

# Local

## What's Up

### MONDAY

**WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM:** Will meet to elect officers at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

**T-STAR:** Will meet at 7 p.m. in 140 MSC.

**QUONSET HUT RESERVATIONS:** Reservations for the fall semester can be made starting today in the Student Activities Office, 221 MSC. Reservation requests are open to all student organizations on a first come, first serve basis. A user fee is required with the reservation -- \$50 for events Monday through Thursday and \$75 on Friday through Sunday.

### TUESDAY

**WATER SKI CLUB:** Will meet to elect officers and plan the summer's activity at 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

**AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS:** Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 103 Zachry. Jim Massey, from Dow Chemical, will speak on process control engineering and polyethylene research.

### WEDNESDAY

**EUROPE CLUB:** Will meet to elect officers at 8:30 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's in College Station.

**LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT COUNCIL:** Will meet at 6 p.m. at Dr. Luté's house.

**RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCE ASSOCIATION:** Will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Alamo. Jennifer Berry will speak on "Environmental Issues of the 80s."

**FINANCE ASSOCIATION:** Will have their spring barbecue at 6:30 p.m. at Hensel Park.

**BETA BETA BETA:** Will meet to initiate new members at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder. Dr. James R. Wild will be the speaker.

**MATH CLUB:** Will sponsor a help session for students in Math 130, 150, 151, 152, 230, 253 and 308. The session will be held from 7-10 p.m. in 203 and 207 Academic. Admission is \$1.

## Committee will look into abuses

# Finals policy reviewed by Council

By JANE G. BRUST

**Battalion Staff**  
The Texas A&M University Academic Council Friday decided to look into abuses of the final examination policies regarding seniors.

Dr. J.M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs, presented a proposal to clarify the final exam policies. The main part of the proposal says that if an instructor chooses to give undergraduate degree candidates a major test, before submission of grades, this test must be scheduled to comply

with the registrar's schedule for the submission of grades for graduating students.

However, council members questioned the next sentence which says: "Those (seniors) who do not qualify for graduation on the basis of their semester averages may take the regularly scheduled final examination in any course in which they wish to improve their grade in order to meet graduation requirements at the next degree granting time."

Several council members felt that wording would enable a senior to miss finals when he

knows he is not going to graduate. For example, they said, a senior whose name appears on the registrar's candidate list but who knows he will not satisfactorily pass a particular class to graduate, can still miss the final exams given in his other classes.

Dr. Charles Samson, acting president, said an ad hoc committee will be appointed to look into possible abuses of the finals policies with the University registrar.

The council did approve numerous other revisions in the University Rules and Regulations, in-

cluding a new Appendix describing misdemeanor penalties for tampering with campus fire alarm systems.

An item concerning criminal offenses occurring off campus, is another approved addition to the rules and regulations.

The item says in the case of such an offense not connected with a University activity, the University will take disciplinary action against the student involved only if the student's presence on campus would hinder the educational process and the orderly operation of the University.

A definition for the term "solicit" will also be added to the rules and regulations. "Soliciting" will be defined as advertising, selling, taking orders or donations or collecting and distributing literature.

The council also approved re-

commendations concerning titles of the graduate faculty members. For example, extension service personnel who are on the graduate faculty will be known as "extension specialists."

Dr. George Kunze, dean of the Graduate College, explained that faculty members have been assigned several different titles because of their work in several different areas of the University. The recommended titles would simplify the identification of faculty members, he said.

In other action which Prescott said was "a particular pleasure," council members approved candidates for graduate and undergraduate degrees to be awarded in May, as well as the first class of candidates for the Doctor of Medicine degrees to be awarded in June.

## Blatchley managing time between consuming jobs

Newly-elected Bryan City Councilman Ron Blatchley says he sees no real possibility of any conflicts between his role as a councilman and his job as director of student affairs at Texas A&M University.

Blatchley, who was elected to Place 1 of the council in a runoff Tuesday night, said both jobs are very time consuming but contends, "I believe that one of my strengths is my ability to manage time well."

Blatchley won the race against Pete Palasota with 1,415 votes (57.6 percent) to Palasota's 1,043 votes (42.4 percent).

"My only promise to the voters was to study the issues carefully and help make decisions with their best interests in mind,"

Blatchley said.

He said the issues he is most concerned with are the same ones the rest of the council is concentrating on — crime prevention, retention of good city employees, maintenance of streets and parks and an adequate growth plan for the city of Bryan.

## Color perception problem often hard to determine

By RUTH GRAVES

**Battalion Reporter**  
Each person may perceive colors differently. What's more, these perception differences may go unnoticed since people learn to associate color names with the way they see colors.

However, some people, especially males, have color perception problems that are evident because they refer to colors by the wrong names.

About eight percent of males and 5 percent of females have some type of "incomplete color blindness," said Dr. Barry Glenn, a Bryan ophthalmologist.

Although color perception problems are typically termed "color blindness," few people are actually totally blind to color, he said. "Color weakness" more accurately reflects the problem. Total color blindness would cause a person to see everything in tones of gray, just like black and white movies.

Although some color weaknesses can be caused by certain illnesses or drugs, the main culprit is heredity, Glenn said.

Color weaknesses are carried by XY chromosomes and are recessive. In other words, the usual pattern of heredity is from father to daughter to son. There is a higher incidence of color weakness in males, so the trait usually bypasses females in the link.

The colors that most people have difficulty in seeing accurately are red, green and blue, Glenn said. Weaknesses in identifying colors are usually caught in eye examinations where people are asked to identify a colored number that is surrounded by a field of different colors.

Many people with color weaknesses can correctly identify colors that are isolated; however, when one color surrounds another, color weaknesses can be detected.

The Department of Public Safety gives color tests on original driver's license applications, but these tests only include red, yellow and green, said Department of Public Safety representative Pat Dean.

If a person can't identify one of those colors, he doesn't automatically fail the test, she said. Instead, tests are given to make sure the person knows the order of the colors on traffic lights.

Although color tests are done in conjunction with routine eye exams, a person may not find out for

years that he has a color weakness. He may not have been given a test, or he may have a problem with colors that are not usually included on tests.

For example, Robbie Nohrn, a senior from New Braunfels, didn't know until his junior year at Texas A&M University that he had a color weakness. In describing a Corps uniform over the phone, he said the uniform shirt was dark brown. His clue that he had a color weakness came when his roommate insisted the shirt was dark green.

Naturally, some inconveniences can arise because of color weaknesses. K.T. Graves, a former football coach from Katy, said that if he hadn't seen the officials' red flags as they were thrown, he couldn't have seen them on the ground. Graves has a color weakness with greens and reds.

There is no way to determine if he perceives colors the same way others do, he said, but his weakness is evident when green and red are adjacent.

"The red just doesn't stand out," he said. For example, a person with normal color vision would have trouble seeing a green golf tee in grass. This is how a red

golf tee in grass looks to Graves. Graves also sees certain shades of blue and green as gray.

Reds and greens are also a weak spot for Nohrn. However, he also confuses green with white, and brown with green or maroon.

As might be expected, problems can arise when trying to coordinate clothes. "The hardest thing to do is to get a suit together," Nohrn said. "I get the guys next door to do that."

When driving at night, Nohrn said he can't distinguish white street lights from green traffic lights at a distance.

Color weaknesses can also affect people in their occupations, especially in the armed forces. Although color weaknesses don't stop people from driving, they can keep people from performing such assignments as flying if the weakness is severe.

Two color tests are routinely given to personnel as they enter the armed forces.

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