

Midterms

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"You know how well you're doing," he said. "You don't need a piece of paper to tell you. I think they (A&M) could do away with them altogether and save a lot of money."

Some students have traditionally used midterm grade reports to order their senior rings early because the reports verified to the ring office that the student was passing enough hours to meet the ordering requirements.

Under the new policy, those who are enrolled in enough classes to

bring their hour total to 95 or more by the following semester may place their orders early, but the orders won't be sent until the students are verifiable seniors.

Carolyn Swanzy, director of the ring office, said this will cut down on the bulk of orders usually placed at midterm.

Carter said that by producing midterms only for freshmen, the University will save several thousand dollars each semester. However, he said saving money was not a consideration when the new policy was adopted. About two-thirds of the cost of midterm reports — mailing,

labor, forms and processing — will be avoided, he said.

The elimination of most midterm reports has forced some colleges within the University to change their policies on who they allow to preregister for classes the following semester.

Preregistration criteria is set by each college independently; some colleges never used midterm grades as a criteria for preregistration, but some colleges did take them into consideration.

In the College of Architecture, past policy allowed preregistration for students who had an overall

grade-point ratio below 2.0 only if they brought it above the 2.0 probation level at midterm, said Melynda Cloud, an undergraduate counselor in the college. She said that because of the elimination of most midterm reports, the majority of students who begin a semester with a GPR below 2.0 won't be allowed to preregister. Some students below the 2.0 mark might be allowed to preregister if their individual circumstances call for it, she said.

The College of Education did use midterm grades to review students' progress, but they weren't the only

determinant of who could preregister, Associate Dean Bryan Cole said.

"We took them as a trend indicator," Cole said. "You had to look at extremes to get a real feel of midterms. Midterms always had to be taken with a grain of salt."

This semester, Cole said, preregistration decisions will be made on an individual basis with the student's GPR before the semester playing some role in the decision.

In the College of Engineering, each of its 13 departments will set its own policy. Assistant Dean Robert Chenoweth, who heads the college undergraduate program, said the

new policies will probably differ between departments.

"(In past semesters), by and large, departmental advisers used to give grades as one of the critical tools," he said. "This semester, I assume that many of the departments will just block everybody who is on probation and there will be that let everybody preregister."

The colleges of business, arts and medicine never use term grades in determining whether a student could preregister so the new policy will not affect them. The colleges do not have a specific policy or could not be contacted.

Fire safety

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we bring it up to the architects and engineers and get it fixed."

But, Stiteler said, sometimes certain "gray areas" arise in the planning stages that call for interpretation. A "gray area" might occur if the codes are worded in a way that leaves it unclear exactly how a certain situation should be handled, he said.

"If, when we review a building

(plan), we see a gray area... we have to get together and work it out," Stiteler said.

A&M has buildings that are not up to code, Stiteler said, but all future buildings constructed by A&M will meet the codes. He also said there are going to be times when the codes will not be met.

He said he always would like to go with the method that meets the codes and is the safest, but he added

that is not always what happens. Just because it might be safer to build something a certain way does not mean it will be done that way, he said.

When the building is still in the planning stages, Stiteler said, he will make suggestions on any safety problem he sees, but if those in charge of actually making design decisions do not want to use the suggestions there is not much he can do. If being stricter than the codes

would be safer, Stiteler said he would like A&M to be tougher, but sometimes A&M does not even meet the codes they use for guidelines.

"If the code calls for it and the user doesn't want it, we might not get to put it in," Stiteler said. "In order to accomplish this they (the user) would have to have a very strong argument, but it can happen."

Installation of sprinkler systems in a building for fire protection is one

area where the codes might not be met, Stiteler said.

He said just because the codes call for a sprinkler system does not mean one will be used.

There are people at A&M who do not understand the way a sprinkler system works, Stiteler said. Many people think all sprinklers are activated when a fire breaks out, but that is not true, he said.

When a fire breaks out the only

sprinklers that should activate are the ones actually triggered by fire.

The College Station fire department is to contain a fire to its origin — not extinguish it.

Davis said a sprinkler system contains a fire, and thus the amount of damage it can cause of this, he said, should be used more often.

