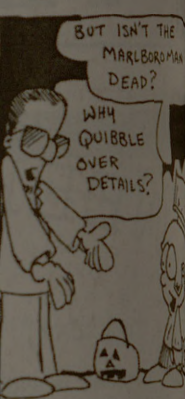


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MSC Council adjusts selection process

By MARIKA COOK THE BATTALION

The Memorial Student Center Council has revised its procedure for choosing its 1997 members. The nomination process has been condensed to benefit the interview team and applicants.

There are four types of positions students may hold within the MSC Council. There are 20 to 25 directors, 15 vice presidents, four executive vice presidents and one president.

Liz Rayburn, executive vice president of human resources, a senior psychology major and head of the selection process, said the selection process was shortened to increase efficiency.

"The process is shorter to decrease needed manpower, make my job easier, and it gives vice presidents more input," Rayburn said. "We have taken (the) directors out of the selection process," Rayburn said. "Applicants are now interviewed by the vice president of their section, the outgoing director, and the adviser."

Once applicants have completed an application, submitted three performance appraisals and been interviewed, their acceptance is determined by the council.

The MSC Council is the governing body for the 25 to 30 MSC programs. The council provides resources, maintains a relations area and sends students to conferences. The council also aids programs with recruiting and retaining membership, training and organizing financial budgets.

Erin Mozola, executive vice president of administration and a senior applied math major, said the MSC boasts quality programs. "Our facilities provide student development opportunities," Mozola said.

Among the MSC programs are MSC Print 'N Copy, University Plus and the Forsyth Center Galleries.

The MSC Council tries to recruit members from different areas to represent the University's population.

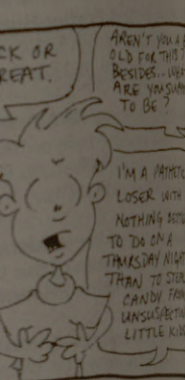
The council is selected on a yearly basis. The selection process begins in January and is completed in March.

"By condensing the process, we are changing our calendar," Mozola said. "Holding interviews is a big strain, which we are trying to reduce."

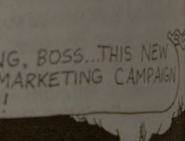
The council is trying to make all aspects of the process easier for the participants and more efficient for the people running the programs.

"We have a customer focus to make everything more friendly," Mozola said.

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Geology department offers dinosaur studies course

By MEREDITH STEWART THE BATTALION

A new geology course to study the lives of dinosaurs will be offered to Texas A&M students beginning this spring.

Dr. Tom Yancey, professor of geology, said the class will give students a chance to study something new.

"It's about the life of these animals, and about the great controversies and great problems associated with them," he said.

The class, titled "The World of Dinosaurs," will take a detailed look into the lives of dinosaurs and how they lived. The class will emphasize the biological structure of dinosaurs rather than their bone structure.

Common questions about dinosaurs, like the environment they lived in and why they became extinct, will also be discussed.

The recent surge of interest in the study of dinosaurs around the world led to the addition of the class to the A&M elective curriculum.

"There's more information coming out now about dinosaurs than anytime in the past," Yancey said. "Biologists, geologists, paleontologists, physiologists ... people are switching to study dinosaurs."

"The World of Dinosaurs" will also help students learn more than just the basic knowledge of dinosaurs.

Dr. Karl Koenig, associate department head for the Department of Geology, said the class

will allow students to expand on childhood interests.

"At some time in everyone's life as a kid, they became interested in dinosaurs," Koenig said. "This class will expand on that interest."

"People have always had an interest in dinosaurs, and suddenly they don't learn anything about them."

"The World of Dinosaurs" is open to all students interested in dinosaurs.

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Dr. Karl Koenig
Department of Geology

"It's more for people who have a passion for learning about exotic animals," Yancey said.

The class will be available as a special topics elective course for four credit hours, with plans to make it a core curriculum course in the future.

