

# Kruse urges freshmen to take active part in government

"We hope all freshmen will bring their criticisms and dislikes to the Student Government Office," 1972-73 A&M Student Body President Layne Kruse said.

"That's what we're here for." Kruse, a senior economics major from McGregor, is the first president of the A&M Student Government, established under

the constitution approved by the student body last spring. The new structure is similar to the United States government, in that it has three distinct branches and two

types of representation. Formerly, the student body president also served as president of the Student Senate. Representation in this body was by class within the various colleges.

Now, part of the representation is by living area and the rest is under the college system. The new plan of government establishes the student body president as the executive head, with the vice president presiding over the Senate.

Freshmen senators will be elected after midsemester grade reports are made. A full slate of class officers will be chosen in that election.

However, there are numerous ways interested freshmen can become involved in Student Government, and Kruse emphasizes that they are more than welcome to participate.

"We hope the freshmen will stay familiar with the administration and with student leaders," he said. "We want to serve the students, and we can do this more effectively if we have a great deal of contact with the student body, particularly the freshman class."

One program, now in its third year, designed specifically for freshmen, is the executive aide program. Here, freshmen perform clerical duties, such as filing, mailing and other office work.

Approximately 15 aides will be chosen, and Kruse said an announcement concerning applications and interviews would be made early in the fall semester.

"This is a good way for freshmen to get an early start in campus government," he explained. Vice President Randy Ross and External Affairs Chairman Barb Sears were among the first group of executive aides chosen in the fall of 1970. Corresponding Secretary Merrill Mitchell was an executive aide last year.

Kruse pointed out that various committees in Student Government are open to all students who volunteer to work on them. These include the Election Board (headed by Steve Vincent), Public Relations (chaired by Jerry Campbell), Services (led by Ron Benito), Legal Rights, Business Relations, Fair Housing and Free University.

In addition to External Affairs, legislative committees are Academic Affairs, headed by Bill Hartsfield; Rules and Regula-

tions, chaired by Fred and Services, led by S. field.

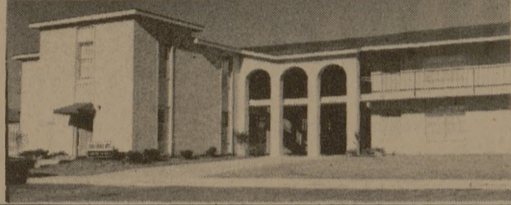
Other Student Government officers are Sandy Eicher, and Virginia Eicher.

Kruse emphasized that meetings are open, and are urged to attend, that students who have questions for the Student Government or business meetings should call the Government Office, which is located in the of the Memorial Student across from the Student Office.

He added that efforts be made early in the to inform all students of the various programs, and phone meetings and all other regarding the operation of Student Government.

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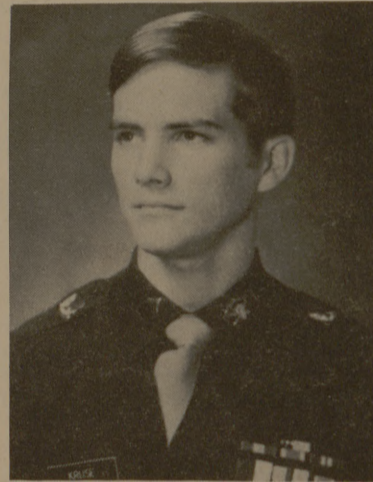
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## Women are important part of life on TAMU campus

Until recently, their presence on campus was rare and occasion for much comment. Now they're an integral part of campus life and many wonder how they got along before they came.

Since the fall of 1969 when all restrictions on women enrolling in A&M were dropped, the number of coeds has steadily risen. They now participate in student government and just about every other organization on campus. There's even a Miss Texas A&M contest!

Freshmen coeds will be moving into a newly completed dorm this fall and may even share it

with men. Women have organized intramural sports teams. They have also become honorary members of male dorms.

Prior to 1969, women were allowed to attend A&M for three reasons: if they would be taking a course of study not available at other schools in the area, if they were the daughter of faculty member or if they were a wife of a student.

In 1970, a counselor for women, Mrs. Pat Self, came to A&M to work with the coeds. Last summer she was joined by Mrs. Toby Schreiber, named Dean of Women.

There are several campus that are exclusively women. University Women's Club is one. All girls at A&M are to join. University Women's Club sponsors dances, assist with fire and do other services.

Omega Phi Alpha is a sorority. It does several projects for the campus with its brother fraternity, Phi Omega.

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