

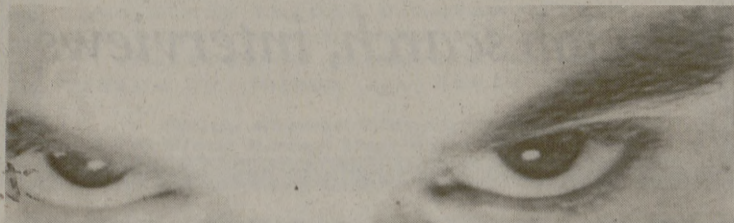
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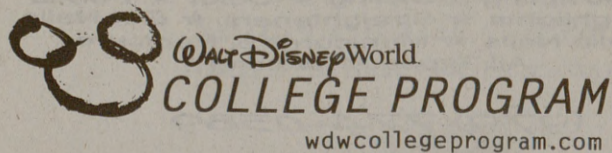
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# GRADUATION COUNTDOWN

Students have several steps to complete before the big day

By BROOKE HODGES  
The Battalion

After three years of undergraduate study at Texas A&M, it hits home — the good times will end soon, and graduation is on the horizon.

Preparing for graduation is a long process that should begin two semesters before the actual commencement date.

The most important part of the graduation process is ensuring that the appropriate number of course hours have been completed.

A visit to a department adviser can clear up any questions. If there is a problem with credits, an adviser can help find the answers.

Dr. Ed Walraven, senior lecturer and undergraduate adviser for the journalism department, said meeting with an adviser the semester before one thinks he or she may be eligible to graduate will ensure that what the student thinks he or she needs to do to graduate and what the adviser says the student needs to do are the same.

Walraven said the most common problem is students do not meet their residency requirement. Each A&M department requires a certain number of 300- or 400-level classes.

He said many students may look at the number of hours they have and think they are doing great, but they may not have enough higher-level courses.

"You have to have the right hours to get out,"

Walraven said.

Students should meet with their advisers before preregistration.

While preregistering, students who believe they will graduate the next semester must add the diploma fee to their statements. But, while playing redial roulette, keep one thing in mind: This is the last time.

Donald Carter, A&M registrar, said the diploma fee covers the cost of the diploma, the final degree audit and the commencement ceremony.

The semester before graduation can be very hectic between the time constraints of making sure all the right classes are taken, making good enough grades to graduate and finding a job.

Each semester, a deadline is set for prospective graduates to apply for graduation. Grads must go to the Office of Admissions and Records and fill out a card with their address, college and department. Another card from the Association of Former Students requests information about clubs, organizations and honors, but this form is optional.

Carter said seniors will have to pay a late fee if they do not fill the form out before the deadline.

The Office of Admissions and Records runs final degree audits for all degree candidates and sends letters to candidates who do not meet graduation requirements.

"We'll let students know what our records indicate and what they need to graduate," Carter said.

Final transcripts, which are necessary for post-graduation employment, can be ordered before the ceremony and held until the degree is added to the record. Grads can request the transcripts be sent to their future employers.

Now comes the hard part, the part most dreaded by college students everywhere — finding something to do after graduation.

Most students either continue study in graduate school or enter the job market.

There are two ways this can be done: do an independent search or use Texas A&M's Career Center.

Dr. Leigh Turner, executive director of the Career Center, said the Career Center helps many future graduates find jobs through on-campus interviews.

The interviews consist of employers sending recruiters to A&M to conduct interviews instead of graduates having to come to them. Last year, the Career Center hosted more than 38,000 interviews.

"This is one of the biggest operations in the country," Turner said.

In exchange for a \$35 fee, students who register on the Career Center's Website get to post their resumes on the Internet, access the job list and schedule on-campus interview with prospective employers.



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For May graduates who have not started the job hunt, Turner said, it's not too late.

Students who use the independent search method can still use many of the Career Center's resources, such as the library and online information. In the library, graduates can find information about possible careers and employers for their major.

Other sources for job hunting are online job searches, where job-seekers can post their resumes and have employers contact them.

Graduation candidates should regularly check the graduation Website for information, such as when to order graduation announcements, when to buy a cap and gown, and when the ceremony for their college will be held.

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