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## Academic study of women offered in 4 spring classes

By DIANE BLAKE  
Battalion Reporter

Since 1963 when women were allowed to enroll here, Texas A&M University has been undergoing a few changes to accommodate them. Women's dormitories have been built, locker rooms have been provided for women, and parking lot assignments have been changed to protect them.

For the first time at Texas A&M, next spring there will be four courses offered which deal with the study of women. "It's kind of an event for Texas A&M," said Dr. Diane Strommer, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

The courses are Sociology 489, Women and Work in Contemporary Society; Psychology 300, Psychology of Women; History 489, A History of Women; and English 373, Women Writers.

"These are solid academic courses," Strommer said. "We won't be just sitting around chit-chatting about what it's like to be a woman."

"They're not for women only, either," she said.

For example, many men today are likely to have wives who work, she said. The course on women and work in today's world would be interesting to them.

Strommer said the history course

was offered because most history courses deal mainly with battles and political events. "There has been another history that society has ignored," she said.

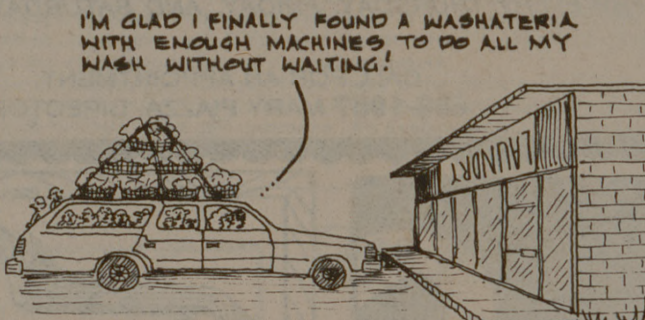
The psychology course will include topics such as sex-role stereotypes, biological and psychological sex differences, and current family, marriage, legal and work trends.

The course on women writers will concentrate on novels, and will include studies of Charlotte Bronte, Virginia Wolfe, and George Eliot.

### Now you know

United Press International  
Ivanov is the most common Russian surname, and the government address bureau in Moscow recently reported that there are 1,006 people named Ivan Ivanovich Ivanov residing in the Soviet Union.

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### what's up?

**Friday**

**MIDNIGHT YELL PRACTICE:** Will be held at the Circle Disco, otherwise known as the Old Theatre, located off Northwest Highway at Harry Hines Blvd.

**GRADUATING SENIORS:** Caps and gowns are now available at the MSC Bookstore for \$8.

**VOLLEYBALL:** The women's team will play in TAIAW State Tournament in Houston today and Saturday.

**BASEMENT COFFEHOUSE:** Will have live local entertainment from 8 p.m. until midnight.

**AGGIE CINEMA:** "The Turning Point," a story of two women, one of whom gave up a promising career as a ballerina, the other her best friend who went on to become a great star, will be shown at 5 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

**Saturday**

**FOOTBALL:** The Texas Aggies will play SMU in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas at 3:10 p.m. The game will be televised.

**TAMU PARACHUTE CLUB:** Will have a "Halloween Meet" at 8 a.m. at the American Parachute Center at Hearne Airport. There will be fun jumps, free food, beer and three classes on accuracy. Everyone is invited.

**CROSS COUNTRY:** The women's team will run in the SWIAAW Regional Meet in Stillwater, Okla.

**BASEMENT COFFEHOUSE:** Will have live entertainment from 8 p.m. until midnight.

**AGGIE CINEMA:** "The Turning Point," starring Shirley MacLaine and Anne Bancroft, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

**MIDNIGHT MOVIE:** "Catch 22," a witty black comedy about an Air Force unit stationed in North Africa During World War II, starring Alan Arkin, Richard Benjamin and Jon Voight, will be shown in Rudder Theater.

**Sunday**

**INDIA ASSOCIATION:** Will have a "Diwali Banquet" at 7 p.m. in Room 231, MSC. Admission is by reservation for members and their guests only.

**BASEMENT DISCO:** There will be disco dancing from 8:30 p.m. until midnight.

**AGGIE CINEMA:** "The Bad News Bears," takes an hilarious sidelong look at the institution of Little League baseball and the adults who victimize their kids under the guise of teaching them sportsmanship, starring Walter Matthau and Tatum O'Neal, will be shown at 2 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

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