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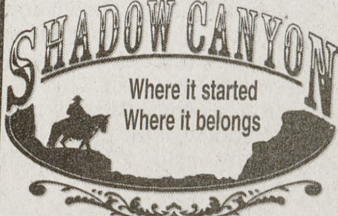
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Names for Yizcor must be received in the office by Oct. 5, 2000

Hispanic studies minor available

By MAUREEN KANE
The Battalion

A Hispanic studies minor has been added to the Texas A&M Department of Modern and Classical Languages and has met with approval from students, teachers and advisers involved.

Dr. Victor Arizpe, an A&M Spanish professor, said the minor will help students "develop a sound foundation in language competency in Spanish; provide integrated access to knowledge of the Hispanic world and its people; and foster an understanding of the important social, economic, and political issues facing the Hispanic world and Hispanics in the U.S. and Texas in particular."

The program is open to students in any major and requirements include six hours in A&M upper-division Spanish language courses taken at the University or abroad, nine hours in Hispanic topics and issues (from various departments) and one capstone or exit course selected in consultation with the coordinator for the Hispanic studies minor.

While they are not required for the minor, internships, volunteering, work or study abroad and service learning activities in Hispanic communities are encouraged by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

"I'm a strong proponent of incorporating experiential opportunities into education," Arizpe said. "I'm finding opportunities for students to work in the local community with agencies or where they can come into contact with the Hispanic population. I'm also looking at opportunities within the University where students can come into contact with other Hispanic students and complement classroom instruction."

The new minor was added by the department's Hispanic Task Force, which consists of faculty in the Spanish, English, sociology and history departments charged with designing programs relevant to Hispanic studies. The minor was approved during the past academic year for implementation in Fall 2000. In addition to the new Hispanic studies minor, the Department of Modern and Classical Languages will be adding master's and doctorate programs, pending approval by the State Higher Education Coordi-

Arizpe said. "It cuts across disciplines by offering courses in Spanish, Spanish and architecture, the unique features of this its broad perspective." Oberhelman said, "This is not necessarily a matter of Latinos. It deals with various cultures and people united in panism. It focuses overall on ish-speaking heritage - transnational, transcontinental, transdisciplinary." Adam Zelazny, a sophomore major, is among the students to take the minor. He said to minor in Spanish but about the Hispanic studies by a professor and department switch.

"This program ... deals with varieties of cultures and people united by Hispanism."

— Dr. Steven Oberhelman
modern and classical languages department head

nating Board, said Dr. Steven Oberhelman, head of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

Oberhelman said the department will begin working on creating a Hispanic studies major.

Oberhelman and Arizpe stressed the fact that the Hispanic studies minor concerns many aspects of Hispanic culture throughout the world and that the program deals with more than simply language.

"This is a program that brings in courses throughout the University,"

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to 15-20 hours of risk management training.

Organizations classified as "affiliated" and "registered" will be groups whose activities are usually limited to their members and carry less risk for the University. The safety requirements for these organizations will be less stringent.

The risk-management team, appointed last spring by Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. J. Malon

Southerland, took into account the findings of the commission that investigated the 1999 Bonfire collapse, Jackson said.

According to the commission, one of the contributing factors of the collapse was a "cultural bias" that caused the University administration to ignore warning signs of danger in the building of Bonfire.

"From the report, we took some basic themes, like having a proactive instead of reactive approach to risk management, so we don't get caught up in an organizational tunnel vision," Jackson said.

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having cut and all these things where's the Aggie spirit?" freshman general studies major Sarah Worley. "That takes biggest chunk out of it. Where's whole campus coming together?"

Southerland and the other members agreed that something has been lost, and they said the next two years is to find the safest way to replace Bonfire.

"There is no individual who had a longer relationship with fire as a student and as someone who has been at Texas A&M I," Southerland said. "It's very sad for every one of us that the city that there will ever be a Bonfire precisely like the one in 1932 or '98 does not exist. An enormous tragedy of proportions that I never have been anticipated."

In response to Southerland's Gary Crenshaw, a junior science major and a KTFB member, assured students that it would continue this year through KTFB's quest to continue Bonfire. "We are having a bonfire, you can take part if you want," Crenshaw said.

Tony Edenero, graduate director for Walton Hall, and his staff organized the forum.

Students at the forum said they were concerned that leaders would stray from a high level of dorm involvement, especially Bonfire leaders and committees deciding the future of Bonfire chosen by the administration.

Thompson said there is a great opportunity for student involvement.

"The whole goal of this is to have a safe Bonfire in the future that is student-led and student-driven," he said.



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