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ADMINISTRATION

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ton and Dr. Wendler to the leadership team of the A&M System," Graves said.

Harris said the third position created involved a name change for the position of deputy chancellor for academic institutions and agencies. Dr. Leo Sayavedra who previously held that title under former chancellor Dr. Barry Thompson, now holds the title of vice chancellor of academic affairs.

Harris said Sayavedra has been with the System for several years and was president of Texas A&M International University in Laredo before coming to work for the System.

"[Sayavedra's] focus will be specifically on academic affairs, whereas before now his job also included research agencies," she said.

Graves said Sayavedra's experience and knowledge of Texas higher education will be crucial to the System's leadership team.

"I feel privileged to work alongside Dr. Sayavedra, who has played an integral role in building the A&M System into one of the strongest university systems in the world," Graves said.

DIVERSITY

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der requiring HEW (and later, the Department of Education) to implement Title VI and initiate litigation against ten states that had already been found to be in non-compliance with Title VI.

According to the Texas Higher

Education Coordinating Board, an order was made in 1973 that required the Department of Education to investigate higher education in Texas and five other states.

Following the investigations the Department of Education was required to issue guidelines for desegregation efforts in those states. After conducting the investigations, the OCR concluded Texas had failed to eliminate segregation practices in public higher education.

To avoid controversy, then Gov. William Clements developed a voluntary plan in compliance with the guidelines issued by OCR to desegregate and to increase the number of African-Americans and Hispanics enrolled at Texas institutions of higher education.

The Texas Educational Opportunity Plan for Public Higher Education, better known as the Texas Plan, was in effect from 1983 to 1988.

A second five-year plan, initiated without government mandate by Clements, was effective from September 1989 to August 1994 and continued the efforts of the first plan. A third plan, Access and Equity 2000, was created in September 1994 under the leadership of then Gov. Ann Richards to continue and build on previous efforts.

In March 1996, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals issued its decision in the case Cheryl J. Hopwood, et al. v. State of Texas, et al., ruling the University of Texas Law School violated the equal-protection clause of the 14th Amendment when it used racial preferences in deciding which applicants to admit.

The court's decision raised

questions about Texas' ability to implement the Access & Equity 2000 Plan, in particular the use of racial preferences by institutions to carry out the plan's goals.

After the decision, the coordinating board re-endorsed the plan at its January 1997 meeting. The board also called on institutions to vigorously pursue the Plan's goals but to use criteria consistent with current state and federal law in the areas of admissions, financial aid and student retention.

In February 1997, the State of Texas was notified by OCR it was going to conduct a review of Texas' system of higher education "to ensure that former de jure state higher education systems have both implemented their OCR-approved desegregation plans and eliminated vestiges of the formerly de jure systems."

If OCR finds Texas' system still contains effects of prior segregation, it will attempt to negotiate a settlement with the state whereby the state would agree to take steps to eliminate those problems.

If a settlement cannot be reached, OCR would refer the case to the U.S. Justice Department for enforcement proceedings against the state. Although OCR's ultimate remedy for non-compliance with Title VI is a cut-off of federal funds to Texas higher education, OCR has never resorted to that remedy, because it has always been able to reach settlements with states, either through negotiation or litigation.

The amount of federal funds given to higher education in Texas during Fiscal Year 1995 was approximately \$500 million.

CONTEST

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Valley also are offering anonymous testing.

Marla McClure, Aids Services Director for Brazos County, hopes the contest will raise awareness of HIV and AIDS in the community.

"Everyone knows about AIDS and HIV, but no one is talking about it," she said. "People have a great fear of AIDS and HIV, but they don't want to talk about it."

McClure said this contest is in part because the contest is used to be seen in patient care, visible because of medical advancements because many think AIDS will never affect them.

Applications for the contest poster contest are available at 016 Beutel and submitted by Nov. 19.

Campus Calendar

Tuesday

International Student Association Mini-Olympics will be held at the Student Center. Check out the Mini-Olympics page for times and locations. For more information, contact Takuya at 847-5188.

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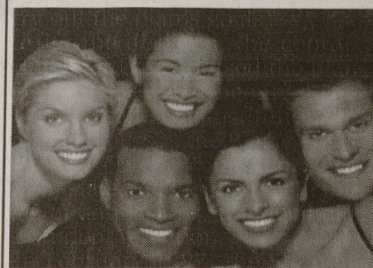
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