Battalion Classifieds

NOTICE





Tuesday

- MILITARY STUDIES INSTITUTE: Dr. Frank Vandiver will speak about General John F. Pershing at 7:30 p.m. in 113 Kleberg.
- **AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS:** Gary Kitmacher will speak on the NASA space station at 7:30 p.m. in 102 Zachry.
- MANAGEMENT SOCIETY: will hold a reception for Kinney Shoes at 7 p.m. in the Hilton Ballroom 2.
- ECONOMICS SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in 125 Blocker. TAMU PALEONTOLOGY: will meet at 8 p.m. in 174 Halbouty
- TAMU ONE-WHEELERS: will meet at 6 p.m. in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum.
- STUDY ABROAD: will hold an information session, "Travel Europe On Your Own," at 2 p.m. in 251 Bizzell West.
- OHIO HOMESTATE CLUB: will meet at 6 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.

Wednesday

- YOUNG CONSERVATIVES OF TEXAS: Ambassador H. Eugene Douglass will speak on "The Future of the Reagan Revolution" at 7:30 p.m. in 401 Rudder. CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL: will hold a program on date
- rape at 8:30 p.m. in 501 Rudder.
- PRE-VET SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in 230 Veterinary Medical Sciences.
- STUDENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL: will meet at 7 a.m. in 324 Zachry
- UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY: will hold an Aggie supper
- at 6 p.m. at the A&M Presbyterian Church. NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: will meet at 8:30 p.m. Call
- 845-5826 for location. MSC FRESHMAN LEADERSHIP DYNAMICS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder.
- MSC CAMAC: will meet at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder.
- RHA: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.
- AGGIE TOASTERS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 342 Zachry.
- EUROPE CLUB: will meet at 9:30 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's.
- AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder.
- TAMU SCUBA CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 604 Rudder. SAN ANTONIO HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 7:30
- p.m. in 308 Rudder. AGGIE BAR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP: Applica-
- tions are available through Monday in 103 Academic for seniors planning to enter law school in the fall.
- STUDY ABROAD: will hold an informational seminar on study abroad programs at 2 p.m. in 251 Bizzell West. Applications for exchange programs to Mexico, Germany and Scotland are available through Thursday in 161 Bizzell
- Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three working days prior to desired publication date.

Hardship licenses shrink in number due to state law

By Tom Hamiter

Reporter

Although drivers must still be at least 15 to qualify for a minor's restricted driver's license in Texas, state legislation has succeeded in re-ducing the number of MRDL holders.

The MRDL is commonly called

"The law was a good idea," Dennis says. "It had gotten to where every kid in junior high school was looking forward to getting a hardship license.

Sgt. Bruce Sims of the College Station Police Department says he doesn't see many drivers with a hardship license. "Driving is too much responsibil-



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he hardship license. It can be ob-ained by 15-year-olds — without ny driver education - who claim, or example, that they have to drive o work or transport sick family nembers to the doctor. Normally, one must be at least 16 years old and ass a driver education course or be 8 years old to receive a license.

Before state legislation was passed n 1983 that tightened qualifications or obtaining MRDLs, about 71,000 een-agers received hardship li-enses a year, says Dr. Maurice Dennis, coordinator of the safety educa-

tion program at Texas A&M. One A&M student says, "I got a hardship license when I was 15 and all I told them was that I had to drive to school.

A spokesperson for the Depart-ment of Public Safety says a person now must be ready to prove that a hardship exists to qualify for the license. A person also may be asked to show financial records.

As a result of the statutory crackdown, an A&M study has found only 1,109 teens qualified for a hardship license in 1984.

ity for most 15-year-olds," Sims says "It's a hard question to put on age. It depends on the maturity of the individual — some 15-year-olds are more mature than some 25-yearolds.

Dennis says there's a push by some people to make the minimum driving age 18 for everyone. This wouldn't work, he says, because many 18-year-olds have graduated from high school and gone off to college, making obtaining a license an inconvenience for them.

Even after a teen has passed driver education, Dennis says, that new driver isn't really prepared for the potential dangers faced when driving.

"Most driver education programs are weak," he says. "They don't ad-dress the things that kill drivers. They spend more time teaching par-allel parking than how to steer out of a skid."

The hardship license law, Dennis says, will effectively reduce the number of teens involved in accidents and will encourage teens to take driver education.

Clements: Charge of laxity in education reform untrue

AUSTIN (AP) - The U.S. education secretary's charges that Texas is "backsliding" on education reform seem based on misinformation, Gov.

Bill Clements said Monday. The governor also said he was puzzled why Education Secretary William J. Bennett didn't raise his concerns when he was in Texas last month to address the Legislature.

"He just recently spent a couple of days here," Clements said. "He didn't have those comments to make then. I don't know why he has to go out to California and make those comments. I don't think they have any foundation in fact, and I'm surprised he made them.'

Speaking in San Francisco on Sunday, Bennett told the National Education Association that he was distressed because the Legislature had abandoned plans to test teachers on knowledge of their subjects. Texas Education Commissioner

William Kirby said Texas simply decided on another way to make certain teachers are competent to teach their subject specialties. All current teachers were required

last year to take the TECAT basic skills test. Those who failed twice lost their teaching certificates.

Rather than administer another test on subject knowledge, Kirby said the state Board of Education decided to rely on teacher appraisals.

"We've put into place a comprehensive appraisal system," Kirby said. "We really felt that was the way to eliminate from the classroom anybody who was incompetent.'

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