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## Seven freshmen senators elected

# Run-off for officers Tuesday

As a result of Tuesday's freshmen class elections, run-offs will be necessary for the Class of '85 Council. But seven students have been elected to freshmen-at-large positions.

The number of votes tallied was 1,730. Run-offs will be held next Tuesday for the election of officers for the Class of '85.

Richard Schultze and Warren Summer are in the run-off for class president.

Jim Allen and Diane Baumbach are vying for vice president.

Run-off candidates for secretary/treasurer are Sherrie Couch and Susan C. Stubblefield.

Mary Ann Heaton and Patti Poe are in the run-off election for social secretary.

As a result of Tuesday's election, seven freshmen-at-large were elected by plurality, meaning the top seven vote-getters were winners.

Kirsten Murphy, Grant Swartzwelder, Linda Thomas, Melissa Williams, Jay Holland, Mark Holubec and Tracy Turner were elected to fill these seven positions.

Votes for freshmen class officers may be cast Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the same polling places used for Tuesday's elections: the Guard Room, the Memorial Student Center, the Commons, in front of Sterling C. Evans Library and at Sbis Dining Hall. Freshmen will need their IDs to be eligible to vote.

# Classes reflect women's roles

By NANCY WEATHERLEY

Battalion Staff  
The women's movement has prompted an interest in women's roles and experiences, and this interest is reflected in several Texas A&M courses.

Elizabeth Maret, associate professor of sociology, said most traditional courses focus on the study of men.

"I think one of the interesting aspects of courses in the area of women's studies is the fact that women comprise 50 percent of the world's population," she said.

"I think it's unfortunate that special courses devoted to the study of one-half of the world's population are necessary. Ideally, we would have the information we need in conventional courses."

Harriette Andreadis, assistant professor of English, said: "It seems to me that the women's movement has made universities and the public aware that our education is incomplete."

Andreadis teaches "Women Writers," which is designed to examine how women writers articulate the unique perspectives and dilemmas of women in dealing with such themes as work identity, sexuality and marriage.

"Women have been, by and large, excluded from literary texts," she said. This has changed only recently, Andreadis said.

Another University course focusing on women is "Women and Work in Contemporary Society," offered by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Maret said the course concerns the division of labor based on sex.

"In the United States today, women on the average can expect to work outside the home for approximately 27 years," Maret said.

Women with jobs tend to be clustered in certain positions, she said. "We talk about the various implications and causes of the division of labor," she said.

"Women can expect to work outside the home for a rather substantial time of their lives. It is increasingly necessary for women to prepare for their employment."

"I think that the division of labor based on sex is a wide concern of both men and women," she said. "The division of labor limits the opportunities of man also, but not necessarily in the same way."

Maret said she has had several male students in past classes.

Charlene Muehlenhard, assistant psychology professor, teaches "Psychology of Women."

She said: "The course covers five main topics: research methods psychologists use to study and interpret their data; physiological differences between the sexes; social influence placed on women; sexual differences between men and women, and adult options available to women."

How parents treat daughters, compared to the way they treat sons, can affect the way a woman views herself, she said. Stereotypes — such as television commercials showing housewives concerned only with a clean floor

— also have a big influence, she said.

For students interested in a more comprehensive study of women in general, Sara Alpern, assistant professor of history, teaches "History of Women."

She said: "The course surveys relevant religious, legal, political and cultural factors which helped shape the role and character of women in American society from colonial times to the present."

"Basically, what I find is that women want to be regarded as human beings first instead of females first," she said. "In other words, the quest is for autonomy."

## Today's almanac

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 28, the 301st day of 1981 with 64 to follow.

The moon is new. The morning stars are Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening star is Venus.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Scorpio. Jonas Salk, American discoverer of the polio vaccine, was born Oct. 28, 1914.

On this date in history: In 1636, Harvard College —

now Harvard University — was formed in Massachusetts.

In 1886, the Statue of Liberty was dedicated on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor.

In 1980, Saudi Arabia severed diplomatic relations with Libya for siding with non-Arabic Iran in the Iran-Iraqi war.

A thought for the day: German poet John Heinrich said: "Who does not love wine, women and song remains a fool his whole life long."



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# Graduate Student Council sponsoring bid for brains

By JENNIFER WAYMAN

Battalion Reporter  
The Texas A&M University Graduate Student Council will auction graduate students as tutors Thursday to raise money for the annual bonfire.

Fred Seales, president of the Graduate Student Council, said participating graduate students will be auctioned off to the highest bidder from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rudder Fountain. The student who bids the highest is entitled to two hours of tutoring to be arranged sometime during November.

The council is asking a minimum bid of \$5 for the tutors, which Seales said is a "real bargain" because the going rate for tutors is \$8 to \$10 an hour.

The auction, Seales said, is an effort to get graduate students, many of whom graduated from other colleges and universities, involved in the building of bonfire.

"We feel like it will be a good way, not only to help build bonfire, but to help undergraduates with scholastic difficulties," Seales said. "If it is received well, we hope to do it every semester."

He said the council has not decided what proceeds from a spring auction would be used for.

Only 15 graduate students have signed up to tutor, he said, but those wishing to tutor may still sign up or just show up at the auction.

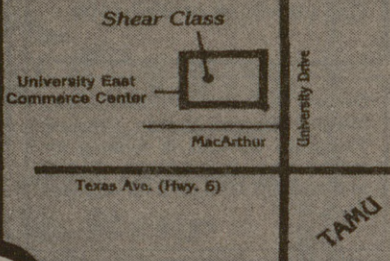
All 15 are from the College of Business, but Seales said he hopes tutors from all colleges will participate.

Aside from the auction, the 10-member Graduate Student Council is involved in a number of things such as trying to get the deadline pushed back for graduate students to Q-drop. Most graduate students have not had a test before the present Q-drop date, so they don't have a clear picture of how they are doing in their classes, he said.

The council also sponsors an orientation for new graduate students each fall.

Anyone with questions about the auction or the Graduate Student Council may call Seales at 845-7501 or 845-2183.

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