THE BATTALION



NEED A STUDY BREAK?

During Dead Week, the Multi-Media Department in the Sterling C. Evans Library will present "In Search of ..." Monday, April 28 "In Search of Bigfoot" **Tuesday, April 29** "In Search of Pyramid Secrets" Wednesday, April 30

"In Search of Ancient Astronauts" PLUS

For those students planning a trip home,

"Car Care: Starting Tips" Thursday, May 1 Each day the scheduled program will be shown hourly from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Room 204B of the Library. Each program lasts approximately 24 minutes. Free admission. Treat yourself to a brief study break!

by DEBBIE NELSON

Battalion Staff Institution of Dean's Honor Roll status for students with a grade point ratio of 3.75 or above was approved Wednesday by the Texas A&M Uni-versity Academic Council.

The new honor is placed above existing Distinguished Student status of a grade point ratio of 3.25 or better for no fewer than 15 semester credit hours.

Brad Smith, new student body president, said the new honor will give extra motivation to the 7 per-

cent of students with 3.75 GPRs. Smith said 19-20 percent of Texas A&M's students consistently get the 3.25 GPR Distinguished Student award.

The Council meeting was the last this semester. Also approved was a request from the School of Military Sciences to

allow deans to negotiate on an indi-vidual basis whether or not to accept advanced ROTC courses as electives.

Dr. John M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs, said the

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to students with 3.75

present policy handcuffs the ROTC program because the 12 hours of adv-anced ROTC credit do not count toward graduation in all colleges of the University

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'That's all we ask," Gen. Ormond Simpson, representing the military science school, said. "Get the handcuffs off.'

The council approved 2,645 gra-duate and undergraduate degree candidates for the three graduation ceremonies Thursday and Friday.

Prescott said there will be 861 gra duates at the ceremony at 2 p.m. on Friday, 884 at Friday's 7:30 p.m. ceremony, and 900 at Saturday morning's ceremony at 9. The total is slightly more than last year's number of degrees awarded.

Several changes were approved in the University Rules and Regulations.

After some discussion, the council approved a new rule regarding the use and storage of handguns on campus.

The present rule states firearms may not be kept or cleaned on campus. The new rule adds disassembled firearms or those stored in vehicles to the list of prohibitions.

However, exemptions were added for law enforcement and military personnel, organized classes using handguns, ceremonial weapons of the Ross Volunteers and Fish Drill Team and the Metzger gun collec-

Also approved were curriculum changes to the agricultural education department to receive a broader base of study and biology students to receive greater opportunities for

After much discussion, the council tabled one of its most controversial issues — the removal of the requirement of a dean's approval for Q-

Gold down so is dollar on **Tuesday**

United Press International LONDON — The cut in U.S. prime interest rates depressed the dollar on European money markets Tuesday and the price of gold also took a tumble.

Gold opened at \$507.50 in Britain and Switzerland, an overnight fall of \$17 in Zurich and \$18 in London.

A dealer with bullion brokers Moccata and Goldsmid said most London bullion brokers believed the gold price went too high last Friday after the failure of the U.S. hostage

The dollar opened lower against all European currencies, following the overnight announcement of a 1 percent cut in prime lending rate by Morgan Guaranty Trust and the National Bank of Detroit.

In Frankfurt, the dollar opened at 1.7905 marks down from 1.7975 and

