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by R. DeLuna

Diversity

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about one or two organizations, it's about all of us."

Coventry, a senior agricultural development major and Corps of Cadets chaplain, plans to communicate with and reach out to the student body by spending time with students at meals and devoting one day a month to meet with student organizations, such as the International Students' Association.

"Who are we?" he said. "We are the ones from small town East Texas like me, Caracas, Venezuela, India, Pakistan, Houston and Dallas. We're everybody."

In reference to the proposed top 20 percent plan, Coventry expressed concern with the idea of admitting any student based on only one criterion but said the plan could accomplish the desired goal of having a more diverse student population.

Coventry suggests using a greater number of criterion when implementing the top 20 plan, to avoid excluding qualified students applying from a large high school with higher test score averages.

"Maybe that's going to exclude them, and I'm not sure that's good for diversity," he said.

Candidate Lara Pringle, a senior finance major and Student Senate committee chair, said education is the best

way to foster an acceptance of diversity.

"Educating students on the students that we have here, their background and the countries they come from, (is important)," she said.

Making sure that International Week is more publicized and encouraging student involvement in the event is a great opportunity for diversity, Pringle said, as well as planning to utilize students' neo email accounts to inform students of upcoming events and programs concerning diversity issues.

Pringle plans to move the student government's outreach programs from the campus organizations and focus more on students who are normally less involved. She hopes to create open forums held monthly to address varying topics of student interest in an effort to obtain a wider range of student body feedback and input.

Pringle said the top 20 plan is positive in its effort to increase minority enrollment and provide students from the targeted schools with more opportunities for admittance to A&M.

Funding and recruiting are key to the success of the proposed plan, Pringle said, and admittance is only half the answer to this problem.

"[We need to] use the Aggie Recruitment Committee to go down into the schools and actually tell them about Texas A&M, and the changes that we want to see," Pringle said.

Presidential

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Search committee members declined to comment whether or not Gramm was under consideration.

Calls to Gramm's office and spokesperson were immediately returned.

Dr. Jane Conoley, Dean of the College of Education member of the search committee, said Thursday afternoon that there were still others in the running. No one is a finalist until the Board of Regents announces them so, Conoley said.

She said the campus love the three presidential candidates the search committee named. But, she declined comment on the possibility of other candidates from the committee, and said it "wouldn't be fair to the three we've named."

"I think we've told the Board to look at now," Conoley said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Candidates to debate on AgTV

Channel 88 will air student body president debates between candidates Zac Coventry and Lara Pringle today through March 26. AgTV director and junior journalist major Cory Calhoun said the debates will run every hour, on the hour, from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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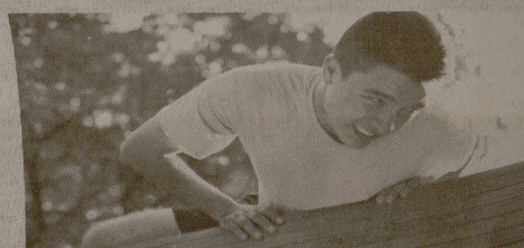
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