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Engineering college wins reaccreditation

By SUSAN FLORENCE
Battalion Reporter
Texas A&M University's bachel-level engineering programs received reaccreditation by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

The only engineering department not included is the mining department, which is in its first year. A department has to graduate a class before it is eligible for accreditation.

"This reaccreditation is very important to the students because you must graduate from an accredited school to become a registered engineer," Page said. In most cases, Page explained, job opportunities are open only for registered engineers. The better paying jobs are given to the registered engineers, he said.

"As far as I am concerned, Texas A&M is first class," Page said.

Dr. Terry Shoup, assistant dean of engineering, said the re-

accreditation is not an honorary title, rather it just means ABET has recognized that the Texas A&M engineering college met the minimum standards set by the board.

"Most universities' engineering schools apply for accreditation because more than likely a student of engineering would not attend a school without accreditation because if you graduate from a non-accredited school you have a tough time on the job market," Shoup said.

"The accreditation is very important to graduate students because it puts a mark of quality on the department they graduate from."

Free U registration begins Wednesday

By NANCY WEATHERLEY
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Students looking for non-credit activities to fill their leisure time register starting Wednesday for short courses offered by Free U.

Courses in fitness, dance, guitar and hobbies will be offered. Instructors include Texas A&M faculty and staff members, students and local citizens.

New courses offered this semester include a five-week bartending course costing \$9.50. Another new course is a country and western dance course, which promises to teach advanced moves such as aeriels and jumps in jitterbug for five weeks at a cost of \$12.

A how-to-study-for-the-GRE (graduate record exam) course, a \$2, five-week course designed to

help prepare for math and verbal portions of the test, is another new offering.

Registration will begin Wednesday in 224 MSC, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Registration information includes name, mailing address, telephone number and a Texas A&M ID or social security number.

One person can register only two people per class. No refunds will be given. Checks can be made payable to Free U. There will be no pre-registration, phone registration or late registration.

Short course will teach motorcycle safety tactics

By DANIEL PUCKETT
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Defective visual perception is the most motorcycle safety tactic to be taught in the Motorcycle Rider course is the best way to improve motorcycle safety tactics.

Each section is limited to 12 members who need not be students but must be at least 15 years old. Those under 18 must have completed a driver's education course and must have written parental consent.

Classes will be held at the University Research and Extension Center on Highway 21 west of Bryan. Participants should receive a map after enrolling and must provide their own transportation.

Ockert said participants can expect to spend 12 hours on a motorcycle and 12 hours in the classroom

learning techniques for avoiding and escaping dangerous situations. At the end of the course, successful participants will obtain a certificate, which entitles him to a 10 percent discount on his motorcycle insurance from some insurance companies.

The course costs between \$45 and \$47 for insurance and operating costs, and \$2 for the textbook. Students will be provided with motorcycles and helmets.

Anyone interested may enroll in 118 Thompson (formerly the Mechanical Engineering Shops) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Ockert said both sections are filling rapidly, so students should sign up soon.

Prof to lecture on environment

By DARLENE JANIK
Battalion Reporter
James H. Steele, an environmental health professor, will discuss man and his role in the environment tonight as part of the 21 University Lecture Series.

Steele, a professor of environmental health at the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston, is the former assistant surgeon general for veterinary services in Washington D.C. and Atlanta.

Steele's lecture is being sponsored by the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Steele will discuss the formation of life, man's impact and his changing role in the environment. He said the discussion will include man's original role as survivor and hunter, his move to exploitation in the removal of forests and pollution and his role as protector, as he recognizes what pollution is doing

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