Warning to black Bork supporter reminiscent of KKK, senator says

WASHINGTON (AP) — A telephone warning from a Senate Judiciary Committee aide to a black law professor supporting Supreme Court nominee Robert H. Bork was "reminiscent of the ugly tactics of the Ku Klux Klan," Sen. Gordon Humphrey, R-N.H., said Sunday.

Humphrey, a Bork supporter and a member of the committee, called for an investigation of the incident as the Senate prepared to debate the nomination this week.

Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd said debate on Bork could start Tuesday, but indicated he might remove the nomination from the agenda if arguments start going on too long.

John T. Baker, an Indiana University law professor, had been

scheduled to testify before the Judiciary Committee in support of Bork on Sept. 28, but withdrew after receiving a telephone call from committee aide Linda Greene the night before, according to a published report Sunday.

Humphrey called on Committee Chairman Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., "to conduct an immediate investigation to determine whether this aide was acting under instructions or encouragement of her superiors."

Greene, who is also black, said she knew Baker and warned him to expect a tough examination of his academic career and scholarship, but she denied her intent was to dissuade him from testifying, according to the *New York Times*. She charac-

terized it as a call to a professional associate whom she regarded as a friend.

"I told him, 'People are playing hardball,'" Greene said. "I asked him if he was prepared to go through tough questioning he was going to get."

Baker told the newspaper that Greene, counsel to a Judiciary subcommittee headed by Sen. Howard M. Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, played a role in changing his mind, but he said there was no intimidation or harassment.

Peter Harris, Metzenbaum's chief aide, said Sunday that Greene's statement to the newspaper — that neither Metzenbaum nor other committee members knew of her call or urged her to make it — was accurate.

He quoted Metzenbaum, who is strongly opposed to the nomination, as saying, "This shows how desperate the White House has become."

Byrd, D-W.Va., announced Friday that he would open debate on the nomination Tuesday unless the Senate makes that impossible by arguing over the need for invoking the War Powers Act due to developments in the Persian Gulf.

The senator has said there's no reason for a lengthy debate because 54 of 100 senators already have announced their opposition to the nominee.

Humphrey, however, vowed Sunday to "stand against the herd" to make sure Bork gets a full hearing in the Senate.

Woman faces Baptist withdrawal after taking job as pastor

DECATUR, Ga. (AP) — The appointment of a woman as pastor of a Tennessee Baptist church has riled fundamentalist Southern Baptists.

"It's just a shame this had to happen," the Rev. Nancy Hastings Sehested said last week as she prepared to leave her Decatur home and take over the pulpit at Prescott Memorial Baptist Church in Memphis.

On Monday, the all-male Shelby (County) Baptist Association, representing 120 Southern Baptist Churches in the Memphis area, will announce the findings of its examination of Prescott Memorial's "doctrinal soundness."

If found lacking, Prescott Memorial's 235 members could be excluded from the association, a move that would further heighten tensions between feuding fundamentalist and liberal factions in the Southern Baptist Association.

Sehested, who will assume new post Nov. 1, is one of the women who have been ordained Southern Baptist ministers in recent years.

She holds a master of divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York.

The Rev. E. Gordon Crocker, executive director of the Baptist Association, said Memphis Commercial Appeal last month that some ministers assisting Sehested quoted a scriptural passage in Titus which states a church "must be the husband of its wife."

Crocker said it was doubtful that the passage referred to a woman minister in an army, not women ministers.

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IM GAMEPLAN

Entries Close October 20

HORSESHOE SINGLES: ENTRY FEE: FREE!! PLAY BEGINS: Tues., Oct. 27. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE: Classes A, B and C will play in single elimination tournaments. SCHEDULES: Will be posted after 3 PM on Thurs. Oct. 22 on the bulletin boards outside the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read.

EQUIPMENT: Horseshoes are provided for the tournament, but may be checked out from the Checkout Room, 157 Read for practice.

LOCATION: The horseshoe pits are located directly north of the Penberthy Intramural Complex.

