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## 12<sup>th</sup> MAN STUDENT FOUNDATION

The 12th Man Student Foundation invites everyone to attend the last general meeting of the semester. Our guest speaker will be Texas A&M's track coach, Ted Nelson.

Where: 110 Student Services Building

When: Tuesday, April 6 at 7 pm

Come out and get involved in Texas Aggie athletics!

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## NOTICE

PHYS 202 has been added to the list of courses to be taught in Summer 1993. It will be a ten-week course with lecture and lab times.

Lecture: MWF 8-9:25 a.m. (ENPH 202)  
Sect. 301 lab: MW 12-2:50 p.m. (HELD 217)  
Sect. 302 lab: MW 2-4:50 p.m. (HELD 217)

These sections are established on the SIMS system and are available for student registration.

## Alpha Chi Omega Annual 4-Man Scramble Golf Tournament

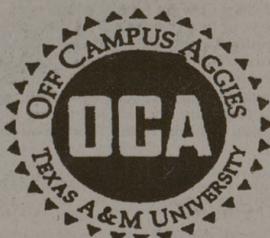
Texas A&M Golf Course  
Sunday, April 25, 1993

### Register:

April 1 - 18  
MSC, Blocker, and  
the Alpha Chi Omega House

For more information phone:  
696-5516

## OFF CAMPUS AGGIES



## General Meeting

Monday, April 5  
8:30 p.m.  
110 Student Services Bldg.

## Religious journey to Austin



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Michael Pierce, a pastor for the Church House of Prayer, pulls a cross he built to help spread the word of Jesus Christ. This is the fifth year in a row that he has taken on this task of traveling to Austin from his

hometown of Porter, a distance of 170 miles. Upon arrival in Austin, Pierce will celebrate Easter at the State Capitol building.

## Judicial Board

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Ballots filled out incorrectly would be rejected by the tabulating computer. The commissioners speculated anywhere from 10 to 40 percent of the ballots would have been thrown out because of the confusion.

Campbell and Cook said they altered ballots to ensure all of the votes would be counted.

"We only changed marks if we thought it was obvious what they (the voters) meant," Cook said. "We admit, we did not think twice about it because this was also done last year. We didn't think we were doing anything unethical."

The Judicial Board ruled although members of the Election Commission did alter election ballots, no re-vote would be held because the commission acted in good faith.

- The board's final ruling stated:
- The two-column format did not alter the outcome or integrity of the election.
- The alteration of ballots was inappropriate, even though the Election Commission acted in good faith.

• The absence of a sample ballot at polling places did not affect the outcome or integrity of the election.

• The throwing out of ballots by the commission was appropriate under the authority granted to the commission.

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-Michelle Cook,  
Election Commissioner

• Regarding unattended ballots, no evidence of wrongdoing was presented to the Judicial Board.

The board recommended in future elections the commission not alter ballots, never leave ballots unattended and clarify ballot instructions to voters.

Kim Tenpas, Residence Hall Association president, said the ruling was a "cop-out."

"A lot of things happened that affected the elections this year," Tenpas said. "They were tampering with the ballots, and I question the validity of the whole election. This did not uphold what it means to be an Aggie."

Mason said he also questioned the board's decision.

"The question here was if regulations were violated, and yes, they were," Mason said. "They based their decision not on the violations but on the characters of [the commissioners]. We feel sorry for every Aggie. Justice was not served."

Steve Beller, student body president, said he did not think anything was done with the intent to alter the election results.

"They [the commissioners] did not do anything to pull the wool over anyone's eyes," Beller said. "What we are questioning here is a simple mistake, and it's effect on the election."

He said no matter which way the ruling would have gone, not everyone would be happy.

"If this is there decision, then I accept it," Beller said. "Any decision you make there will be a group of students who doubt it."

## Birth Control

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the beagle dog was not the most appropriate model to study a progesterone drug because the dogs react differently to them than humans do," she said.

Regulatory authorities disregarded this data, Steinberg said, but there was much activity by women's groups in the United States based primarily on the beagle dog study.

Depo-Provera critics also charge a lack of information about

the long-term effects of the drug, but Upjohn disputes this argument.

"We now have long-term data in women, not just animals, that shows Depo-Provera is safe and effective," Steinberg said.

The World Health Organization conducted a long-term study by following 12,000 women using Depo-Provera for nine years. The organization found no overall increase in the risk of breast or other types of cancer they studied, she said.

"The FDA has approved Depo-Provera because the benefits outweigh the risks," she said.

Currently, Depo-Provera is available to women in 90 countries and has been used worldwide since 1969, Steinberg said.

Dr. Ethel Tsutsui, biochemistry and biophysics professor and head of women's studies at A&M, said the United States lags behind the rest of the world in contraceptive choices for women.

"Europe and some third world countries have more choices than we do," she said.

"This is because the drug companies are not so anxious to research in new contraceptives because I think they are afraid of the far right."

"The fundamentalists and pro-life people who aren't really in favor of contraceptives have threatened to boycott drug companies," she said. "The companies have cold feet and don't carry out the research any more."

Dr. Judith Baer, associate professor of political science, said, a safe, easy use of birth control for women is not a priority in the United States.

Still, one danger that some critics foresee with an injectable birth control is the abuse of it.

"There is a danger that we have seen in Norplant," Baer said. "People have been talking about making people use it as a condition to probation - when it's not voluntary."

Historically, there has been abuse of compulsory birth control. With a method like Depo-Provera, which is long-term and easy-to-use, the danger can be great, Baer said.

"The policy of the United States is that it has been against this since 1979," she said. "But no one is willing to take an oath that

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-Florence Steinberg,  
Upjohn spokesperson

this won't happen again."

Andreadis said it is retrograde to allow Depo-Provera to be used in the United States.

"It was banned in the U.S. and dumped in third world countries in the '70s," Andreadis said. "It was deemed unfit for use in the United States."

Because Depo-Provera is long-lasting and requires no effort on the part of the patient, it has a special appeal to the third world because it is injectable, Andreadis said.

According to an article in "Population Reports," Depo-Provera injections are considered a safe, effective form of modern medicine.

Tsutsui said there may be abuses of this drug among women who can't understand how the drug works and don't ask questions.

"At least they should be told how it works and what the risks are," she said. "I'm not sure that they are being informed."

The Association of Reproductive Health Professionals (ARHP), a national association of physicians and educators, launched an educational campaign in March to increase knowledge of contraceptive options for women.

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