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One red dot can halt seniors' graduation

By PAM BARNES
Reporter

Today, most graduating seniors will drive, walk or run to Heaton Hall to check the final graduating senior list. If an infamous red dot is beside their name they will have until noon Thursday, to clear the academic or financial block.

"Those who don't clear their block then, won't graduate," says Associate Registrar Don Carter. "It's as simple as that."

Carter says there are several reasons why students are blocked. "It could be that they are short of credit points or didn't transfer some credits in time or maybe they failed

to pay all their fees," Carter says. "The list is pretty self-explanatory."

Carter says if it's a financial block, like parking fines or unpaid fees, the student may still graduate, but they have to clear the block before they can receive an official transcript.

The real problem occurs if it's an academic block.

Seniors who have an academic block must clear up the situation before noon Thursday or they will not receive their degree and they can not participate in the graduation ceremonies, Carter says.

Major Morris Maddox, assistant chief of personnel of the University Police Department, says some graduating seniors have already come in

to make sure they don't have any fines.

He also says some students graduate without clearing up their tickets and several years later find their transcripts are still blocked. They call and eventually have to pay the tickets in order to get an official transcript.

"If we don't get them now," Maddox says, "we'll probably get them later. Unless, of course, they never need their transcripts."

It may be a rough, frustrating day for those graduating seniors who find the red dot next to their name, but to all those who visit Heaton for the last time, CONGRATULATIONS!

Mondale, Jackson win big

United Press International

WASHINGTON D.C. — Walter Mondale scored an easy win over Gary Hart in Tennessee Tuesday while Jesse Jackson won a landslide victory in Washington, D.C. — his first Democratic presidential primary victory of the year.

The two primaries opened the longest stretch battle for the Democratic presidential nomination — a week long battle that ends in California June 5. But Mondale could come close to wrapping up the nomination next week, when there are 771 delegates at stake, especially if he scores big victories in Texas on Saturday and Ohio next Tuesday.

While the nation's capital and its delegates will represent a symbolic victory for Jackson, Mondale went for a Tennessee win, with 65 delegates, to kick off his final drive for the nomination he was once favored to win without much resistance.

Hart, who surprised the political world with his upset in the season-opening New Hampshire primary, needed a win in Tennessee to keep him in the race.

In incomplete returns from Washington, D.C., Jackson had 24,199 or

63 percent, Mondale, 11,407 or 30 percent, and Hart, 2,921 or 7 percent.

With 52 percent of the precincts reporting in Tennessee, Mondale was leading with 69,557 or 40 percent, Hart 51,752 or 29 percent and Jackson 46,419 or 26 percent.

Mondale was leading in 34 delegate races, which would give him 1,213 of the the 1,967 delegates needed for nomination. Hart was leading in 24 delegate races for a total of 647, and Jackson led in 22 races for a new total of 205, with 330 uncommitted according to the latest United Press International count.

"The power-brokers of the Democratic Party — the special interest groups, the political action committees and those who want to protect the status quo — want a low turnout on Tuesday," Hart said.

On the eve of the primary a statewide poll in Tennessee reported 39 percent favored Mondale, 30 percent for Hart and 12 percent for Jackson, with 19 percent undecided. Hart said he expected to finish "at least a very close second" in the race, but his campaign staff said any hope

of victory hinged on "undecided" voters getting to the polls.

The primary was the first since Mondale's "delegate committees" and their acceptance of political action committee money became a major issue. Hart hit hard on the PAC money theme in his Tennessee stops, calling on Mondale to give the money back.

Mondale last week announced first that he would ask the panels to disband and later that his campaign would refund money from the PACs, most tied to labor organizations.

In Washington, with 70 percent of the city black and thousands of voters on the rolls for the first time, Jackson linked arms with Mayor Marion Barry and marched to the polls after a church rally where the crowd chanted "Win, Jesse, win! Win, Jesse, win!"

Jackson was the heavy favorite in predominantly black Washington. He has carried the cities of Philadelphia and Hartford, Conn., in earlier primaries and won the caucuses in his home state of South Carolina, but has not scored any primary victories.



Happy Birthday to AggieLand's First Lady
Reveille IV snatches a piece of cake from freshman Hans Meinardus at a party given in honor of Rev's ninth birthday by Company E-2. Meinardus, mascot corporal 1984-85, and other residents of the second floor of Dorm 2, presented Rev with cards, bones and other gifts.
Photo by PETER ROCHA

Industrial parks boom, invite competition in B-CS

By ED ALANIS
Staff Writer

Industry. It's what makes the world go around. It's the backbone of America. It's the key to the future for Bryan-College Station.

