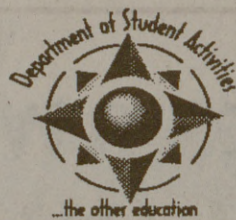


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She said there was no University rule protecting the girl from the hate remarks.

Novak said the proposed change should be added because it would have helped A&M move into the top 10 universities and align with Vision 2020.

"[If this is put in place], it will add to the validity that all students are welcome here, and it will also add accountability to students' [discrimination's] claims," Novak said.

Student Body President Will Hurd said he thinks it is ludicrous to discriminate on any criteria but agrees with Novak, Stephenson and Kessler that Bowen wants to make the campus welcome to everyone.

"Dr. Bowen is committed to ensuring that A&M is inviting and accepting of all students, faculty and staff regardless of race, background, sexual orientation and religion among others," Hurd said.

Hurd said Bowen consulted with the A&M system lawyers. "We need to understand the legal aspects of this," Hurd said. "Sexual orientation used to be covered in the student rules handbook, so I don't understand why it can't be covered now."

In the Student Rules Handbook from the 1989-90 and 1990-1991 school years, Article Number 2, stated: Students shall be treated on an equal basis and activities of the University regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation or national origin or educationally unrelated handicaps.

The A&M System lawyers did not return phone calls from *The Battalion*.

Kessler said attempts have been made by students, faculty and staff to revisit the issue, but said he has closed the door on the issue.

"Bowen has indirectly said to take up all communication issues with Dr. [J. Malon] Southerland [vice president for student affairs]," Kessler said.

"I have been informed that after a 'relatively short time,' Bowen may be willing to discuss the issue," he said.

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transported to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan for a mental-health evaluation. Her eventual destination is unknown.

The police were forced to block E. Villa Maria Road from East 29th Street to William Joel Bryan Parkway during the incident, causing traffic difficulties and delays.

Although classes proceeded as scheduled at Blinn College, students had to find an alternate route to campus because they were not permitted to use Villa Maria Road.

Pat Hernandez, communications supervisor for Bus Operations, said the Reveille bus route, which serves Bryan residents and Blinn students, had to be altered.

He said a van had to be used on the Blinn route because a bus was too large to navigate traffic. The route which services apartment complexes remained unaffected.

Leadership lunch to help minority freshmen adjust

Program promotes need for campus involvement

BY ROLANDO GARCIA
The Battalion

For Olivia Cortez, president of the Hispanic Presidents Council and a senior psychology major, getting involved with Mexican-American student groups helped her make the adjustment to life at Texas A&M.

"Coming here is kind of a culture shock, and for minority students, it's good to know that there [are] people here like you," she said.

Cortez will be one a speaker at the "Leading With Diversity" luncheon, designed to help minority freshmen make the transition to college life.

The luncheon, sponsored by the Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Culture (CAMAC), the Black Awareness Committee (BAC) and the Asian Cultures Education Committee (ACEC) will be at the MSC Student Programs Office from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow.

CAMAC adviser Angie Castro said the group works to help freshmen feel more comfortable in the new environment.

In addition to Cortez, speakers include Tammy Henry, BAC's Chris Chung, the ACEC's Maco Faniel, student government president for minority affairs.

"This is an opportunity to meet and interact with the leaders and let them know that the organizations for them out there," Cortez said.

Castro said students who are predominately minority areas face additional problems when coming to life at a large university.

"If you're from the Rio Grande Valley and wind up in a dorm one or two Mexican-American can be a challenge," Castro said. "First-year students may have problems relating to student professors they're not used to acting with."

She said the luncheon will encourage freshmen to talk to minority leaders and will encourage them to get involved in student organizations and take leadership roles in the University community.

Campus Calendar

Friday

Study Abroad Programs Office: An informational meeting to promote the Italy 2000 Program will be held at 1 p.m. in 154 and 161 Bizzell Hall West.

Europe Club: The Europe Club invites people from all origins, races and religions to meet and have fun at 10 p.m. in 307 Highlands. For more information, call 696-5397 or Antoine Montells at 694-9642.

Saturday

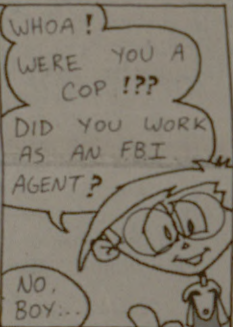
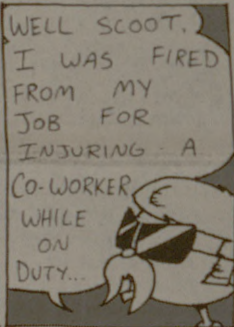
The New Traditional Students: Bring your own picnic for get to know you games to Hensel Park from 5-7 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Call Tracey Forman at 845-1741 for more information.

Sunday

Pi Sigma Epsilon: Will be a rush event with casual dress p.m. at Bee Creek Park.

Study Abroad Program: An informational meeting to promote the Italy 2000 Program will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in 154 and 161 Bizzell Hall West.

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