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Photo by Shelly Schlueter

Chill out

Junior engineering major Dana Rummerfield tries to keep warm between classes. Rummerfield is a native Californian and is not used to the current cool temperatures.

Senate will hear views on final exam schedule

By Karen Kroesche
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Faculty members will have a chance to make their opinions heard on the senior finals scheduling issue at an open hearing Feb. 17. Speaker of the Faculty Senate C. Richard Shumway said Monday.

The Executive Committee of the Senate scheduled the hearings as a forum for open discussion on the compromise schedule that was recently approved by the Student Senate. The hearings will be held from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in MSC Room 206.

Jay Hays, speaker of the Student Senate, said Shumway invited student senators to attend the hearings and answer questions on the proposed finals schedule.

"It's essentially a faculty hearing

at which they want student representatives who have been working on this issue to answer questions," Hays said.

The students' proposed schedule would move finals this semester to May 9-13 for undergraduates and to May 7, 9 and 10 for graduating seniors. Graduation ceremonies would still be held May 13 and 14.

Shumway said the student's proposal will be presented for possible endorsement at the next regular meeting of the Faculty Senate on March 7.

One of the students' biggest complaints about the current schedule was that the campus would be empty when seniors graduate. The proposal solves that problem.

Student and faculty representa-

tives arrived at the compromise at a recent meeting between the two groups.

The Battalion reported Jan. 20 that Student Senate and Faculty Senate officers were meeting to discuss the finals schedule after both groups expressed displeasure with the plan that is currently in place.

In the article, Hays said that last semester's trial run of the schedule created problems for both faculty and students.

"It pointed out a lot of problems in the practical application of the schedule," he said in the Battalion story.

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Faculty senators criticize Sherrill's professor title

By Karen Kroesche
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Faculty Senators Monday criticized Jackie Sherrill's appointment as full professor with tenure, but the Senate tabled a resolution condemning the action.

The Board of Regents granted the title to Sherrill at its Jan. 24 meeting, praising his accomplishments as A&M athletic director.

The Senate debated at length whether to formally discuss a resolution from Dr. David R. Anderson that expressed "deep regret" at the Board's actions. Anderson submitted the resolution as an emergency measure at Monday's meeting after the Executive Committee tabled the resolution prior to the meeting and refused to put it on the agenda.

According to parliamentary procedure, a majority vote of the Faculty Senate was required in order to place the resolution on the agenda for formal discussion. After 40 minutes of debate, the Senate voted to include Anderson's resolution on

the agenda and discuss it formally, but then tabled it by a vote of 49-17.

The resolution stated: "Whereas the Faculty Senate recognizes the achievements of the University's athletic programs under the leadership of Jackie Sherrill, but

"Whereas faculty status, rank, and the award of tenure require academic qualifications, experience and achievement or achievement in arts, letters or sciences outside the academy, and

"Whereas individual departments and colleges have established proce-

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Stereotyping plagues A&M athletes

By Tracy Staton
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If it were possible to open the compartment labeled "athlete" in most people's brains, out would step a huge, muscular man sporting a dazed facial expression. He would probably be holding a football.

"Yo," the man would say. "I've got to go to practice. No time for school, but who cares if I flunk out?"

This vision crumbles when examined under the bright light of fact. There's a wide world of sports beyond football, and football players

Athletes at A&M
Part one of a four-part series

don't always fit the stereotype of brawniness and stupidity.

But these misconceptions abound in the world of student athletics, and Texas A&M is no exception.

P. Clark Whiteside, associate director of the Aggie Club, says the stereotypes linger because people don't make an effort to think otherwise.

"People are really enforcing the prejudice and the ignorance because

they don't know or take the time to hear the way it really is," Whiteside, Class of '78, says. "Everyone considers college athletics to be football — period — and that's not how it is."

The stereotype keeps people from noticing other athletes besides football players, further strengthening this narrow view, he says.

"When someone is making judgments about athletes, he may be sitting next to a woman golfer, and he doesn't know she's an athlete just because she's not 6 foot 8 inches and 280 pounds," Whiteside says.

Jenny Breummer, a junior exer-

cise technology major, comes into contact with many athletes through her job at East Kyle. She says some athletes are just like the typical student, but others aren't as pleasant.

"There are some that are really cocky, but some are just regular guys," she says. "There are very few jerks, but I think those few are the ones that make the athletes look bad."

Lynn Hickey, assistant director for women's athletics, says another

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Students try to prevent faculty club

By Jeff Pollard
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The Faculty Club of Texas A&M University is less than a month away from completing work on the faculty lounge in Rudder Tower, but some A&M students and former students are looking to keep the grand-opening celebrations from happening.

The lounge is being constructed in the top two floors of Rudder Tower, where the public dining facility used to be. The dining room was opened on June 17, 1977, and

was open to the public for breakfast and lunch until it was closed last fall.

In a Jan. 28 faculty club newsletter, the founding board of directors of the faculty club, comprised of 868 paying faculty members, says they will plan special events for students on occasions like graduation or Parent's Day. The newsletter says while

"... they have always been mindful of student desires not to be totally excluded from the tower, our policy in no way implies student usage on other than those occasions such as those mentioned."

Students have started a petition that protests the faculty club's exclusion of students and suggests that the club be re-opened to the public.

The petition is being circulated through the office of Mason Hogan, student body president.

This is the first time many students have been informed of the restrictions being placed on the tower. Hogan says few people even knew about the club before this semester.

"I was under the impression that about 15 students a day would be able to use the club if they made a

reservation," Hogan said. "Obviously that is not to be the case."

