# FRESHMEN SENATOR

These signs, on the corner of Spence and Lubbock streets, serve as a reminder of the freshman elections Thursday. Seven senators and four class officers are due to be elected.

The eight polling places around campus will be open from 8

Battalion photo by Paige Beasley

### Costly legs

United Press International
The legs of dancer Fred Astaire
once were insured for \$650,000; the legs of World War II pin-up queen Betty Grable were insured for "The main requirement of a senator is that he be available to his constituency," said Bobby Tucker, student body president. The senators who have the time to work hard in student government are the ones who will be re-elected, Tucker

Senators must maintain a 2.0 overall grade point ratio while in of-fice, he added.

Eight polling places will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. To vote, students must bring their activity cards to any one of the following places: the bus stops outside the Memorial

Student Center, Reed Mc Building, and the Commo Corps Guardroom in Loung side the Commons; the ! sidewalk outside Sbisa Dini or the Kleberg Center on t

A "meet the candidates" ing will be held this evening Duncan Dining Hall, acco Bob Kamensky, corps com All freshmen candidates has invited to address the gat which will begin at approx 7:15, Kamensky said.

### Army GIs 'can't read'

Battalion Reporter
Freshmen will elect their four class officers and seven student

senators in Thursday's fall election. Both groups of officials will be elected by an at-large vote of the

Senators will be responsible for

attending biweekly senate meet-

ings, as well as working on one of the five standing student commit-tees. The president, vice president, secretary and treasurer will lead the

class of '82 council during the com-

freshman class.

FORT HOOD, Texas - Some of the men who would have to lead American soldiers into combat in another war say the inability of many recruits to read and write adequately is reducing the sophisti-cation of the modern army and tying up skilled manpower during train-

These men, combat arms officers and sergeants interviewed at the Army's largest post, place the blame on the public school system. They wanted to reports in recent years

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which have accused the system of failing to teach these basics plus basic mathematics properly.

In the increasingly technical mili-

tary profession this means, they say, that the armed services must spend time and resources bringing many recruits up to trainable standards before they can begin to learn com-

"Recruits are a product of society and many high schools are not adequately training graduates for high-order thinking," said 1st Sgt. Franklin Lee, senior sergeant in a company of rifleman. "Imagine yourself in the place of a mid-level or junior non-comissioned officer. Imagine teaching the trooper who recognizes the word in the manual but who may not know what it means. You can go really low on the verbal scale to get across to him, but meanwhile the brighter trooper is going to go to sleep on you," Lee

The consensus among more than dozen officers and NCOs interviewed is that military operations require more complicated equip-ment than ever before. Even the in-fantryman, who traditionally fought only with small arms, now must cope with a variety of complex and delicate missiles, radios and chemi-cal weapons. In the armory, with its laser range finders, and the artillery, with computerized fire direction, the problem has become even

more acute.
"You can teach one of these people to put stage one here and stage two on top of that and so on," Lee explained. "But you can't teach him what the component does."

Since the draft was abolished, the

Army has encouraged recr draw manpower from amo highest scorers on the Army ing examinations, acco study by Rep. Les Aspin, D. member of the House Arme ices Committee.

The Aspin study suggests Army is taking fewer men for lowest intellectual category could, and that with a preo with high school diplo Army is passing over ma tially valuable recruits.

"High school dropouts a difficult to deal with," said Nelson, the Aspin aide w piled the study. "Of high dropouts, about 40 perce work out. That means that if fuse to accept) 100 dropout losing 60 good soldiers." I bat leaders at Fort Hood ag graduation from high sch not guarantee the recruit h tellectual equipment to de military demands.

"The (1st Cavalry Division been testing all new people Capt. Richard Ringler, commof an artillery battery." Of cruits tested, they found: levels of between 9th a grade. All those tested we school graduates." The nee grade education to a minimum to ceptable level for some tro means less resources are a for advancing the education ter qualified soldiers, Ringle

"If a man wants to go to chances are he's the one you most with the unit," Ringle You can't send him off to s cause you'd be cutting yo

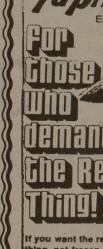
Educational deficiencies more than training proble some cases, failures in train rise to difficulties in discip trary to the commonly he that the less intelligent so sponds more readily to ord combat leaders stressed that educated soldiers make lea

"The more education the vidual has, the easier he is to said Chief Warrant Officer Higgins, a helicopter pilot in cavalry regiment. "As the s goes up in education, he aski questions because he knowst son for the order. He can f out for himself.'

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Sgt. 1st Class Ralph Lu platoon sergeant in a tank of said discipline problems ha somewhat since the adv all-volunteer force. 'Now we've tightened up have better control of There seems to be a bette

Lee suggested the proble be solved through broad education both in the milit civilian schools. "If you individual interested in individual meet liberal arts, history, psycho cutlets," Lee s finds other outlets," reduce your discipline as problems. If you keep up both the civilian and military you get a better soldier-cit



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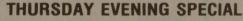
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