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**General Studies Program**

Students who plan to Pre-Register for the Fall Semester in the General Studies Program are URGED to pick up a Pre-registration Form in Room 100 of Harrington Tower from April 6 thru April 17th. Schedule of Fall Classes are available at Heaton Hall during this same time.

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**Women's seminar is scheduled**

By JANE G. BRUST  
Battalion Staff  
Two different programs next week on the Texas A&M University campus will focus on women's issues and concerns, their careers and their personal lives.

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**Women's Leadership Conference**

The Student Activities Office Monday will sponsor the fourth annual women's leadership conference for students in Rudder Tower. This year's theme is "Women in Transition."

Tricia Barber, the Student Activities Office adviser who organized the conference, said that theme was chosen because the majority of women on campus are here for a career and they experience a kind of transition.

"They go from their homes to the academic campus to their career fields, and that's the transition," she said.

Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. the conference will feature speakers and panelists discussing career enhancement for professional women as well as the male viewpoint of professional women. University professionals and people from outside the campus area will speak.

Futurist John Hoyle, an educational administration professor, will open the conference with his predictions for women's lifestyles in the coming years, Barber said.

Dr. Candida Lutes, interim assistant dean in the College of Liberal Arts, will discuss assertiveness for women, and Kerry Hope, a counseling psychologist in the Personal Counseling Service, will discuss stress management.

Following a luncheon in the MSC with entertainment by the Women's Chorus, a panel will discuss women in professional roles. Panelists include: Colleen Batch-

elor, senior staff attorney in the chancellor's office; Judy Ryelick, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Pat Howard, a graduate student and former executive director of the Near East-South Asia Council of Overseas Schools; and former student Randi Mayes, a management consultant for a Houston firm.

Round table discussions will include the following speakers and topics: Dr. Fran Kimbrough, counselor in the Academic Counseling Center — career choices and goals for women; registered nurse Jane Sielken — women in the health care field; and Donald Albrecht and Cary Wilkins of the Student Activities Office — the man's view of professional women.

A \$7 fee covering cost of materials and lunch is payable upon registration in the Student Activities Office, 221 MSC. Registration is limited to 50 women.

**Women's Network Spring Forum**

"Women in Academics: Positive Role Models" is the theme of the spring forum to be presented Thursday by the Women's Network at Texas A&M.

A keynote address by Dr. Emily Taylor of Washington, D.C., will be followed by panel discussions of women's issues relating to the academic environment.

Taylor is director of the Office of Women in Higher Education of the American Council on Education. She has served as president of the National Association of Commissions for Women and as branch president of the American

Association of University Women. A panel of four University representatives will then react to Taylor's views on women in the academic world. Panelists include: Dr. Charles Hix, dean of agriculture; Dr. Greta Friell, associate professor of oceanography; Dr. Vivian Paul, associate professor of environmental design; and Brad Smith, student body president.

The program will also feature a panel of four University men discussing their support for women — students, wives and colleagues — in academics.

Dr. Terry Anderson, assistant professor of history; Dr. Marcel Elissalde, animal research physiologist for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture; Dr. William Muse, dean of the College of Business Administration; and Dr. Clinton Phillips, dean of faculties, will sit in on this panel.

Dr. Elizabeth Cowan, assistant to the Texas A&M president, said the program is designed for men and women, students and administrators. "There will be something applicable to everyone," she said.

Cowan serves as a contact person for the Women's Network, a program begun this year for professional women in all parts of the Texas A&M System. The network, organized through the University president's office, serves as a communication link between women working in different areas of the System, as well as between those women and other System administrators.

The program will be in Rudder Tower from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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**New women's group tries to address problems**

By JANE G. BRUST  
Battalion Staff  
There's a brand new organization at Texas A&M University and it's unique — unique in that it's an organization of women, for women.

Within the last month, the Women's Student Organization was formed and has received University recognition. Thus, the group is eligible for bookstore funds and can reserve campus rooms for meetings.

Suzan Bruce, 19, is the student responsible for organizing the group and is its president. The sophomore history major from Beaumont said the organization was her idea.

"One-third of the student body are women and there is no women's group that addresses women's problems — no one brings them up," Bruce said.

Bruce said the group would like to serve as a support group for women on campus. "We'd like to bring in speakers and films on topics such as rape awareness," she said. "We're just begin-

ning, so we're open to suggestions and ideas."

Dr. Carolyn Adair, director of student activities, said several students formed a similar University-recognized group two years ago this spring.

"There apparently was not much leadership because the group did not re-register the following fall," she said.

Bruce said the new group organized before spring break and 25 women attended the first meeting.

"These women are motivated and they want to work," she said. "There is a lot of support from the administration and faculty."

Dr. Elizabeth Merritt, associate professor of sociology, and Dr. Terry Anderson, assistant professor of history, are the faculty advisers for the group.

Anderson said he would like to help women understand their changing roles in society. "I'd like to help women in their careers," he said. "Fifty percent of the freshman class is female and we don't have an organization for women."

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