PUNT, PASS AND KICK: ENTRY FEE: FREE!! PRELIMINARIES: Will be held on Tues., Oct. 27, Wed., Oct. 28 and Thurs., Oct. 29, 6-8 PM at the Intramural Sports Center. FORMAT: Each participant will be allowed one attempt at each of the three activities in the preliminaries. The 3 distances will be totaled for an individual's score. The top 5 scorers will advance to the finals to be held Wed., Nov. 4, 6:30 PM at the Intramural Sport Center. EQUIPMENT: Participants must provide their own tee. Balls will be provided.

BOWLING SINGLES: ENTRY FEE: \$2.30 per person for the first two games. PLAY BEGINS: Sun., Nov. 1. LOCATION: MSC Bowling Lanes. TOURNAMENT: There will be one week of qualifying rounds, then based on a two game average, the top percentage will be seeded into a single elimination tournament for Classes A, B and C. REGISTRATION: Participants must sign up for a day, time and lane for the qualifying round. This will be done at the time the entry is accepted in the IM Office.

REMINDERS

- FLAG FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS begin on Wed., Oct. 21. Teams should check the bulletin boards across from racquetball courts 1 & 2 to see when they play.
- DIVISIONALS for the Intramural SWIM MEET will be held tonight, Mon., Oct. 19 at the P.L. Downs Pool.
- VOLLEYBALL begins tonight in the Read Building. Teams that have not picked up their schedules may do so in the IM Office.
- INNERTUBE WATER BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS will be posted on Tues., Oct. 20. Playoffs begin on Thurs., Oct. 22. Teams should check the bulletin board across from racquetball courts 1 and 2 for the schedule.
- FLICKERBALL play begins tonight, Mon., Oct. 19. Teams that have not picked up their schedules may do so in the IM Office, 159 Read Bldg.
- PICKLEBALL play will begin on Tues., Oct. 20. Participants should check the bulletin boards outside the IM Office to see when they play.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Congratulations to Todd Bryan and Clay Hopkins for each submitting a question for last week's Friday Trivia Contest. Todd and Clay each received free French Fries from McDonald's for submitting a trivia question no one could answer correctly. Remember there are two ways to win. Either answer the trivia question correctly or submit a question no one can answer. Join the fun this week by trying to answer the question beginning 11 AM on Friday or submit your question by Thursday!

LAST WEEK'S QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

- On Tuesday, September 22, Howard Johnson hit his 36th homerun of the year. By doing so, he established a new National League record for homeruns by a switch hitter in a season. Whose record did he break? Rip Collins, St. Louis Cardinals 1934. (Submitted by Clay Hopkins).
- Who was the first NBA player to break a backboard? Chuck Connors (Submitted by Todd Bryan).

SPORT CLUB NEWS

- The MEN'S SOCCER TEAM will have a game against Baylor on sat., Oct. 24 on East Campus at 2 PM.
- The WOMEN'S VARSITY II SOCCER TEAM will play a three team tournament with Arkansas and Trinity this weekend Oct. 23-25. The games will be played on the Drill Field Friday night, Saturday and Sunday.

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TAMU OUTDOORS

Registration for the following trips and clinics continues in the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read Building. KAYAK ROLL CLINIC Registration for the third kayak roll session continues through Oct. 19 for a roll session to be held on Wed., Oct. 21 from 6:30-8:30 PM in Cain Pool. The fee for this clinic is \$5.00 for A&M affiliates and \$8.00 for nonaffiliates. This clinic is limited to 10 participants.

CLIMBING/RAPELLING AT ENCHANTED ROCK. Join us at the Rock in the midst of the Texas Hill Country where instructors will teach a variety of climbing techniques and safety skills throughout the weekend. Registration ends today for this trip which will be held on the weekend of Oct. 23-25 and costs \$30.00 for A&M affiliates and \$35.00 for non-A&M affiliates. The trip is offered to beginning and intermediate climbers. Rental of camping equipment, climbing equipment, camping fees and experienced instruction is included in the price. This trip is limited to 10 participants. For more information on the TAMU OUTDOORS Program, contact Patsy Greiner at 845-7826.



Drop in for the Innertube Water Basketball Playoffs which begin Thursday