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### Too many required hours makes Jack and Jill dull

## McCandless believes in varied course curriculum

### **By KATHY O'CONNELL**

Battalion Staff With the "explosion of know-

edge" in the past years, students re finding it increasingly difficult take the number of required rses to get a baccalaureate defooted gree, as well as gain some sembl-

rias unner Dr. Charles E. McCandless, ssociate vice president for acade to you as w meone is mic affairs, said the greatest diffi-state me culty students have at Téxas A&M What if all University is that many professional curriculums have condeine one da ame between need programs with an irreducible umber of minimum degree re-

For instance, he said, the pet-'ear shorts re-on had roleum engineering department and the architecture department 's Day her have five-year degree programs. "My background is my bias," he said, "and that is primarily an gh rise, m er heard d

ducation in liberal arts. So I'm very sympathetic to a general eduion core curricula concept. He said he doesn't foresee a

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move to increase all degree prog-rams to five-year plans. The diffi-culty, particularly in highly tech-nical disciplines, is that the job market is extremely good.

teach and believe that it would be good to know a lot more about a lot of things." However, he said, students "seem to want to graduate and go to work and make money

McCandless said the real dilemma comes when educators try to draw a line between requiring general education courses and training the students for their planned profession (learning the ever-increasing technological courses).

The more technological the field becomes, the less flexibility the student has. "In liberal arts," he said, "you for literature.

have more flexibility. So it really depends on the discipline as to how much flexibility you have.' McCandless doesn't foresee a move towards establishing a core

"If you can start out making \$28,000 in four years, then why defer steps and spend another year of outgo and forego the in-come?" he said. "I think there are a lot of us who curriculum at Texas A&M that would require all students to take

"Everyone takes English, history and political science. Almost everyone takes math and some science

He said students have a "very professional orientation and their question is — 'How is this going to make me a better fill-in-the-blank?" 'Again it's one of my beliefs

that a college education should prepare you for a good life, as well as a good living. I think it is important we learn to communicate in writing and that we have some understanding and appreciation

"There are a lot of things," he said, "that may not contribute directly to making you a better fill-in-the blank, but it will make you a better educated person.

He said that if he had to estab-lish a "McCandless Tech" he would require English, math, science, history, social and behavioral sciences and some computing sciences

"I think it would be reasonable to have some understanding of our

economic system. "Basically I would increase the number of hours, but then I would recognize the person in the highly technical areas. They are going to have to scale these down.

McCandless said he realizes many students don't want to take extra courses, especially if they're already swamped with a large number of required courses.

'I think we need to recognize we have people in our classes who are not there because that's their burning desire to be in that class.

he said.

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If there isn't an emphasis on some general education courses, Texas A&M would essentially be a technical institution as opposed to

a University. He said the University should take the blame for a student's reluctance to take more general courses

"I think we ought to do a better job of explaining why we have

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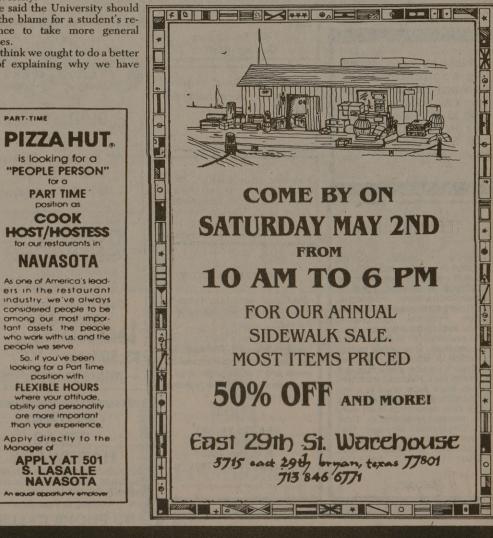
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# **UT** prof says Cold War clash is dangerous but different

#### **By LAURA YOUNG**

Battalion Reporter Even though the Cold War of today is not as intense as the Cold War of the 1940s, there is still a possibility of a clash between the Soviet on and the United States, said Dr. Robert Divine, professor of diplomatic history at e University of Texas.

