

# Filing deadline for degree candidates

## Important dates

Today is the application deadline for graduate and undergraduate degrees to be awarded in May. Other noteworthy dates for the spring semester are as follows:  
 — Feb. 19 - last day for dropping courses with no penalty (Q-drop)

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Lt. Bernard Kapella of the College Station Police Department and Cheryll Weichart of Somerville hold Raccoon, Chicano-man, Mr. Quimper and Officer Ollie.

## Children learn safety

# Puppets assist police

by Theresa Scott  
Battalion Reporter

Officer Ollie works for the College Station Police Department. Like other policemen, Ollie tries to teach children about traffic safety, crime prevention and what to do in an emergency.

But Officer Ollie is no ordinary policeman.

He's a puppet. Puppet shows are a new way for police officers to reach children in local schools, said Lt. Bernard Kapella of the College Station Police Department.

"The puppets get the message across better than just having an officer speak to class," Kapella said. "(The students) get caught up in the excitement of the puppets and get enthused about the program."

Kapella introduces Ollie before each show. The life-size puppets are operated from behind a large stage,

and "talk" by means of pre-recorded cassettes.

Puppets other than Officer Ollie include the characters of Raccoon, Chicano-man and Mr. Quimper.

Each puppet puts on a different program, and is designed for a specific age group. The programs vary from "Stranger Danger" to traffic safety to hitchhiking, and are designed for children in kindergarten through the sixth grade.

The crime prevention puppets were developed two years ago by an officer in California and have been gaining popularity nationwide.

Kapella said he saw the puppets at a program put on by the Austin Police Department. The Houston Police Department uses a similar program.

One of the main purposes of the puppet show is to educate children about crime prevention and what they can do to prevent crimes as well as protect themselves. Police officers hope the program will help students

develop a positive attitude about the department, Kapella said.

The first puppet show was put on Tuesday at the College Hill School for 180 kindergarten students, Kapella said. The shows are put on with the help of two volunteers from the A&M United Methodist Church — Marchita Jones and Anna Bell Harvey — are behind the scenes working the mouths and motions of the puppets.

Jones, coordinator of the church's puppet ministry, said that it may take only a month or so to learn the puppets' movements and lip gestures, but it takes a lot of practice to make the movements look natural.

"It's a great way to relate to kids," Jones said. "The puppets can get the message across easier."

The police department is going to every kindergarten in College Station and then will start over with the first grades in city schools.

The program is available to any group or organization free of charge.

# Reagan sticks to policy of total missile removal

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — President Reagan, spurning the Soviet plan for a phased, two-thirds cut in intermediate-range nuclear weapons in Europe, is sticking by his call for total removal of the missiles.

"I call on President (Leonid) Brezhnev to join us in this important first step to reduce the nuclear shadow that hangs over the peoples of the world," Reagan said in a statement released Thursday by the White House.

Reagan's "zero option" idea was first broached in speech broadcast around the world Nov. 18. It was offered as a formal proposal Tuesday at the Geneva talks between American and Soviet negotiators on reducing so-called theater nuclear weapons — those launched from land against

targets on the same continent. In this case, the continent is Europe.

Reagan said the draft treaty would cancel U.S. deployment of Pershing II and intermediate-range, ground-launched cruise missiles in Western Europe if the Soviet Union dismantles its SS-4, SS-5 and SS-20 missiles.

Reagan was to return to domestic concerns today, having scheduled a meeting on federalism with a group of lawmakers. The president can be expected in the coming days to return to his proposal for turning over many federal programs to state control.

He has scheduled a trip to the Midwest to do just that early next week.

As for the nuclear issue, U.S. defense analysts say the Soviets have 3,825 missiles and planes qualifying as medium-range nuclear systems

compared to 560 in the American arsenal. The projected Pershing and cruise missiles were intended to even the score.

Wednesday, Brezhnev, in reiterating his proposal, told a Kremlin reception Washington is avoiding serious negotiations on medium-range missiles and using "far-fetched pretexts" — meaning Poland — to delay talks on strategic nuclear arms.

The United States rejected Brezhnev's gradual, two-thirds reduction, saying it is a strategem to ensure continued Soviet weapon supremacy on the continent.

Chief White House spokesman David Gergen said, "The basic point is that we see nothing in this (Soviet) offer which alters the positions taken by the Soviets which the United States has repeatedly described as unacceptable."

# Women Network links resources

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of two articles on the changing roles of women in business in Brazos County.

by Angie Jones  
Battalion Reporter

Imagine an invisible web of communication linking women who share a common interest in business. That's a network. The word is relatively new to women in Bryan-College Station but in less conservative cities across the nation, it has meant women helping women in business and in a variety of other fields.

Isolated. That's how some business and professional women in Bryan-College Station say they felt — isolated from other women who might be sharing the same goals and facing the same obstacles in a business dominated by men. Forming a women's network was the logical solution.

The local business women's network began with four women. One of them, Judy Childs, is a certified public accountant with Ingram Wallis and Company in Bryan.

"The way we started the group," she said, "was that we sat down together and asked, 'Who do you know?' and finally we got to 'I don't know this woman, but I've heard about her.' And so then we would send out letters to them. We got some yeses and some nos." It has grown to 25 members since the idea for the network was conceived a few months ago.

Childs said the network is a support group — not a service organization — unlike other business women's organizations in Bryan-College Station. The network members don't give scholarships or participate in fund

raising projects.

"What we are really trying to do," Childs said, "is serve as a place for women to bounce ideas around to each other and to be supportive of each other's goals."