The petition says "undersigned taxpayers and voters of Texas" are opposed to the takeover of the top floors of a state-owned building (Rudder Tower) for the use as a private club for the faculty of A&M.

Such discriminatory use, the petition says, would prohibit the freedom of the use of this space by any and all tax payers/citizens of Texas

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Clements pleased with A&M plans to cap enrollment

By Todd Riemenschneider
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Gov. William P. Clements was in College Station Monday and approved of the enrollment management program at Texas A&M.

Clements said he is pleased to find out what A&M has planned for enrollment management.

"I was pleased to hear what they have in mind with regard to the enrollment procedures and the population of the institution," he said.

The enrollment management program is designed to get the number of students on campus in line with the facilities the University has to offer.

"I think this is part of what we need to do across the state to better use our resources, wherever they are, like this A&M campus and its system and to improve the quality of our education, our students and the products we are turning out in higher education," Clements said.

The governor said he believes the enrollment management program at A&M and the University of Texas at Austin will help out other schools in the state.

"I think this will be highly beneficial to all of the schools down stream, wherever they may be," Clements said, "because it will give them the opportunity to participate in a level of students that had been coming here or going to Austin and instead, they will be going down stream into some of these other institutions."

"This (enrollment management) will enhance the quality of these other institutions," he said.

Since the enrollment management program will raise the admission requirements to the University, questions have been raised as to what this will do to minority student recruitment.

Clements said he is aware of the need at A&M and UT to bring minority enrollments up.



Gov. Bill Clements answers questions Monday as Chancellor Perry Adkisson watches.

Photo by Jay Janner

"First of all, I know there is a strenuous effort at both institutions here in College Station, as well as in Austin, to increase the sheer numbers of minorities on campus," he said.

Clements said the goal in these programs are never met, however, much progress has been made and deserves to be noticed.

"We never do as well in these things as we would like to, but we have made enormous progress, there is no question about that," Clements said. "I think it is time that everyone recognize the progress we have made, instead of being so crit-

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Athlete arraigned for assault charge, released on bond

By Drew Leder
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Texas A&M football player Guy Broom was arraigned Monday on one charge of aggravated assault and two counts of misdemeanor assault as a result of an incident Jan. 30 that resulted in the hospitalization of two A&M students and a College Station man.

Broom, a senior who played defensive end for A&M the past four years, and his lawyer, were at the Brazos County Courthouse when the warrant was issued. Broom turned himself in to police shortly afterwards, said College Station Detective Richard VanNest, who headed the investigation of the incident.

Broom went before a judge at 10:40 a.m. Monday and VanNest said he was released on personal recognizance after posting a bond of \$3,300. In about 30 days he will appear before a judge to enter a plea.

If found guilty of the aggravated assault charge, which is a third-degree felony, Broom could face a sentence of between two and 10 years in a Texas Department of Corrections facility and a maximum fine of \$5,000. The misdemeanor charges carry a maximum fine of \$1,000 and up to one year in jail. However, all of the charges could be probated, which would result in no prison time or fine, assistant Brazos County Attorney Rod Anderson said.

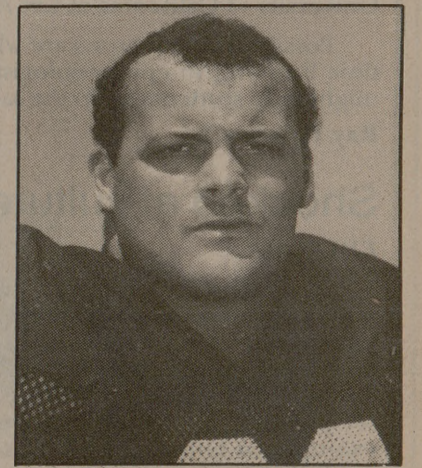
"The sentence all depends on the circumstances and the defendant's background, and there is no way to estimate a probable sentence," Anderson said.

If the case goes to trial, the county attorney's office will prosecute the misdemeanor assault charges while the district attorney's office will prosecute the felony charges.

Andy Barclay underwent surgery Thursday for the injuries he sustained in the incident. Police records show the College Station man told them Broom assaulted him, his wife Mary, and Walter Voigtman for no apparent reason in the Woodstone Shopping Center parking lot.

Barclay had two steel pins placed in his broken collar bone and several torn ligaments in his shoulder area repaired, Mrs. Barclay said Monday. Barclay was released from the hospital Friday, she said.

Mrs. Barclay said her husband could not respond to questions Monday. He has missed the last six days



Guy Broom

of school and she said he is expected to be out until next week. Mrs. Barclay said he probably will not be able to return to his regular job as a lumber sales clerk for some time because it requires lifting heavy objects.

Barclay's surgery was one reason for the lapse of time between the incident and the filing of charges, said VanNest, who added he wanted to see the outcome of the surgery before issuing a warrant.

The lapse before Broom was arrested also gave police time to get their "paperwork together" and investigate the allegations, VanNest said. But, he said, so far the investigation hasn't turned up any witnesses to the incident other than those involved. The Barclay's said it was bystanders who originally told them Broom was the man involved.

He said police are still looking for witnesses and hope someone who saw the incident will come forward.

The Barclays and Voigtman told police Broom threw Barclay against the rear of a car, threw Voigtman, a political science major, against an open car door, and hit Mrs. Barclay, an elementary education major, in the face. The three told police the assault was unprovoked.

The Battalion attempted to contact Broom Monday night but A&M Assistant Sports Information Director Colin Killian, a liaison between The Battalion and the Athletic Department, said Broom would not want to comment on the charges.