

Fem's prez is furious

Ags cool to feminists

By SALLY DREYFUS
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The Women's Student Association hasn't found much support from the students at Texas A&M University. A three-week membership drive in October yielded only 15 members. "I was infuriated with the response of the women," said Kay Garrett, president of the group. She said people looked at her as if to say, "You awful women." I was disappointed the women wouldn't support us. "We're not bra-burners who refuse dates," Garrett said. "We're just an organization who would like to see women prosper." The WSA began in the spring of 1975 after Beth Hartman, a Texas A&M student, went to the National Women's Conference in Houston. "I felt A&M needed a group to support women's needs," Hartman said, "so we formed the WSA." Garrett said the WSA is not a

"radical group that's off to change the chauvinism at A&M." "We want to change women's ideas about themselves," she said. "Women overlook the way they're treated. It upsets the typical conservative Aggie's ego to see an aggressive, assertive woman." "They won't give us a chance to break away from stereotyped roles," Garrett said. The WSA doesn't want to see Aggie traditions disappear, but it does support the right of women to run for yell leader just as it supports the right of men to run. "So many people have the wrong conception of liberation. They think it's going to put them on the front line in combat and they'll have to give up marriage," Garrett said. Garrett said she doesn't think there are a lot of women who want to give up families just to have careers. "Men have never had to distinguish between families and work," she said. "Women compromise." The WSA has set up a list of six goals to help women in their education and careers. They are:

- To educate women on available opportunities;
- To show women how to deal successfully with problems they may encounter;
- To foster mutual support and awareness among women;
- To provide role models that today's student can pattern herself after;
- To inform women on campus of the activities and courses that are of particular importance to them; and
- To promote discussion on current issues concerning women.

A&M prof charged in theft

Battalion Staff Report

A Texas A&M University staff member and parttime lecturer was arrested Tuesday and is now free on bond. Roger Daniel, 24, a producer for KAMU-TV who also is a parttime lecturer in the Department of Communications, was arrested Tuesday morning on a charge of burglary of a vehicle. He later posted bond of \$2,500, which was set by Justice of the Peace Carolyn Hensarling. Burglary of a vehicle is a third-degree felony and carries a penalty of 2-10 years and up to a \$5,000 fine.

Last week the Brazos County Grand Jury indicted Daniel, of Cross Street in College Station, for the burglary. Lester S. Wood, 4011 Woody Lane in Bryan, reported the theft on Jan. 12, the day after it happened, University Police said. He told police the burglary of a gym bag and its contents from his car occurred in a University parking lot behind the Data Processing Center. Wood is a senior systems analyst for the Office of Planning and Institutional Analysis on campus. Police said the bag and its contents, valued at \$84.89, were returned to Wood on Jan. 12. Texas A&M policy states that conviction of a crime is grounds for dismissal. Daniel's superiors said Tuesday they will consider what to do after the case is decided. For now he will continue to teach a television production course and work at KAMU. No date has been set for Daniel to enter his plea.

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Garrett said, "I feel A&M's academic standards are too high to be just looking for a husband." A woman without a degree gets no respect and generally gets pushed around by everyone, she said. "Liberation is equality of men and women, socially," Garrett said. The WSA is an Memorial Student Center committee and is planning a social gathering in March. Garrett is trying to organize a seminar about women in the marketplace and to plan a trip to Houston to a women's sponsored art fair. Dues for the WSA are \$8 a year or \$5 a semester. "We want to show women can do more than have bake sales," Garrett said.



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ARC, union reps to talk Tuesday

By REGINA MOEHLMAN
Battalion Reporter

Representatives of Agency Records Control Inc. and the AFL-CIO will meet in Bryan next Tuesday as a preliminary to having ARC employees vote on the issue of unionization. A hearing is scheduled at 10 a.m. on Feb. 27 in the county commissioners courtroom of the Brazos County Court House in Bryan.

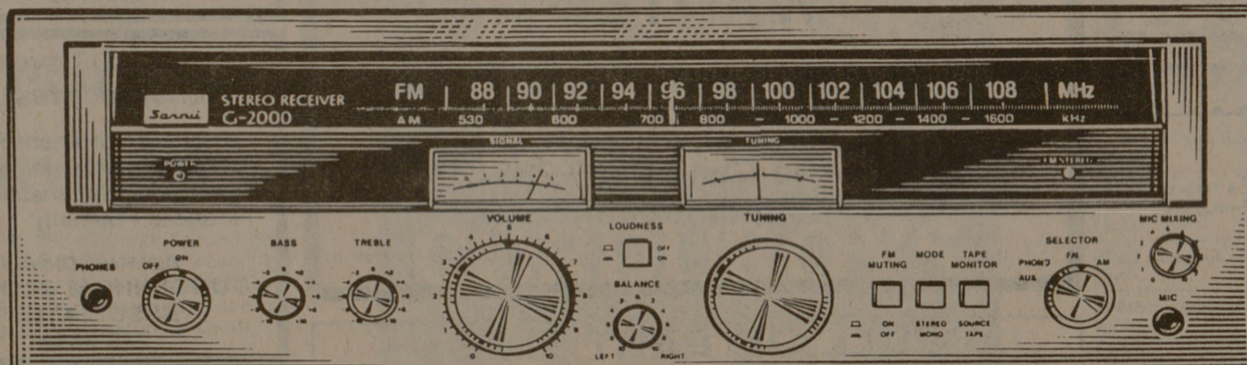
The reason for the hearing is to decide who is eligible to vote," said Jack Langford, a Houston representative for the Office and Professional Employees International Union, OPEIU.

Langford will represent the union at the hearing. Officers of the National Labor Relation Board from its regional office in Houston will monitor the proceedings. The NLRB has many rules governing which employees are allowed to vote. Langford said. Generally, confidential employees such as supervisors, certain managerial types, professional engineers and guards are excluded. At ARC, employees such as keypunch operators, computer operators, data controllers, tape librarians and some secretaries will be eligible, Langford predicted.

The next steps in the process following the hearing are handled by the NLRB. "If there are any disagreements, the regional officers will decide who is eligible to vote. Once they decide, they will issue a decision and schedule an election," Langford said. However, it may take several weeks for the board to announce an election date, he added. The election is the final step in the process. "If a majority of people vote for the union, then the company has to accept the union. That's the federal law," Langford said. The hearing is the latest action by the union which came to Bryan-College Station in October, 1978 to organize the ARC employees. ARC has about 150 keypunch operators and 100 other employees. Some employees have complaints about ARC's incentive wage system. Under that system, they are rated for efficiency each month and the rating they receive determines their next month's salary. Those employees complain that this causes their pay to go up and down. They say they would prefer to have set wages. Some of ARC's employees have also complained about the fairness of the company's merit and promotion systems and about the aloofness of ARC's president, Dr. Robert Dwyer.

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