Childs said the network also has contacted the business departments at Texas A&M University to help with recruiting faculty. It is often difficult for the spouse of a new faculty member to leave a profession and start in a new town. The network lets them know what options are open to them in Bryan-College Station, Childs explained.

In return for helping faculty spouses, the network plans to share in University business programs that

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might be helpful to the professional development of its members.

Nikki Ravey, owner of South/West Printing Center in Bryan, is a member of the network and the American Business Women's Association.

"I think all the women in this business community, whether they are professionals, or like me, in business for themselves, are all incredibly supportive of each other," Ravey said.

She said the network doesn't want women who are really interested in having a career in the Bryan-College Station business community to stagnate.

"It's a real support group for women," she said, "whether they're a member of the group or not."

Childs and Ravey are examples of women making an impact through non-traditional roles in the Bryan-College Station business community. They admit there are obstacles for women in reaching career goals, but said these obstacles can be overcome.

"I personally have not felt that being a woman has been an obstacle in this profession," Childs said, "for several reasons: I started older, my children were settled and I was not."

"What's happening to the younger professional level, (is that they) are paid a professional salary and leave."

Often, the reason a woman leaves her job is that her husband has found a job in another city and he decides where the couple is going to live, she said.

"This is going to be the real obstacle for women getting ahead," she said. "They can't be depended on. And you are not going to make someone permanent and give them the same advancement opportunities if you think that the week after next they may be gone. So women have really got to think about what type of job commitment they want to make."

She emphasized that small regional firms, located in rapidly growing areas like Bryan-College Station, offer tremendous potential for advancement. "You have no competition," she said.

She concedes that her salary is about 75 percent of what she could be making for a larger accounting firm in Houston, for example. But, it's not because she is a woman. It's because the cost of living is much higher

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## forecast

Today's forecast: high in the upper-30s and low in the mid-20s with a chance of freezing rain and sleet. Saturday's high will be in the mid-30s, with no decrease in the chance of freezing rain.

# President-elect for more student input

by Johna Jo Maurer  
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Increased student development and involvement are two goals that the new MSC Council president wants to achieve during his one-year term, which starts in April.

"In the past, we haven't done a lot of advertising to the campus about what kinds of opportunities are available," said Todd Norwood, a senior chemical engineering major from Daingerfield.

"I think that's one thing we've not done that we should have (done) to benefit the campus."

Norwood was appointed by the MSC Council nominating committee at Monday's council meeting to serve as Council president for the 1982-83 term. Succeeding Doug Dedeker, current president, he will be responsible for overseeing the activities of a 24-member Council as well as the Directorate of 19 programming committees. Norwood said he learned to

work with people while being involved with the MSC organization as a freshman council assistant.

Every year about 25-30 freshmen are selected on the basis of their grade point averages and invited to participate in the Council Assistant Program of the MSC. Council assistants work with the various council committee chairmen.

"I was real shy, and I just really didn't feel confident around people I didn't know," he said. "I think that being on the MSC (Council) has really helped me overcome that."

Norwood currently serves as the council vice president of finance. He also has served on several MSC committees, including the Political Forum and Recreation committees.

Norwood said he feels the MSC should be viewed by the student body as the organization that provides educational opportunities,

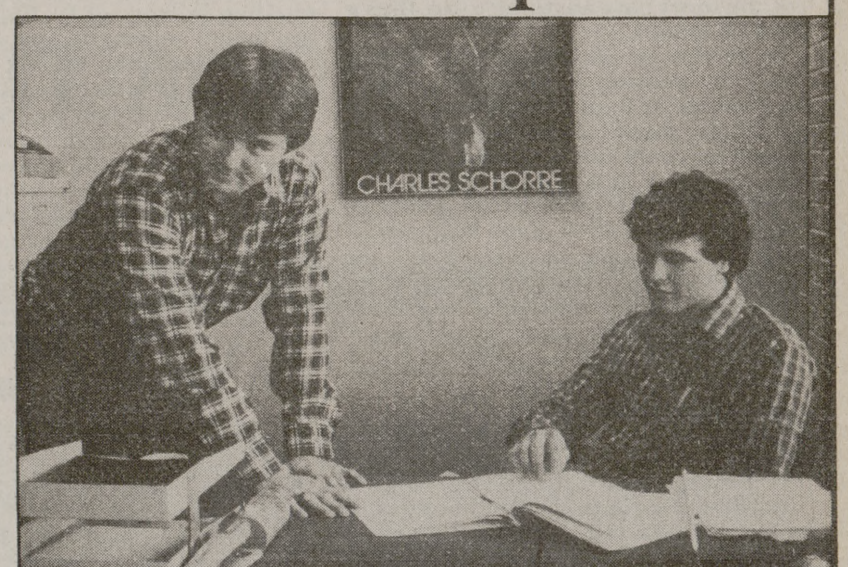
which include development of leadership, and administrative and time management skills.

On his method of carrying out his job as president, Norwood said he plans to set general guidelines for the council and leave the details of implementation up to the vice presidents and committee chairmen.

"This provides them more opportunity to be creative with their plans and implement those and not have somebody say, 'this is what you're going to do.'"

The MSC Council will continue electing new officers in two-week intervals beginning the middle of February. The nominating committee, appointed by Dedeker, will make recommendations for council vice presidents and directors.

The next group to be appointed will include the various committee and project chairmen. By April, all the new officers will be ready to make the transition to their new positions.



Council President Doug Dedeker and President-elect Todd Norwood.