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# Halt major-choosing anxiety

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If you are having difficulty selecting a major or are not completely satisfied with the one you're don't worry — you're not alone. According to Vernon Droessler of the Personal Counseling Service, about one-third of the college population will not actually decide their life's occupation until they are in their 30s.

It is Droessler's task as a counselor of the Personal Counseling Service to help students cope with problems in selecting a major, and dealing with stress.

Droessler said the Academic Counseling Center specializes in occupational interest testing as well as other forms of testing. The center does a great deal of academic advising and vocational counseling.

"We (Personal Counseling Service) tend to see more of the students who are dealing with more personal issues."

Both the Personal Counseling Service and the Academic Counseling

Center utilize the theories of John Holland in helping students select a course of study.

John Holland is a Ph.D. psychologist who became interested in developing a theory of vocational choice while working with the American College Testing Service, Droessler said.

Droessler said, "Holland believes that people's interests develop because of their background experience from childhood on up. Some people's background experiences very definitely focus in one direction."

"Nobody has the time to investigate every career possibility," Droessler said. Therefore, Holland's purpose is to help people break down the occupational world into smaller groups so that it's less confusing, less overwhelming," he said.

Holland divided the occupational world into six categories:

1. Realistic Type — these people usually have good physical skills, but often have trouble communicating

with others. They enjoy creating things with their hands and prefer occupations such as applied engineering and agriculture.

2. Investigative Type — people in this category are task-oriented. They enjoy solving problems by thinking them through. Their occupations tend to center around the sciences and theoretical research.

3. Artistic Type — they are involved in self-expression. They have little interest in highly-structured problems, prefer working alone and have a high measure of originality. Their occupations deal with music and the arts.

4. Social Type — these people are concerned about the welfare of others. They like attention, tend to solve problems by discussion with other and have little interest in physical exertion or working with their hands. They are involved in social work, teaching and counseling.

5. Enterprising Type — they have a great facility with words. These

people enjoy persuading others to their viewpoints and are effective in selling, dominating and leading. Their vocation preferences include management, sales and service occupations.

6. Conventional Type — people in this category prefer highly ordered activities that characterize office work. They like knowing precisely what is expected of them. They tend to work within the business world as accountants, computer operators and statisticians.

When students come to the Personal Counseling Service hoping to choose a major, Droessler said the first step is deciding which category they might fit into.

People are mostly related to one category, with some interests in a couple others, Droessler said.

Although "interests tends to be the most beneficial way to start out," he said, the counselor look at the student's values. "How important is money, being creative and job stability?"

Droessler said a major problem is the myth that a mistake in selecting a career causes a disaster from which there is no recovery.

## Men stop watering lawns

# Radio now sprinklers' boss

By GLENN KRAMPOTA  
Battalion Reporter

Students caught on the sidewalks when the new radio-controlled sprinklers turn on may not think much of them. But the irrigation system is held in high esteem by the Grounds Maintenance Department, which is responsible for watering the campus.

Designed chiefly by Assistant Director Mike Goldwater, the system is the only one of its kind, said Director Eugene Ray. Though no figures are in yet, it is expected to drastically cut man-hours and water usage, Ray said.

About 350 acres of the main campus are irrigated. Before the new sprinkler system was installed, it took 20-30 man-hours just to turn off the old system, he said. Also, the new system eliminates the problem of adjusting the sprinklers in accordance with the weather, said Ray.

All of this can now be controlled automatically. A master control unit is programmed to water certain areas at certain times with given amounts of water, he said.

For example, dry as it is now, grounds maintenance has the system set for three-tenths of an inch of water per day, Ray said. The actual signal to activate the sprinklers is sent out by a 45-watt transmitter, Ray explained.

Goldwater said there are more than 18,000 sprinkler heads, at \$75 a piece, he said.

Included in the system is a detailed wall map of the campus that lights up to show which areas have been watered or need to be watered.

"The map is as beneficial as controls, from a management standpoint," Ray said. A supervisor can see at a glance what areas have been watered simply by pressing a button.

Employees can coordinate watering with activities such as mowing or fertilizing more effectively, he said. Ray said the system, which cost

\$30,000 to build, will shut off automatically if the campus receives rain equal to or exceeding the irrigation levels desired.

The campus can receive 10-12 million gallons of irrigation water per week in a dry period, Ray said. When it rains, being able to shut down the system quickly "could save a million gallons of water," Ray said.

Installation is 80 percent complete now. Ray expects the whole system to be converted to remote control by this winter.

