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# Industry demands create visa problems

BY STUART HUTSON  
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other countries who are not citizens and do not have permanent residency.

She said the difference was so extreme that Congress raised the cap on the number of H1-B visas from 65,000 in 1998 to 115,000 for 1999.

Sands said she attributes the increase to the number of foreign students being sought by American companies that want to fill highly technical positions requiring doctoral degrees.

She said a large number of these positions are at rapidly growing computer companies such as Microsoft and Intel, which require doctoral degrees for program and design positions.

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in the work field and succeed," she said, "while students in other countries are

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— Kathy Sands  
Department of Human Resources

more likely to go for a doctoral degree." Sands said the visas will expire in Au-

gust and anyone whose visa application is not approved will have to stop working until the next renewal date of Oct. 1.

She said last year, workers who lost work visas were forced to obtain a different kind of visa (such as a tourist visa) or leave the country. This year, Congress has allowed workers who are studying or conducting research to stay in the country as long as they do not work.

Sands said 10 workers at A&M from China, India, Korea and Taiwan are in danger of losing their work visas. Most of these are Ph.D.s who are doing research and will have to stop if they cannot continue to work.

Yong Zhang, a researcher in the biochemistry department, said if his visa is

not renewed he will be forced to stop his research and will be left with no means of making money until his visa is renewed.

He said he will be forced to rely on his savings and the help of friends to support him while he waits for a new visa, especially since his wife is due to have a baby girl at the end of August.

Sands said the NASFA Association of International Educators is currently trying to bring about legislation in Congress that would grant foreign workers, who are studying or doing research for colleges and universities, a special classification so they would not have to compete for visas with the vast number of foreign workers who are employed by private industry.

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## With feeling



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Architecture graduate student **Joey Ottman** works on a two-dimensional acrylic painting Tuesday. The painting is meant to demonstrate human emotional reactions to depth, shadows and shades of different colors.

# Teaching multiculturalism

## Workshops offer teachers an education in diversity

BY VERONICA SERRANO  
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Educators from 18 universities and colleges across the nation will gather at Texas A&M to participate in the Fifth Annual Diversity Institute from today through Sunday in which they will learn how to train other educators by attending various diversity workshops.

These workshops include: working with administrators to gain support of diversity education, facilitating group discussion and setting up a diversity education department.

Becky Pettit, coordinator of diversity education and primary coordinator of the Diversity Institute, said some of the people participating are university presidents and professors who are interested in continuing their instruction on the subject of diversity education.

"Many of the professors are professors of social justice," she said. "Other participants include representatives of universities and colleges who see the institute as an opportunity for continued growth and a chance to network."

Pettit said some who attend the program are seek-

ing to establish a multicultural services department or diversity education program.

"A majority of the participants go back and start their own diversity education program," she said.

Felicia Scott, director of multicultural services at A&M, has facilitated the past workshop on establishing a diversity education department. She said her experience at A&M has prepared her for the workshop, but she has also looked at other institutions' methods and said discussion is an important part of the workshop.

Scott said this year's group is smaller than in the past, but it will allow for better conversation and analysis so people can learn from each other as well as from the faculty.

"It's a working institution," Scott said. "Participants are actively involved in the discussion. It's not just a lecture. Debate is a positive learning experience."

The Department of Multicultural Services is sponsoring the event, which will be conducted by the department's Office of Diversity Education. Participants in the conference include representatives from Miami University, Purdue University and the University of Iowa.

# Nutrition specialist cautions against insufficient calcium

BY CARRIE BENNETT  
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The health educator and nutrition specialist at A.P. Beutel Health Center said students often lack the calcium they need due to time constraints and erratic schedules. To combat this, the health center is launching a calcium campaign in cooperation with Food Services Thursday in the Commons Dining Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dr. Jane Cohen said Student Health Services conducted a health behavior survey a few years ago which showed that less than half of the students in the survey were eating products enriched with calcium.

"It is important for students to get more calcium in their diet because they can continue to build strong bones up until age 30," Cohen said.

Valerie Henry, a nutrition student assistant and a senior nutritional science major, said a deficiency in calcium cannot be detected by a blood test.

"Most people won't find out they have osteoporosis until a hip breaks," Henry said. "By eating more products high in calcium students can prevent osteoporosis."

Osteoporosis bone disorder characterized by a reduction in bone density accompanied by increasing porosity and brittleness.

**WHO? — A.P. Beutel Health Center and Food Services**

**WHAT? — Ice Cream Social and Calcium Campaign**

**WHEN? — Thursday from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.**

**WHERE? — Commons Dining Hall**

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She said when the body is deficient in calcium, the blood takes calcium away from the bones to compensate for the loss.

The recommended daily intake of calcium for a typical college student, 18-22 years old, is between 1,000 and 1,200 milligrams, which is equivalent of four cups of milk. Food such as cheese, broccoli, yogurt and cereal bars are good sources of calcium.

Activities Thursday will include an ice-cream social, in

which students can build their own sundae; a bean-bag toss in which participants can enter a drawing for a baseball autographed by the Texas A&M Baseball Team; and "Rate Your Plate," which allows students to assess how much calcium is in their lunch.

Cohen said students who are unable to attend the event at the Commons Dining Hall can go to the health center for more information about diet and nutrition or to receive a free diet analysis.

# Slocum agrees to seven-year deal

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

Texas A&M Football Coach R.C. Slocum has agreed to a new seven-year contract that will pay him \$1 million over the next 12 months.

In addition to a base salary of \$300,000 per year, up from \$185,000, Slocum will receive money from television and radio appearances, a housing allowance and a shoe contract. He also will receive cars and a country club membership as part of the new deal.

Slocum said he will do his best to continue the Aggies' winning ways. "Texas A&M is a very special place to me," he said. "I've been fortunate to have outstanding players and assistant coaches. We will continue to work hard to bring success to the football program."

Slocum's 94-28-2 record ranks as the winningest

coach in A&M football history and the fifth-winningest among all active Division I coaches. The Aggies have won three Southwest Conference and two Big 12 Conference titles in Slocum's 10-year tenure. Nine of those seasons, the team finished the year ranked among the nation's Top 20, and eight times, it went on to compete in a postseason bowl game.

This past season, the Aggies defeated Kansas State University to capture the Big 12 Championship and faced Ohio State University in the Nokia Sugar Bowl.

Texas A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen praised Slocum's sportsmanship in leading the Aggies.

"R.C. Slocum has done a tremendous job representing Texas A&M University," he said. "On and off the playing field, he has handled himself with class and dignity. He has kept the Aggie football program among the national leaders and has done so with integrity."

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