

## Early registration may end after AOC votes for changes

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The elimination of early registration for student workers came one step closer to reality after the Academic Operations Committee (AOC) voted Wednesday to recommend changes to the registration process.

Under the AOC's proposal, student workers and co-op students would lose early registration status, but a grandfather clause will allow those who registered early this spring to continue doing so.

Honors students, currently among the first group to register, would now register before other members of their class, as opposed to being able to register before the entire student body does. Also, those honors students designated as committed to and making progress toward University or Foundation Honors would register before other honors students.

Athletes and students with disabilities will keep their early registration status.

Dr. Edward Funkhouser, interim executive director of the Office of Honors Programs and Academic Scholarships and AOC member, said the committee considered the plight of student workers but

decided the status quo was unacceptable.

"It was thoroughly discussed, and we wanted a fair and equitable policy," Funkhouser said. "I would ask students to look at the issue beyond self interest."

Funkhouser added that the Faculty Senate and Student Senate would have the opportunity to weigh in on the matter before administrators make any final decisions.

"I've realized that when one committee looks at things, we might overlook a concern or perspective. It takes time to have all the voices heard," Funkhouser said.

Leanna Divine, Student Government Association representative on the AOC and a junior international studies major, said the proposals are still works in progress.

"It's kind of a rash decision, and there's still a lot to talk about. This is just a starting point," Divine said.

Divine said she supported the recommendations because the current system created unfair advantages for student workers.

"There are people who can't get the classes they need to graduate on time.

This would make registration more equitable," Divine said.

Brent Spencer, Student Senate representative on the AOC and a senior microbiology major, who also supported the proposal, said the grandfather clause was a fair compromise.

"It's the best students can hope for. Current student workers can retain early registration, but there's definitely inequalities that needed to be addressed," Spencer said.

Funkhouser said the committee revisited the issue of early registration after several groups asked for early registration status.

"We needed a reasoned policy for deciding who needed to register early," Funkhouser said. "The advantage of registering early is lost if half the students can do it."

Funkhouser could not elaborate on any specific problems with the current system but said the early registration policy was long overdue for a review.

Student Body President Forrest Lane, a senior political science major, said he is still studying the issue and hopes to get more student input before any decisions are made.

## Blue lot parking change OK'd by Student Senate

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As students return from summer vacation, they may learn that parking areas on campus have been reassigned.

Due to concerns about congestion and safety hazards, the Student Senate approved a bill which recommended that parking areas 48, 49, 62, 69 and 91 be changed to red lots. Red lots are designated for resident parking only.

Parking areas 61, 63 North and 63 South — the lot across from Fish Lot and the lots near Olsen Field, respectively — would be blue lots, reserved for commuter parking only. The bill also recommended that Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services (PTTS) provide reliable and appropriate transportation to main campus for commuters.

PTTS Executive Associate Director Sherry Wine said that they will take these recommendations into serious consideration as they design the plan to accommodate the traffic problems caused by the construction of the West Campus garage and road work along Wellborn Road.

"Our first priority is the safety of the resident students as they move from their cars to main campus," Wine said. "We want the student body to understand as we develop plans [that] we are not mak-

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— Sherry Wine  
PTTS executive associate director

ing arbitrary decisions; we are making decisions that will help everyone."

Not everyone at Wednesday's meeting supported the changes to the commuter lots.

"I feel we did not have enough information to make this decision on parking areas for next year because we do not have any idea what impact the

road closures and construction of the West Campus garage will influence," said Peter Schultz, a senior information systems major. "Even the University doesn't know what impact this is going to have."

Student Body President Lane, a senior political science major, must approve the bill before it is officially passed.

"I feel that before a decision on this bill, the issues addressed by this bill be considered," Lane said. "I don't feel that all the questions have been answered."

A bill proposing that a new garage be created across AgriCenter and a bill supporting a new garage outside of the North garage were also approved. The Student Senate approval of two new student committees, the Lupe Martinez and the Student Leaders of the Conference.

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## Prairie View continues to mourn

PRAIRIE VIEW (AP)—Thousands of in-

of what Prairie View A&M believed was a murder-suicide of a black boy who chitecture student and one of American water benefit from a special university program.

Kirsten Tarver, was a 22-year-old architecture major from who was to graduate in August.

Tarver was one of the first students for campus level studies.

"As a father myself, I can only imagine what my self, I can only imagine what my classmates and parents are going through."

— Charles... Prairie View University

newspaper. Officers were reports that Tarver recently fearful of Burroughs.

Burroughs shot Tarver with an automatic pistol as he walked together across a student lot near the architecture building at 12:55 p.m. Tuesday. When she roughs then shot her several times.

"Both died at the scene," still investigating why this They knew each other but know the extent of their relationship.

He said campus police were the investigation. Autopsies were at the Harris County medical center's office.

Campus police who arrived immediately after the shooting persuade Burroughs at gunpoint his pistol. But he put the gun in and pulled the trigger several times before it fired, investigators said.

Shortly after the shooting, students milled about the scene cordoned off the area where the which authorities covered, remained the ground.

A student prayer vigil was up for Tuesday evening.

"We try to do as much as we can because of the wreck about two months ago," Barron said.

On Feb. 10, four members of the Prairie View track team were killed in the van they were in flipped on State Highway 43 near about 20 miles north of Marshall Texas. The van was en route to meet in Pine Bluff, Ark.