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Harambee festival begins on campus

Unity event attempts to bring minority organizations together

BY BROOKE HODGES
 The Battalion

Harambee 2000, a unity festival spotlighting minorities on campus, hits Rudder Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Harambee is an African word meaning "called to unity," said LaSondra Carroll, program coordinator for Harambee 2000 and senior journalism major.

The main goal of Harambee is to unify all the minority organizations on campus, Carroll said. Another aim of the program is to address some of the problems the minority community has seen in recent years, said Suzette Figaro, president of the Texas A&M chapter of the NAACP and senior psychology major.

"Some problems [we hope to address are] the unity of all the [minority] organizations," she said. "We should do more things together, not separate." "We need to show people there are black organizations on campus," Figaro said. "Harambee is mainly about educating people."

The theme of this year's Harambee deals with family culture and heritage.

The MSC Black Awareness Committee, which has been hosting Harambee since 1993, joined forces with the African Student Association and A&M branch of the NAACP to bring various presentations of African

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culture into the spotlight.

"The program will consist of dance, poetry, music, art displays," Carroll said.

The Fade to Black Dance Ensemble will be performing a modern piece for the program. The piece was choreographed by Erica Mason, a sophomore marketing major, to Marvin Gaye's "Make You Wanna Holler."

"[The song is about] Gaye wanting to scream about the injustice," said Mason, assistant director of dance for Fade to Black Dance Ensemble. "Through our

movements we are sending a message: We're not the injustice. Movements don't lie."

The program will conclude with a speech by Finnie Coleman, an assistant professor of English titled, "Courage to Lead." If time permits, a question and answer session with the audience will be held.

"My presentation will focus on African-American legacy at Texas A&M and reclaiming that legacy," Coleman said.

Coleman's academic specialty is African-American culture, history, and literature, along with race and relations.

The festival will showcase not only student organizations from this campus, but also organizations from the Bryan-College Station community and organizations from other campuses.

"Alkebulan from Prairie View A&M will be African drummers and dancers," Carroll said. "Alkebulan is the original name for Africa."

Admission for the program is one dollar for students and two dollars for the general public.

Coleman said he is concerned with the number of students who do not attend the festival.

"A big problem is apathy," he said. "Students need to come out and support their peers in order to continue to have these positive programs."

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Bowen, student switch roles

BY KIMBERLY OLSON AND ANNA BISHOP
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BOWEN

Four years of persistence have finally paid off for Aaron Lemmon, a senior finance major. Lemmon is the recent winner in the "Bowen For A Buck Day" raffle held earlier this month to benefit the United Way foundation.

Lemmon has participated every year in the fundraiser, in which Texas A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen voluntarily trades places with the student possessing the winning ticket.

Lemmon said his big day as president will surely be a sweet one.

"I am so pumped! I could hardly believe that I had won. I had to keep asking the lady who called me if she was really serious," Lemmon said.

Lemmon's presidential agenda will begin by leading a staff meeting including all the vice presidents and staff.

Throughout the day, he will have the opportunity to learn the administrative system and meet University figures, such as Student Body President Will Hurd and Janis Stout, dean of faculties.

Lemmon will have the privilege of relaxing at Bowen's desk and hanging out in the office.

Another presidential perk granted to Lemmon will be the coveted official Presidential parking spot, while Bowen will humbly accept the students' main means of transportation — the bus.

Becoming a student is an equally exciting experience for Bowen, who said he is looking forward to his day in the life of a student.

Bowen will don typical student attire and a backpack, trekking through campus and attending Lemmon's classes.

Music and finance will make up his class schedule for the day. The A&M's Student Government United Way was able to raise \$500 in this year's raffle. All proceeds will go towards the Brazos Valley United Way, benefiting organizations such as Children's Outreach, Boy Scouts of America and the American Red Cross.

"Our goal is to provide a helping hand in volunteering through creative ideas, such as 'Bowen For A Buck Day,'" said United Way member and senior biomedical science major, Zane Huber.

This is the sixth annual "Bowen For A Buck Day" and each year it continues to be successful due to student involvement. Closing out the day as president will be bittersweet for Lemmon, but he can rest well knowing that his four years of participation in the United Way raffle paid off.

"As long as the students enjoy this event, the tradition will continue," Bowen said.

WIDNALL

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activities that kept her very busy. Widnall said she was afraid that one point she would run into her father at an airport going in a different direction.

She describes her life as taking two parallel paths — one in academia and the other in government.

The Air Force, she said, gave her an opportunity to finally have these two paths meet. Widnall headed the Air Force from 1993 to 1997.

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from stepped-up recruiting efforts.

The state's growing population also could be a factor. Today, there are 823,000 students in public higher education in Texas and officials at the Higher Education Coordinating Board say the state is in the early stages of a college attendance boom.

"We are saying that by 2015, enrollment trends continue, we will have 160,000 new students in public higher education," said Susan Brown, the board's assistant director of planning

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