So far, no problems have come up

with the system, Ray said. The only breakdowns have come from damage to equipment in the field, not with the radio control system itself, he said.

Ray said, the control units in the field are equipped with a bypass switch so that if problems arise with the console, grounds maintenance can change to the old system.

Texas A&M University officials are considering a patent claim for the system, Goldwater said, because several irrigation companies have expressed an interest in the design.

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## Brown disputes Barron's abilities

By SUE McNEILL  
Battalion Reporter

Jeff Brown, candidate for county attorney, said Tuesday he is not satisfied with the job incumbent county attorney John Barron is doing.

"The county attorney is not doing what he's telling us he's doing... (his) office is badly disorganized. His files are just a wreck," Brown said.

Brown spoke at a meeting at Rudder Tower sponsored by the College Republicans.

Brown, 26, is presently a self-practicing lawyer in College Station. Brown said he has come in contact with Barron through past court cases

and is dissatisfied with the way things are presently run in the county attorney's office.

For example, Barron claimed he had six jury trials in 1978, Brown said. Brown checked the county records, which contained no account of any such trials.

Brown also said Barron had claimed to prosecute more than a thousand D.W.I. cases. Brown checked the records and found the actual number of cases was 856, 15 percent less than Barron claimed.

"A discrepancy of 15 percent is a lot when you start talking about D.W.I. prosecution," Brown said.

Brown also said the county attorney's office could raise \$40,000-\$50,000 from hot check restitutions and fines presently not being raised.

Brown said that although for the past few weeks his campaign has been stressing the discrepancies in the present county attorney's office, he will begin campaigning about what he'll do if elected.

Brown's biggest concern in his campaign is doing something about the present disorganization in the county attorney's office.

"I would hope that in six months I could straighten up the mess that's there now," he said.

## Texas Forest Service gets new director

Texas Forest Service Director Paul R. Kramer has announced his retirement. Bruce R. Miles has been named acting director of the state-wide agency, effective Oct. 29.

Miles, whose appointment was confirmed Tuesday by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, has served in the TFS since 1959. Miles, 45, rose through the ranks to his current position of associate director.

Kramer, 66, served the Texas Forest Service for 32 years.

## Budget, Miller commendation on student senate bill tonight

By NANCY ANDERSEN  
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The student senate will take action on its proposed \$37,120 budget and three pieces of legislation tonight.

The budget proposal has increased from the original \$36,370 by creating a \$1,300 program development fund for the consumer guide and by decreasing the professor information fund from \$4,550 to \$4,000.

In legislative action, the senate will vote on a commendation for James E. Miller, former Texas A&M University president. If passed, the senate would express on behalf of the student body its regret for Miller's removal. Also, Miller would be in-

cluded to a senate meeting for presentation of a \$125 plaque commemorating his performance as president.

The senate will take action on a basement competitiveness resolution. This would allow the senate to request that permission be granted for the Basement Coffeehouse to apply for a permit to sell beer on weekends.

The senate will also evaluate the change in Silver Taps policy. Last year the senate changed the frequency of Silver Taps from the Tuesday following a student's death to not more than once a month after it.

Documentation of an academic minor and row indication in parking lots are bills on first reading, which

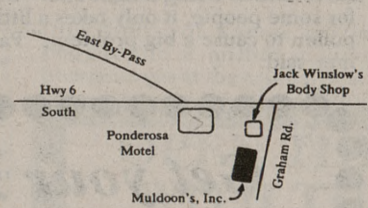
therefore may not be acted upon.

The first bill would ensure that a student's minor be placed on his official transcript. Currently there is no official documentation of a minor outside a student's major field of study, said bill sponsor Phil Hannah, senior liberal arts senator.

Hannah is also sponsoring a bill recommending that the University Police place row indicators in the parking lots. There are no markings now, which Hannah said creates a problem. Since the lots range in size from accommodating 475 to 1,118 cars, students who park for long periods of time have a hard time finding their cars, he explained.

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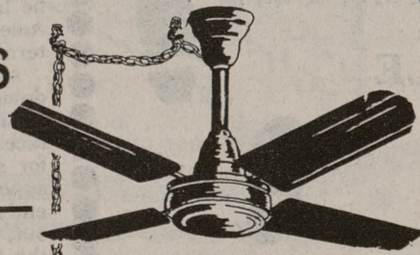
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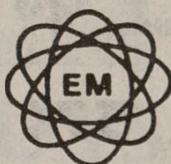
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