Koenig said the class will help provide the Department of Geology with a wider variety of courses.

"It will give geology greater visibility," Koenig said.

Chinese democracy advocate receives 11-year jail sentence

BEIJING (AP) — The trial last week of a Chinese democracy advocate resulted in an 11-year prison sentence for Wang Dan, one of the last active leaders of the 1989 Tiananmen Square democracy movement.

With Wednesday's swift judgment, China's Communist Party leaders signaled their resolve to silence critics.

But they also revealed worries about anti-government sentiment and the potent memories of the military assault that crushed the 1989 demonstrations.

The student movement was seen as a big thing that nobody can forget it," said a man standing outside the courthouse where Wang Dan was tried. "Just because we don't talk about it openly doesn't mean we don't care," said the man, who refused to be identified.

For many, Wang symbolized that movement.

As a Beijing University student, he led marches and called for a student union free of government control. After the crackdown, the government put him atop its most-wanted list, flashing his picture on TV nationwide.

Wang served three and a half years in prison only to emerge unrepentant. Over 27 months — before he was taken away by police in May 1995 — he criticized the party in essays published abroad, met with other activists and petitioned the government for democracy.

His writings and meetings were used as evidence to convict him Wednesday of plotting to subvert the government.

Wang tried "to mold public opinion to subvert the government. ... He instigated people by saying that 'it is time to turn our words into actions,'" the state-run Xinhua News Agency said in announcing the verdict.

The trial in Beijing Intermediate People's Court took place amid the usual secrecy and unusually heavy police presence.

No foreign reporters or observers were allowed to attend, despite requests by the United States and other governments.

Police cordoned off the courthouse in western Beijing, stringing up white rope to keep foreign reporters and curious locals away. Dozens of uniformed and plainclothes police patrolled the area.

Officers confiscated videotapes from at least two foreign cameramen and detained for seven hours a three-man crew from ABC television.

An Associated Press reporter was prevented from reading a notice board outside the courthouse, forced into a taxi and threatened with expulsion if he returned.

Police shooed reporters away from Wang's family home.

"His actions were not criminal," his mother, Wang Lingyun, said in a telephone interview. "This is so inconceivable."

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Wang Lingyun
Wang Dan's mother

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"Safety procedures in effect at the construction site precluded what could have been an even more serious situation," Peel said. "We were fortunate."

A crane malfunctioned Tuesday around 3 p.m. and collided with another crane. The second crane crashed into the partially completed superstructure and caused the collapse of a portion of the Reed Arena.

Peel said the firm that supplied the steel beams and related parts has begun to work to replace the pieces that are beyond repair.

The \$36 million Reed Arena will seat 12,500 people, is named in honor of Dr. Chester Reed, a 1947 A&M graduate and Houston veterinarian. Intercollegiate basketball games, commencement exercises, concerts, conferences and other special events will be held at the arena.

OGDEN

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"He's on the up-and-up in politics and he's a good motivator," Glen said.

Ogden said he appreciates the support he has received from A&M students and the College Republicans.

"I won in 1990 by a reasonable margin because of the student vote," he said.

Ogden described good government as government that is accountable to the people it represents. He said government is not accountable if people cannot understand it.

To alleviate misunderstandings he is proposing three simplified fees needed to run the University and help students better understand their fee statements.

The three proposed fees would be structured as follows: Tuition would be the

highest of the three and the state Legislature would set it; an essential student education fee would be set by the Board of Regents and would cover student services related to academic quality; and a discretionary student services fee would be set by student referendum and would cover fees not essential to maintaining academic quality or accreditation.

Ogden said he cannot promise the proposal will make attending college less expensive. But he did say that the proposal would help students understand the cost of school, how to budget better and allow them to easily compare the cost of attending A&M to other state universities.

Ogden concluded by emphasizing the importance of voting in the Nov. 5 election.

"It's not over 'til it's over," he said. "Encourage your fellow Aggies to get out and vote."

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