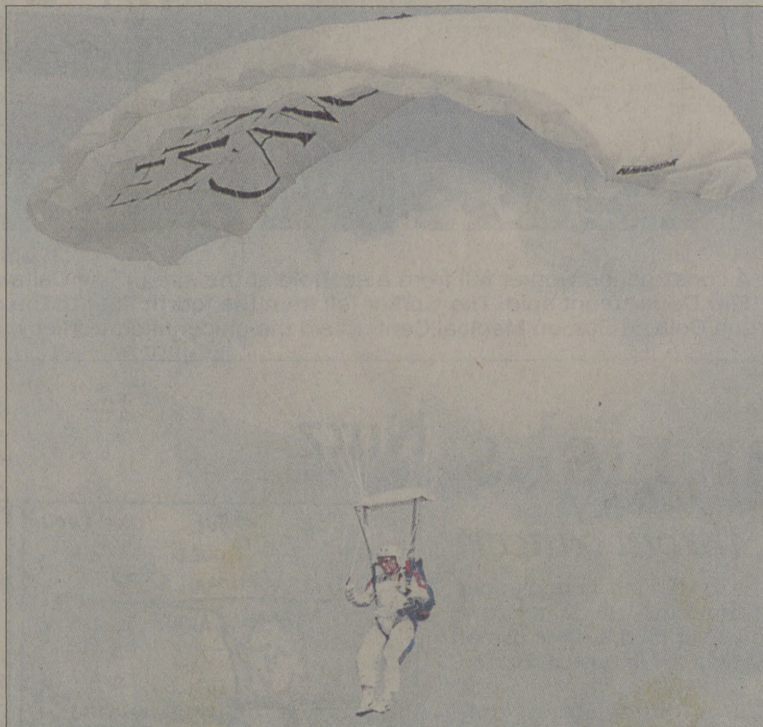
Rick Rigsby, assistant professor of speech communication at A&M and a national motivational speaker, will discuss communication and leadership today.

Toby Boenig, former A&M student body president and director of collegiate licensing, will address the conference participants at tomorrow's lunch.

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— Chris Townsend
Conference organizer

Just dropping in



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Former President George Bush celebrated his upcoming 75th birthday Wednesday by skydiving onto the grounds of the George Bush Presidential Library complex.



Bush marks birthday with skydive

BY RYAN WEST
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Former President George Bush parachuted yesterday from a height of 12,500 feet onto the grounds of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service to celebrate his 75th birthday, which is this Saturday.

"It was such a thrill, I might have to jump again, but I'll have to wait until I'm 80," Bush said. "The last time I did this was for my 73rd birthday," he added. "People all over the world wrote and told me to go for it!"

The plane, which is known as a Shorts Skyvan, took off with Bush and 12 other sky-

divers at 9:30 a.m. Bush exited the plane on the first pass along with his two jumpmasters, the event organizer and an aerial videographer. He deployed his parachute at 4,500 feet after 45 seconds of freefalling.

With the guidance of a ground instructor on a two-way radio, Bush maneuvered his canopy to the landing area. A crowd of skydivers outfitted in colorful jumpsuits rushed to guide his feet safely to the ground, where his wife, Barbara, awaited him.

"I'm not particularly proud of him," she said laughing minutes later at a press conference. "I expect the best from George Bush."

After Bush jumped and landed, the Sky-

van aircraft made a second pass. This time they deployed a military skydiver salute to the former commander-in-chief from members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force.

The men, each flying his respective service flag and followed by a civilian skydiver flying the American flag, turned to salute Bush after they landed.

The third aircraft carried 19 skydivers who gave a final skydiving birthday salute to the former president. The special salute, a freefall formation of a "75" and a "GB," was comprised

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Food Services makes summer changes

BY SUZANNE BRABECK
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The Department of Food Services is offering students more dining choices this summer, including new meal plans and more dining facilities.

Since Sbsia Dining Hall is closed for the summer for maintenance, other facilities are doing double duty to make up for its absence.

Deborah Rogers, Sbsia facility manager and Class of '91, said after receiving numerous complaints from students who said the Commons was too far of a walk from the Northside of campus, the Department of Food Services has added another Outbound Dining location. In addition to the Outbound Dining location at the Commons, the service is also available at Bernie's Pizza Place, which is located above the Underground Market.

The Outbound Dining program has expanded its menu to include breakfast, which is available from 7 to 10:15 a.m. There are five breakfast meal options available, and each cost \$4.95.

The lunch program is available from 10:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. and offers four meal options at a cost of \$5.95 each. Meal plans, Aggie Bucks and cash are all accepted.

James Smith, a food service board manager, said, "It is very important to us to provide the students with the best and most convenient service that we can; it is always our overwhelming goal. We are open to suggestions in any of our operations."

The summer meal plan has also been revamped this summer. In the past, students were allotted seven meals per week. If students did not use all seven meal plans during the week, the remaining credits could not be used in the following weeks.

This summer students are allotted 130 meals per semester that they can use as they want.



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With Sbsia Dining Hall closed this summer for maintenance, the Department of Food Services has expanded services at other facilities to better accommodate student needs.

Rogers said there are notices posted at dining facilities that can help students determine how many meals they should use per week to make the meals last the entire semester.

Another option that is available for lunch and dinner, as an alternative to the Commons Dining Hall, is the Underground Market. This allows students to choose an entree from a selection of

frozen dinners and select a beverage, and fruit or dessert in the place of one meal. The Underground Market is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 12 p.m. 8 p.m. on the weekends.

Rogers said she encourages students to fill out Department of Food Services report cards so the department can better accommodate students.

Hostel attracts former students

BY CARRIE BENNETT
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This year's Aggie Hostel Week kicks off Sunday with a week of classes, social events, a banquet and Ring Dance.

Every year since 1992, Joe Taylor, Class of '47 and a resident of Little Rock, Ark. has attended Aggie Hostel Week.

"I've enjoyed each of the activities year after year, and it's nice to see old friends and also meet new ones," Taylor said. "We have fun on campus at the Ring Dance, and also going off campus to Shadow Canyon and also the Dixie Chicken."

Taylor said former students return each year as he does, but he also looks forward to meeting new people.

The 12th annual Aggie Hostel, hosted by the Association of Former Students, will offer classes this year including environmental agriculture and a Vision 2020 update.

More than 100 former students over the age of 65 will attend the Aggie Hostel and meet with student leaders to discover what has changed on campus since they were students.

Taylor said he always enjoys meeting the student hosts and getting to know students currently attending A&M.

Aggie Hostel attendees will stay in residence halls, eat their meals on campus and attend classes in the John J. Koldus Building.

Other events throughout the week include tours of the Corps Center, Cushing Library and an ice cream social at the home of Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. J. Malon Southerland.