

Deadlines and dances for seniors

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Completing the required number of hours and making passing grades is not all there is to graduation at Texas A&M University. There are deadlines to meet, dances and banquets to attend and gowns to fit.

The deadline for filing for a degree is Friday. All seniors must apply for degrees in the Fiscal Office in the Coke Building and pay an \$8 fee, says Registrar R.A. Lacey.

"We will analyze each application to see if the student is eligible for a degree," Lacey said. "If graduation requirements cannot be met, then we will inform the student as soon as possible and make a refund."

The deadline for seniors to order graduation announcements is Feb. 15, at 4 p.m. Announcements must be picked up April 15 in room 216 of the Memorial Student Center.

Another deadline is Feb. 20, the date by which ring orders must be placed to guarantee delivery before graduation. Orders are taken by the ring clerk in Heaton Hall Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Students must meet three requirements to buy a ring: completion of 92 hours, 30 of which must be at Texas A&M and be in good standing with the University.

Cost for a senior ring without a diamond is \$131.92 for men and \$5.92 for women. Students must

pay when the order is placed. Lynn Scott, assistant ring clerk, said special ring loans are available through the Student Financial Aid office.

Caps and gowns will go on sale April 2 in the MSC bookstore. Bachelor's degree gowns will cost \$7.50 and master's will be \$8.50, said Charles Gentry, assistant bookstore manager.

"We'll have some try-on gowns so students will be able to get their right size," Gentry said.

The first banquet for seniors is the Senior Induction Banquet given by the Association of Former Students. The Ramada Inn in Bryan will serve a steak dinner to seniors April 16 and 17. Letters containing ticket pick-up information will be mailed

to graduating seniors a week before the dinners.

Seniors will celebrate graduation with a barbecue and bash April 27. Senior class president Ronnie Lastovica said a casual barbecue dinner will be held this year instead of a formal banquet. The bash will be at the Lakeview Club.

The ring dance is set for April 28. "We're going to have two bands," Lastovica said. "Ed Gerlock's orchestra will be playing in the MSC ballroom, while a rock-progressive country band will play in the exhibit room."

Lastovica said tickets for the barbecue, bash and Ring Dance will be on sale in the Rudder Tower box office two weeks prior to the April 27,

28 weekend. "We're going to have a package deal to save money," he said.

"Tickets will be bought separately or for several events at a special rate."

Lastovica mentioned that the class of '79 is trying to raise \$25,000 to leave the University a President's Endowed Scholarship as a class gift.

The last event for seniors will be the May 4 and 5 commencement exercises.

Lacey said the specific graduation times for the different colleges have not been set yet. "We're waiting to see the size of each," he said.

"This graduating class will be the largest in the history of A&M," he said. "We estimate the number of applicants at 3,550." There was a graduating class of 2,752 last spring.



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Brooks said he ordered the men to drop their guns. "As soon as they threw them, I knew they were darts," said Brooks, who then allowed the men to continue their game.

The game was organized by the owner of a Davis games shop. The men, ranging in age from 19 to 36, had been given clues for determining which of the others was their target for "assassination." The first man getting a "kill" was awarded a \$10 gift certificate at the shop.

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