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MSC Black Awareness Committee Presents...

PRE-KWANZAA CELEBRATION

"The Culmination of Excellence Through Heritage"



Nov. 18, 1999

MSC 201

7 PM

(Reception will follow)



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Ujamaa (Cooperative economics) Nia (Purpose)

CAMPUS

CENTERPOLE

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building is complete. The last two stacks of Bonfire, the fifth and sixth stacks, will be completed on the day before and the day of Bonfire, respectively. The fifth stack will be built by the junior redpots, and the sixth stack will be built by senior redpots. Once stack is completed, the outhouse is placed on top, and Bonfire is ready to be lit.

HABITAT

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in our country, but it is seldom that you hear about the positive things they do," McIlhaney said. "The Aggies here at Texas A&M have to be some of the best young adults in the world, between the Big Event they put on every spring to students working individually, one by one, forming groups and building homes for people."

Surovik said although he often cannot convince bank employees to come out and help, the Aggies are always there.

"The Aggies are awesome," Surovik said. "[Students] are the backbone [of the project]."

The land the house is on was donated by the City of College Station. Plans are underway for another Habitat house to be built and placed on the lot neighboring the Ellis' home.

ISA

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tion won both the first and second place titles in the chess event.

Takuya Yamada, director of the Mini-Olympics and a junior architecture major, said the atmosphere of the games was exciting, serious and fun because the players—all from different countries—they were all excited about being involved in the games.

"Watching the players cheer for their teams was fun because each country had its own way to cheer their players," Yamada said. "For example, some countries brought traditional drums to create spirit for their country, that was very different from the usual sports events."

Yamada said though the competition was rough, all of the players enjoyed themselves.

"The players were very serious because they were representing their country, but they enjoyed the games because they met so many people from all over the world who enjoyed the same sports," Yamada said.

TUMBLE

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rate maneuvers. Some club members judged the competition, while others participated.

Effie Hadley, winner of the advanced competition and a sophomore nutritional science major, said she was happy to help raise money.

"It was good competition," Hadley said. "I know that the team needs money—it is doing a lot of fund raisers."

Shaffer said turnout for this semester's Tumble-Off was lower than expected. Therefore, competition was held only in intermediate and advanced levels.

Next semester's Tumble-Off will be in April. Shaffer said he hopes more people will show up to participate and watch.

Gift certificates and coupons from community businesses were prizes distributed afterwards to the top-finishing competitors.

Aggie edited book offers tips on literacy for English teachers

BY RICHARD BRAY
The Battalion

Fifty percent of Fortune 500 companies underwrite employees' remedial basic-skills training at an annual cost of \$300 million. The military spends \$70 million annually on basic-skills remediation for recruits.

At a time when illiteracy is having an impact on the economy, two Texas A&M professors, Valerie Balester and Michelle Hall Kells, have co-edited a book targeted at English teachers, *Attending to the Margins: Writing, Researching and Teaching on the Front Lines*.

Kells said she recognized a need for research to respond to the interests of college students from overlooked backgrounds. Kells said literacy goes beyond the ability to read and write.

"Literacy is the ability to generate meaningful text and to interpret texts that are coming at you," she said. "It is a developmental process for all of us."

Kells said the best way for pro-

fessors to tell if a student is functionally illiterate is to have them write.

"My recommendation to professors in any field is to encourage writing and the process of generating text whenever possible," Kells said.

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English department head

Dr. J. Lawrence Mitchell, head of the Department of English, said although he does not believe illiteracy is a problem at A&M, it is an issue in other parts of the state.

"The evidence is there that there are a lot of people with

problems reading and writing," he said.

Mitchell said there is a lot of support among school officials and parents who should help students develop reading and writing skills.

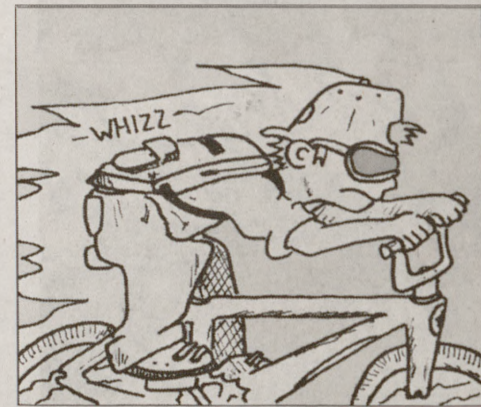
"There are issues as to how communication skills show the province of English departments and speech departments whether it isn't something that should all take responsibility for," he said.

Mitchell said while he would want to place the blame on one level, some high schools do not have the resources to help assist students who are having problems learning to read and write at an adequate level.

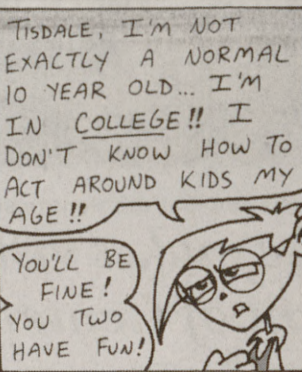
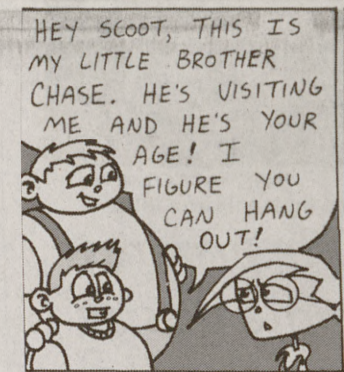
"Clearly, in many cases schools have been overwhelmed by students who have problems and they can't address the problem for budget or other reasons," Mitchell said.

Balester said the best way to solve this problem is for teachers to assign writing and read and respond in a positive manner.

SIDE BURN CLUB

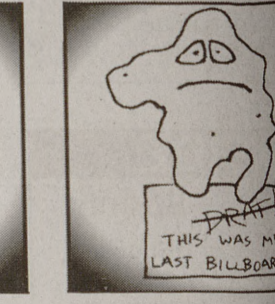
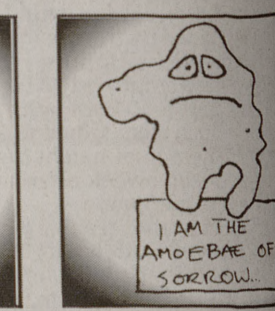


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BY R. DELLINO

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