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## Local

### Marathon to benefit association

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# Students offered leadership class

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"I'm at your disposal," Dr. Charles Samson, acting president of Texas A&M University, said to approximately 20 freshmen seated in plush, royal blue chairs around the president's conference table.

The visit with Samson Monday afternoon was among one program attended by students in the Freshman Leadership Class, a non-credit course lasting the entire school year.

The freshmen were free to choose their topics. The asked Samson questions varying from what type of mail he received to what he liked best and least about Texas A&M.

After the 80-minute session with Samson, one member of the class, Cliff Brown, said, "I feel that

if I needed to, I could easily go and talk to him again."

Acquainting the freshmen with administrators, along with informing them about various student services and organizations, are the major goals of the class, Donnie Albrecht, assistant director of student activities said.

Albrecht and Tricia Barber, student activities adviser, are now in charge of the course.

Although George Boozalis receives no academic credit for the Monday afternoons he spends in the freshman class, he said, "It's an excellent class, and something that anyone would want to get into. But it's more of a selective thing."

Students in the freshman leadership class are nominated by their deans, who consider their

SAT scores, their high school grades, and their involvement in high school.

"They all have the potential to be leaders, but we are not just grooming them to be leaders," Albrecht said. "This class tells them what's available."

Other activities throughout the course include tours of the intramural department, The Battalion, and the new press boxes in Kyle Field, and talking with student leaders and other administrative speakers.

A few years after she had started the freshman class, Dr. Carolyn Adair, director of student activities, acting upon the requests of student leaders, began an upperclassman leadership class.

Although Management 481 is

similar to the freshman class, deals more in depth with administrators and administrative proceedings for one hour of academic credit.

The students in the class are leaders which have been nominated by such student organizations as Student Government, MSA Council, Residence Halls Association, Off-Campus Aggies, and the Corps of Cadets. Adair makes the final selection.

Speakers for the class have included Dr. Charles McCandless, associate vice president for academic affairs, Marvin Tate, athletic director, Robert Cherry, assistant chancellor and secretary to the Board of Regents, and Howard Vestal, vice president for business affairs.

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**KILGORE** — Former hostage Johnny McKeel said the hostage crisis in Iran was beneficial because it united Americans.

McKeel, a Marine staff sergeant from Balch Springs, has been besieged by requests for interviews and appearances but chose to speak to about 900 Kilgore and Longview high school students Wednesday.

During his 444 days of captivity, parts of it in solitary confinement, McKeel said he developed new appreciation for the United States and sustained himself through prayer and letters from Americans.

"I began to think about my country and so many other things I had taken for granted — the living

conditions, the food, the freedom," he said. "Half of Iran is starving or suffering from disease. They don't have education like you're getting."

"When our plane landed in America it was the most beautiful sight in the world. I wanted to drop to my knees and kiss the ground."

"I've been told over and over that the crisis has helped unite America. If that's so, then all the suffering was worth it."

As punishment McKeel said all but three letters from his family were withheld but he boosted his spirits with letters from other Americans, prayer and talking with the other 51 hostages.

"When you're 12,000 miles from home and you don't know

what is going to happen to you your family, and you begin reading letters from people all over the world that you don't even know you don't know how much strength that gives you," he said. "I have an obligation to the people of America."

"I was beaten. Many others were mistreated and I was scared. I admit it — I was scared. But I knew in our hearts we would come out of it. We had the American people and most of all we had God."

"If you are ever in a situation, guarantee you, you will pray, I did and so did 51 others. We had to be the only thing we felt that would give us strength. That was letters and helping each other."

# Judge raises money to get glass eye for man

United Press International  
**HOUSTON** — The state district judge who sentenced a one-

eyed man to prison for three years raised \$500 for a glass eye for the inmate.

State District Judge Lee Duggan said he took pity on convicted burglar James Powell and said Wednesday he raised the necessary funds through his church for the man.

"He's a real humanitarian," Joe Sanders, court reporter for Duggan, said today.

Powell, 25, of Minneapolis, Minn., was in the Harris County jail on charges of burglary when he got into a fight with some other prisoners several months ago. During the scuffle, his eye was knocked out, he said.

"It was the worst pain I've ever been in," he said. "But I appreciate this very much. If it wasn't for (Duggan) nothing would have been done."

Duggan became interested in Powell's problem when he found out the defendant was trying to get relatives to buy him a glass eye.

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