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Stephen Munger is married and has three children. To help finance his college education, he has worked at crocheting and baby sitting. He's also diabetic and blind.

The 35-year-old ex-restaurant owner has had diabetes for the last 24 years. As a result, he suffered a hemorrhage of the right optic nerve which caused him to go blind a year ago.

Asked about his decision to return to college, Munger said, "I've got a family to support." He wants to become a counselor for the blind.

Munger doesn't feel his blindness is a handicap. "Me, handicapped? I've just got an unusual problem."

As far as giving up he said, "A

man told me when I started thinking about school that it would be impossible for a blind man to go back to college. I'm going to prove him wrong. That's what keeps me going."

Stephen Munger looks at his problems as small. "We make out," he said of his family. "The Texas State Commission for the Blind helps with my education."

He asks for no pity. He is independent and can move around on his own. Yet he needs one thing. Beginning in September, Stephen Munger needs a ride to school. "My wife will be starting back to work in Dallas. I need a ride to UTA."

Students living in the Grand Prairie

area are asked to help Munger. He can be reached at 1150 College St., Grand Prairie. He can also be phoned at 264-1266.

—Bob Walters

The revised plan for commencement exercises was one of the sanest changes of the current school year.

Dividing the groups by schools made the exercises more manageable as well as more meaningful.

After watching the painful process of protesting and revising the original

plans, one wonders that this committee had no student members. Surely, students are more qualified to help plan commencement exercises than to revise curriculum, advise librarians, and appropriate money. With student members on so many committees, why not include them when their opinions would be especially valid.

Surely a student committee member could have suggested a more inspired choice of speakers and topics than Dr. Bryce Jordan, president-elect of UT Dallas.

—Bob Severn