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Women Voters' League to meet

The Brazos County chapter of the League of Women Voters will host a coffee for prospective members at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Eileen Kramer, 1604 Dominik, College Station.

The meeting is open to all persons interested in affiliating with the local, state and national League of Women Voters.

Kathleen Kenefick, president of the local chapter, says membership is open to all citizens who are at least 18 years of age. Many new residents find the organization a factual source of information about Brazos County government and citizen concerns, she said.

Local members will be studying "Transit Alternatives in Brazos County," looking at public need, costs and possible revenue sources. In addition, vote service information and assistance will continue through the November general election.

At 7 p.m. Tuesday the League is sponsoring voters' registration for the Nov. 4 general election. The service will be at the cafeteria of A&M Consolidated High School in conjunction with registration for adult education courses offered at the high school.

Regular meetings are scheduled locally both in the evening and during the day to make it possible for all people to participate, Kenefick said. Annual membership dues are \$20, which includes national, state and local newsletters.

C.S. Community Education sign-up slated for Tuesday

By JANA SIMS
Battalion Staff

If you'd like to brush up on a certain skill, learn to do something on your own to save money or are interested in learning something different, the Community Education program could offer a good place to start.

Registration begins Tuesday for 118 courses sponsored by the College Station Independent School District. Interested College Station residents should register at the A&M Consolidated High School at 1300 Jersey St. beginning at 7 p.m. Non-residents should arrive at 8 p.m.

Community Education Assistant Director Ann Palmer said the course instructors come from "all sources." Some are teachers and others are active in the community in other ways — such as instructors who run their own businesses.

"We are always on the lookout for new classes and teachers," she said, "and we encourage people to call in with suggestions."

New courses offered this term are canoeing, introduction to micro-computers (for small businesses and home use), introduction to home stereo systems and international folk dancing.

The most popular courses are aerobics, slimnastics and auto mechanics.

Fees for the classes range from free, for programs such as the Home Energy Conservation or Residential Security and Crime Prevention seminars, to \$6.30 for speed typing, \$14.80 for calligraphy and \$31.80 for private pilot ground school. Some courses, such as gourmet cooking, require an additional fee for materials used in class. Fees can be paid at registration by cash or check.

Lola Fares, a junior at Texas A&M University, taught tennis in the summer of 1978 for the program and has also participated as a student in the program's tennis and ping pong classes. She is planning to register tomorrow for Slimnastics.

"I've had a lot of fun," Fares said. "I got to meet a lot of different people. I thought it was well worth it."

Janet Coonrod, a member of the Texas A&M University staff, took a ballet class in the fall of 1979.

"I liked it. It was a pretty good class," she said. "The instructor knew her stuff."

Palmer said the enrollment varies each semester, but in 1979, she said about 10,000 people participated in the program.

Rides set up to anywhere

Ags use Hitching Post

By VENITA McCELLON
Battalion Reporter

If you're tired of thumbing a ride home on the closest 18-wheeler, the Hitching Post is for you.

The Hitching Post, sponsored by the MSC Travel Committee, is a service that enables students to find rides or riders to and from Texas A&M University or other cities in Texas and the United States.

"I call it a ride board," said Janet Clark, a senior marketing major from Groves, who is responsible for taking care of the Hitching Post. "It's just a board for rides."

The Hitching Post board hangs in the main hall of the Memorial Student Center next to the student lounge. The board includes two maps, one of Texas and one of the United States. Each is divided into geographic areas and designated by a letter or number.

The board includes slots corresponding to each geographic area filled with cards — a gold one for those looking for passengers, and a blue one for those who need a ride. The card asks for information such as destination, departure date and time, return date and time, information on whether the person needing a ride is willing to share costs, and the name and phone number of the applicant.

The student interested in a ride or in taking riders should check the slots for the geographic area he is

interested in. If he doesn't find what he needs there, he should then fill out the appropriate card and wait for interested callers.

Many take the cards away from the board, said Theresa Chiang, program adviser for the Travel Committee. Chiang said the students should only copy the information from the cards because "if the ride doesn't work out, that guy is left out in the cold."

