

Battalion Classifieds

Progress is key to staying in school

By CAROLYN TILLER
Campus Reporter

Students having academic problems should be given every chance to remain in school, but it is a disservice to them to keep them in school when they are not making progress, said the representative of several colleges at Texas A&M University. "Frequently a college will do a student a disservice by letting him go on and on to get a degree in seven years that he should have gotten in four," said Lynn Zimmerman, assistant dean in the College of Business Administration.

Diane W. Strommer, Liberal Arts Associate Dean agreed. "If a student virtually flunks every course in the first semester, I won't give him the chance to do it again," she said. "I keep him from making a huge hole he can never dig out of."

Strommer said that was the greatest service she could do for the student. She said that by staying out a semester, a student can decide if Texas A&M is the place he should be.

Dr. William V. Muse, dean of the College of Business Administration, said, "If a student doesn't have the ability to make it here at A&M, it may not be what he'd want to hear, but he'd be better served, if he wants to get a college degree, to go somewhere else."

Assistant Dean of Engineering Stanley H. Lowy said, "Scholastic probation and suspension are not punitive — they're to help the student."

He said that a suspension helps the student to re-evaluate his goals,

"which is what anyone should do when they face adversity."

"It's like an engineering problem," he said. "If you can't solve one way, solve it by another."

Dr. Dwayne A. Suter, Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture said, "The purpose in mind for pending students is that we want them to solve whatever problems that were preventing them from making academic progress."

He said the College of Agriculture has been working with students more on an individual basis and results have been positive.

An academic conference is to explain requirements to students and help students deal with problems that are hindering academic progress.

"It's the key," Suter said. "The average 2.8 percent of students suspended from the College of Agriculture has fallen to 2.2 percent."

The College of Engineering has the highest rate of suspension at 3.2 percent. The College of Liberal Arts has 3.2 percent suspensions and the College of Business Administration has 2.3 percent suspension.

Suter said that when a student is suspended, stays out a semester to get a community college, returns to a community college because he will have established study habits, and be more interested.

Zimmerman said the student should assume the responsibility to ask and ask for advice. "It's important for us to knock on everyone's door," he said.

Women engineers sponsor conference

By MICHELLE MORREY
Campus Reporter

The practicality of engineering and the broad job opportunities in engineering were stressed at the Society of Women Engineers banquet Friday night.

An engineer's main job is solving practical problems, said Lee Hornberger, professor of mechanical engineering at University of Santa Clara.

"We need your creative minds to help us find solutions to the problems engineers face," Hornberger said to the group of 250 high school females at the banquet. Texas A&M University President Jarvis E. Miller told the girls Texas A&M needs more representation in mechanical and electrical engineering.

"Think and explore and look at the opportunities which are presented in these fields," Miller said.

He said Texas A&M has a unique kind of faculty that cares about stu-

dents. The faculty pays attention to the students in classes, he said.

"If you have an interest in engineering, we hope you will look at the opportunities here," he said.

Twelve percent of the students in civil engineering are women, the honorary fraternity, Chi Epsilon, twenty-two percent of pledges are women.

In her speech, Hornberger explained the job opportunities available to each type of engineer. Engineers spend a lot of their time talking, working, and listening to other people, Hornberger said. They spend much of their time with others because their job is to solve everyday practical problems.

Two members of the Society of Women Engineers were awarded scholarships at the banquet. Ann Roney and Kathleen Smith each received a \$200 scholarship for their activity in the organization.

Saturday, the conference continued with panels for the school girls to attend. Each panel told of the job opportunities in engineering.

The professional panel consisted of four women in different engineering occupations. They told of their about their jobs and answered questions.

Each woman stressed the importance of the CO-OP program. She said it gave practical experience while earning an engineer's salary. Pam Wilkinson of Union Carbide told the girls how fast a goal is achieved a goal depends on how much drive one has.

One of the high school girls attending the conference said it was a good experience for her. "The keynote speaker was very incentive," said Robin Herberich of Houston. "The conference has helped me find ideas about what field to go in to."

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