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by R. DeLuna

Olympiad

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organization worked closely with Student Life in planning the event.

Faniel, a senior speech communications major, said the fraternity would cooperate fully with the investigation and implement the task force's safety recommendations.

"There will be a 15th annual Greek Olympiad," Faniel said. "It's become a tradition at A&M."

Faniel criticized news coverage of the incident and said he was confident that the bad behavior of a few would not taint the black community at A&M.

"I think people will take the time to find out what really happened," Faniel said.

Protest

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blue in support of the troops, said Kristin Foulk, A&M's YCT vice chairman of former student affairs.

"Our troops are fighting for freedom, which is the same freedom that allows them to stand out there and say their opinions," Foulk said.

YCT will only be wearing patriotic colors to protest the professors' antiwar activities, Foulk said. The group did not have time to organize a structured, effective protest, she said.

However, YCT will conduct a statewide "Rally for America" on March 22. The A&M chapter will also send care packages to Aggies that have already been sent overseas.

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land of 15 of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers.

An official with Human Rights Watch in New York, Virginia Sherry, said Tuesday she was unaware of 2,500 Saudis being arrested since Sept. 11, 2001. But she said the group's figures are based only on government announcements.

Among those detained, al-Khamsis said, were Saudis who fought Soviet invaders in Afghanistan in the 1980s but said they had long since ended links with militant groups.

Bin Laden, whose Saudi citizenship was revoked in 1994, opposes the Saudi royal family. He demands that American troops there leave, objecting to the presence of foreign troops in the land where Islam was founded.

CLARIFICATION

In the Feb. 27 page 5A article "Whale behaviors unaffected by oil drilling," Richard Charter, a marine conservation advocate with the Oceans Program of the Environmental Defense Organization, said whales found beached near oil exploration sites were tied to military sonar testing, and no evidence of whale beachings from sonar use in oil exploration has been observed.

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By C.J.

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by Josh Darwin

Korea

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Institute, said North Korea has made many aggressive military efforts since June 1950, when it invaded South Korea to begin the Korean War.

"There has been a sequence of hostilities," he said. "The threat from North Korea is really nothing new."

Cerami said the United States should do everything it can to keep North Korea from developing nuclear technology.

Dr. Jae Moon, an assistant professor with the Bush School, said differences in culture have

increased tensions between the United States and North Korea.

"Mistrust and miscommunication have caused the tension to escalate," Moon said. "America must understand that the nature of the North Korean regime is very different from the American democratic system."

Dawson said a group of analysts and historians believe the United States is to blame for the current crisis in North Korea.

Neither the United States nor North Korea fulfilled their obligations regarding an agreement that required North Korea to cease nuclear weapons developments in return for the

United States building nuclear power sources in North Korea, Dawson said.

Moon, originally from South Korea, said that because of the military threat to South Korea, South Koreans living in the United States thought their country should become directly involved in the negotiations.

"Native South Koreans are frustrated with South Korea playing the mediator," he said. "They think South Korea should be in a central position in this conflict. There is a strong consensus that North Korea should not have nuclear weapons."

Gates

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stringencies elsewhere all of our deans report that they are getting resumes from faculty around the country that they wouldn't have seen at A&M before the budget crisis," Gates said.

Gates said hiring faculty is essential because, according to U.S. News and World Report, of the top 100 American colleges, A&M has the lowest percent of classes with fewer than 20 students and the highest percent of classes with fewer than 50.

Gates said he plans to hire 100 new faculty a year for several years starting in the 2004 fiscal year, to offer fewer students per class. Gates said presently the faculty to student ratio at A&M is 22-1, while at the University of Texas it is 19-1 and 13-1 at peer institutions.

"If we don't increase the size of the faculty more than it has been increased in the past, our ability to provide the kind of programming which makes you nationally competitive with students from other universities will be impaired," he said.

Gates said greater flexibility with tuition is needed to hire 100 faculty per year due to state funding dropping 13 percent during the past 12 years.

Gates answered questions on other issues including: University funded condom distribution on campus, which he said he was unaware of; expansion of the fine arts program, which he said will continue at a slow pace.

A question about diversity spurred a lengthy explanation by Gates of an issue which he sees as an area A&M needs improvement.

"My view is that you are going out into a diverse world and you have not been prepared for that by Texas A&M," he said.

Gates said that recently publicized incidents such as the "Ghetto Party" and a racially insensitive comic in The Battalion last spring have caused a statewide attitude that minorities are unwelcome at A&M, and caused many minority students who were admitted not to attend.

After Gates' speech the Student Senate approved two resolutions; encouraging faculty to use WebCT to post grades and showing support for a course in Mandarin Chinese being offered.

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