Clark said she finds 25-30 new cards in the Hitching Post a week. The cards are mostly for Texas locations. The board is especially popular on weekends without football games when everybody leaves town, she added.

The peak usage for the Hitching Post is before long breaks and holidays.

"We usually don't have much request for out-of-state rides until a long break," said Chiang.

Some people are already putting in notices for Christmas break.

Both cards used to find students come with the warning that the MSC Travel Committee recommends meeting traveling companions before leaving, but is not responsible for occurrences on any trip.

Meeting and talking to prospective passengers or riders is a good idea, Clark said.

"Some people smoke a lot," she said, "or you might be scared to ride

with someone if he acts like a maniac."

Generally there are no problem between students, Chiang said.

"You know Aggies. They're all pretty honest, so most of the time it works out OK," she said. "You have the option of calling up several people and seeing if they are compatible."

Janet Hudgins, a senior range science major, uses the Hitching Post often.

Hudgins, who filed a card stating she needs a ride, said she leaves her card in all the time.

"I've already gotten three calls this week and I'm not even going home," Hudgins said. "I just get their number and we say we'll get together next time."

Feedback from students using the service has been positive, Clark said.

"One time I got a letter from somebody from Ohio who said it really helped him find a ride," Clark said. "I've gotten rides myself, so I know it's helped."

The service is not restricted to cars. Students have been known to arrange flights, Clark said, or to arrange that someone drive their car to a specific destination for the price of the trip.

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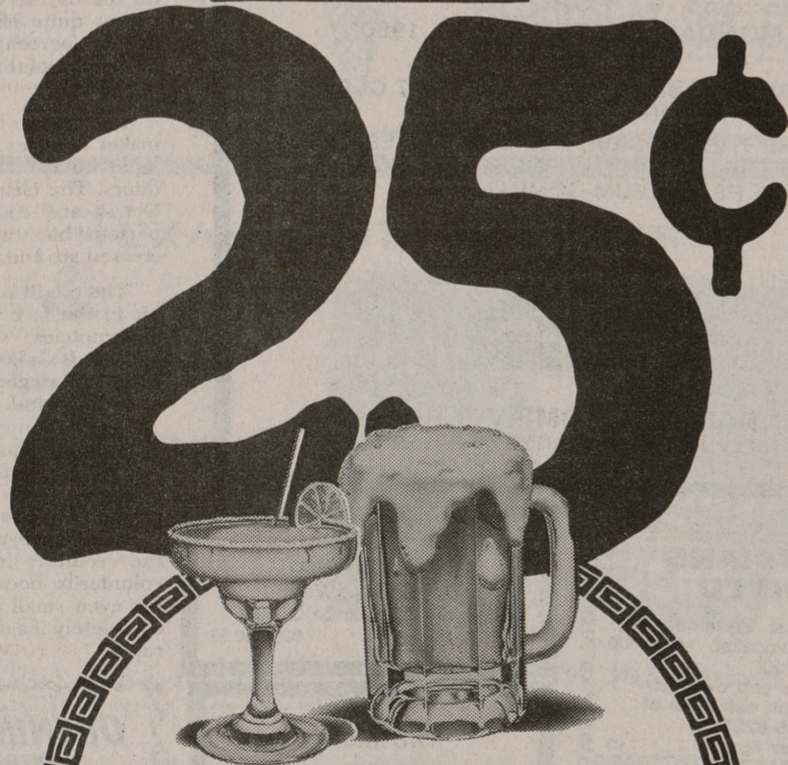
Texas A&M University students who plan to graduate this fall must apply for a degree by Friday.

The deadline applies to undergraduate and graduate students who expect to complete degree requirements this semester, Registrar Robert A. Lacey said.

Application begins with payment of an \$11 graduation fee at the Fiscal Office in the Coke Building. Undergraduates then present the fee receipt at the Registrar's office in Room

105 of Heaton Hall. Graduate students complete application at the Graduate College in Room 125 of the Teague building.

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All Freshmen and Transfer Students: MSC TOWN HALL

is now accepting applications for membership interviews.

Pick up applications in the Town Hall Cubicle in Rm. 216 of the MSC no later than Sept. 10 at 5 p.m.

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