Only recently, however, have the twin cities come to realize this. The Bryan-College Station area currently supports four industrial parks, three of which are less than two years old. The oldest is but 15.

The simultaneous development of three industrial parks is just another example of enormous growth sweeping the Brazos Valley. It's also symbolic of the enormous changes that have taken place in city politics.

College Station was incorporated as a city in 1938, and for about the first quarter-century of its development the city was shaped by one leader — the late Ernest Langford.

In 1954, Mayor Langford said, "The town will grow, but I personally would like to see it stay a college town, with the restful atmosphere that only a college town can have."

And in 1961 Langford said, "We have no manufacturing and we don't want any. We just want to keep it (College Station) a college town."

Langford was right about the town growing. As the sixth fastest growing city in the nation, it is still growing by leaps and bounds.

Langford's personal wish also holds true. College Station is still a college town. And

with half of the twin city residents under age 23, the atmosphere has remained relaxed.

Langford's anti-industry philosophy has not survived, however. Ironically, the college he praised so much has played an important role in the recent industrial development of the city.

Texas A&M University is what made College Station the nation's sixth fastest growing city. Texas A&M has served as a permanent research base for the area and has helped create a favorable atmosphere for modern industry.

Today, the University is taking on a direct role in the industrial boom of the Brazos Valley. The Texas A&M University Research Park is slowly transforming from a drawing

board design into a reality.

Amidst this overnight industrialization, there is competition. Tough competition. All four parks are on the prowl, looking for new companies to join them. And because of some upbeat marketing strategies, new companies are facing a tough decision over which park to choose. All are in the immediate Bryan-College Station area. All offer modern, well planned facilities. All have the potential for steady and prosperous growth.

The oldest of the lot is the Brazos County Industrial Park, organized in 1969, to fill the void left by the closing of Bryan Air Force Base 11 years earlier.

While College Station was guided by the "college town" philosophy of Langford, Bryan's future was shaped for many years by a whole handful of leaders. Among them was the late Travis Bryan Sr.

Bryan ignited an economic boom for his city when he helped re-activate the World War II military base. When the base was again closed, in 1958, Bryan lost its only industrial foothold. The loss in payroll was a hard lesson in economics.

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International students learn to adjust

By MELISSA ADAIR
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Editor's note: This is the first in a two part series about international students at Texas A&M.

For the first time in five years, Chak Wong may go home this year.

In 1979, Wong left his family in Hong Kong to study in the United States.

"It was very hard to leave my family," Wong said. "I miss them so much."

Five years away from family and country is a long time - but it's worth it.

Wong is just one of the almost 2,200 international students at Texas A&M who has left family and country to get an education in the United States. Unlike Wong, some international students go home as often as two or three times a year. Others can't.

However, leaving home and fam-

ily is just one of the difficulties that international students face. They also must learn how to live in a new culture - a completely new world. And many have a hard time adjusting to life in the United States. Their difficulties in adjusting are different, but all are real.

Tina Watkins, international student adviser at Texas A&M, said that many international students are surprised at the cultural differences, but most ultimately adjust.

And cultural differences for international students can be anything from differences in dating rituals to differences in food or language.

Oscar Zaladana, a junior industrial engineering student from El Salvador, said he was surprised most by the way people date.

In El Salvador, he said, dating is considered to be more serious than it is here. People date more casually and more frequently here, he said.

"There's no such thing as a good-

night kiss on the first date in El Salvador," Zaladana said.

For Josue Leos, an entomology graduate student from Mexico, the biggest adjustment was the language.

"Most international students come to the United States with a lot of training in English," Leos said. "But being able to get into a conversation is a totally different story."

Leos said many students suffer because they are afraid to ask questions when they don't understand something in English.

"People (Mexicans) don't want Americans to think they are dumb," he said. Leos said many of his Mexican friends say they see impatience in Americans when they cannot speak English quickly.

For Kenan Alpan, a Turkish graduate student in mechanical engineering, one major adjustment was American food. Alpan was only 16 years old when he left Turkey in

1977 and he had no idea how to cook.

"I had to get used to Big Macs very quickly," he said.

Although each international student has different adjustments they must make, almost all of them have the hardest time being away from their culture and their families.

"It was hard adjusting to living away from my family," Alpan said. "It was especially hard for me because I was so young."

Alpan said if his parents hadn't written supportive letters he's not sure if he would have made it.

"They kept writing and telling me how proud they were of me and how they knew I could make it," Alpan said. "That kept me going."

Wong said it is hardest when he thinks about how long it's been since he's seen his family. But on a lighter

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