

# Chemistry prof receives grant for cancer work

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A chemistry professor at A&M has received a \$250,000 grant from the American Cancer Society, which will be used to fund a 2-year project on the researching of Landomycin A.

Dr. Gary Sulikowski was awarded the grant to research Landomycin A, a naturally occurring anti-tumor agent produced by a soil microorganism known to inhibit cell growth.



SULIKOWSKI

Texas A&M University, along with 10 other institutions, is studying the biology of cancer to help find solutions for this medical problem.

Sulikowski said he has been working with arranging the sugars of the molecules in various ways and they are trying to understand the relationship of the compounds structure to its biological effects.

"I've always been interested in a sort of molecular architecture," he said. "The chemistry of trying to put this together is an artistic

endeavor as well as scientific."

Dr. Ken Ramos, a member of the College of Veterinary Medicine who is working in collaboration with Sulikowski, said they are characterizing the pharmacology of several lead compounds.

"We are determining the ability of compounds to interfere with growth inhibition of mammalian cells," he said.

Ramos said there still is a lot of research to be done in order to understand the biological activity of cancer before any treatment can be found.

Sulikowski said he has been putting together this particular sugar for two to three years now and it should be another three years before the experiment is completed.

Phil Evans, president of the American Cancer Society for the Texas Division Inc. said in a press release that the efforts of many dedicated researchers throughout the country are the key to saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer.

Over the past five years, the University has received more than \$600,000 from the American Cancer Society to fund its research of cancer.

## Preseason drills



Justin Brisco, an employee of the MSC Bookstore, loads souvenir trailers in preparation for the upcoming football season.

CODY WAGES/The Battalion

## Acid accident victim still in critical

TEXARKANA (AP) — One worker remained in critical condition a day after another was killed in a chemical accident at the Red River Army Depot.

Brady Felts, 19, and Kevin Brown Jr., 39, both civilian contractors, were attempting to neutralize phosphoric acid for disposal when some vapors

escaped and overcame them at the facility near Texarkana. Two other workers, who were not injured, found them.

Brown was pronounced dead on arrival at an area hospital after the midday accident on Tuesday. Felts was listed in critical condition at St. Michael's Medical Center Wednesday.

## CORE

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University-wide, although individual colleges and departments can continue to require the courses for their students.

Beginning this fall, the Core Curriculum Review Committee will conduct a broad study to determine if the current curriculum is fulfilling the duties of a core curriculum.

"We will look at other university's core curriculums, the history of A&M's curriculum and the recently mandated statewide core in order to determine what is the right number of mandated core-hours for the University," he said.

Additionally, Parrish said the committee will meet with other faculty and students to discuss whether or not the current curriculum is meeting the University's standard and, if not, what they can do to better the situation.

## CLOSING

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Jerry Gaston, vice president for administration, said that if Joe Routt Boulevard is closed to traffic, it will be done in three parts.

Phase 1 is to create a new loading dock entrance to the MSC on the east side of the MSC and create the beginning of the mall by Kyle Field, Gaston said. The second phase is to relocate utilities in the area from Kyle Field to Throckmorton. The third phase is to create a mall on Joe Routt Boulevard.

Gaston said the Board of Regents will discuss the concept in July at the Board of Regents Meeting.

Woodrow Jones, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, served on the Texas Education Board's curriculum committee in 1998. Jones said the change is reasonable, and both broadens and "liberalizes" the education across the state.

"It benefits transfers because it holds everyone to the same obligation and makes things easier," Jones said. "The only problem I see is in the quality of the courses being taught in other colleges."

"The (state) committee assumes all colleges are the same — but everyone at A&M knows the demands here are different from community colleges."

Student Body President Will Hurd said they are trying to determine if A&M students would learn enough about the specific subject, given this type of instruction, if it would put A&M transfers at a disadvantage and if other universities would recognize these courses.

"We are asking these questions to see how we can improve the fundamental education we're receiving here at A&M," Hurd said.

## Get SMART

A&M students gain experience through medical program

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A&M students interested in pursuing careers in the medical field are getting first-hand experience through the Summer Medical and Research Training (SMART) program, hosted by the Baylor College of Medicine.

Seven Texas A&M students are among 94 students from across the nation who are participating in biomedical research and learning about biomedical career opportunities during the program, which started in June and will run through the middle of August.

Temekka Jones, a biochemistry major who is attending the program for the third year, said the

SMART program has allowed her to develop biomedical experience that will aid her in her pursuit of medical and doctoral degrees.

"The program gives me an opportunity to get practical experience in both the clinical and research environments," Jones said.

James Orenge, a freshman molecular biology major, said his research through the program and the lectures have extensively broadened his perspective in this field of science.

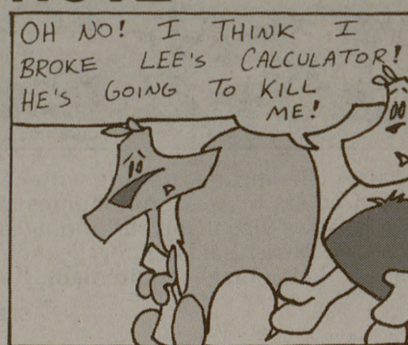
The students were chosen from more than 650 applicants from 150 colleges and universities across the nation. The applicants were selected to participate in the annual program based on their grade-point ratios in the sciences and previous research experience.

Gayle Slaughter, associate professor of cell biology and director of the SMART program, said universities nationwide recognize this program as a sort of research.

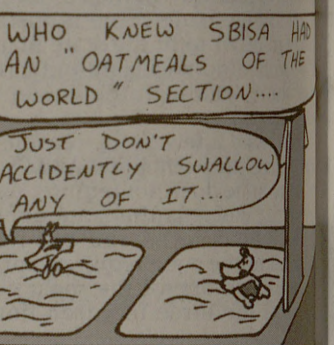
She said the goal of the program is to inspire and prepare talented young people to pursue research careers in the biomedical field by assigning each student a faculty mentor, who in turn gives the student his or her own bit of research to pursue.

Students participating in the program are paid \$3,000. Slaughter said students receive career counseling and listen to daily lectures on broad areas of research in the medical field to aid them in choosing a college for master's or doctoral eventual career plans.

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