"There is still considerable danger to the ture," Divine said, speaking to about 100 ulty members and students at Harrington room Center Tuesday night. "There is till the danger of a runaway nuclear arms

The speech by Divine, author of "The Re-actant Belligerent: American Entry into Vorld War II," was sponsored by the Departnt of History and Phi Alpha Theta. "The other great danger is that we will over-

act to Soviet moves," Divine, a professor of

#### 20 years, said.

Divine explained that with new Soviet aggressions, the United States has already increased defense spending and reinstated the draft.

"In the 1940s the primary component was fear of Soviet expansion," Divine said. "And in the 1940s, we overreacted to the Soviet danger

United States foreign policy, Divine said, varies from relaxation to extreme tension. "In the 1960s the Cold War began to evade,"

Divine said. He explained that the Vietnam War was one

of the reasons for the action. Lack of support from other nations for that war compounded the problem, he said.

Another reason Divine attributes to the decline of the Cold War in the 1960s is the rise of the third world nations and the formation of ism today as an ideology," Divine said.

They diffused power from Washington and Moscow to other areas of the world," Divine said.

However, even with the apparent Soviet agression, the Cold War of today is different from what it was in the 1940s.

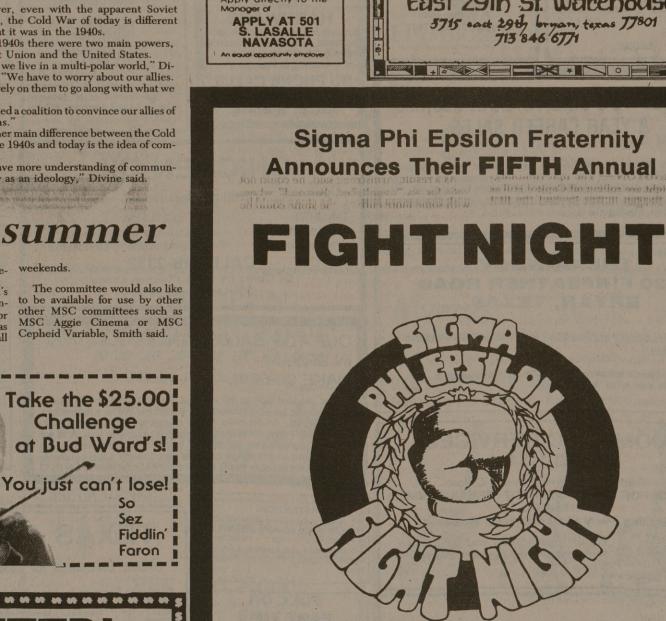
In the 1940s there were two main powers,

the Soviet Union and the United States. "Today we live in a multi-polar world," Di-vine said. "We have to worry about our allies. We can't rely on them to go along with what we

"We need a coalition to convince our allies of our actions.

The other main difference between the Cold War of the 1940s and today is the idea of communism

'We have more understanding of commun-



## Coffeehouse to open this summer

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### By LAURA HATCH

After much delay the MSC asement Coffeehouse is ex-ected to open on a trial basis this ummer. The grand opening, lowever, is scheduled for the fall

The Basement Coffeehouse has en under renovation since Sepember. The opening this summer ill be to smooth out any probhave been received and the electricity and plumbing should be done within six weeks. The Basement Committee is

planning to expand programming

next fall, Smith said, and will try to

have programs in the Coffeehouse

every night. In the past the coffeehouse was open only on weekends. "Open-mike" nights,

comedy nights and video tapes are

just a few of the programs commit-

Smith said the television's addition is the result of the committee's efforts to draw crowds for Monday night football as well as crowds on local football

another addition to the coffee- weekends.

The committee would also like other MSC committees such as MSC Aggie Cinema or MSC Cepheid Variable, Smith said.

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members say they hope to offer

The coffeehouse will be open this fall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily and will serve hot and cold sandwiches, pizza and nachos. A wide-screen television set for

students to watch while eating is

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