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## Candidates see involvement need

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Joe Jordan and Joe Nussbaum, candidates for student body president in yesterday's runoff election, say Student Government has an image problem.

Both say this could be corrected by better communication and increased creativity in the organization. "A major problem of Student Government is a general lack of knowledge about what Student Government does," said Joe Jordan, a senior physics major from Fannett.

Nussbaum agreed with Jordan and said: "I find that most of all, people don't feel like Student Government is real representative organization for them."

Nussbaum's answer to the problem is for Student Government to become more creative and innovative in trying to get students involved.

"If people want Student Government as usual, they shouldn't vote for me," Nussbaum said. "I'm going to try to be as creative as possible and promote things that are interesting to those that want to be involved. I don't think that's the norm right now."

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"Sometimes student organizations hide behind the fact that we're all 'Good Ags' and turn their backs on students who are here but don't really

enjoy it."

Nussbaum, a junior industrial distribution major from Corsicana, said Student Government needs to be more open-minded and welcome those students who don't feel they are a part of Texas A&M.

Jordan said he also wants to involve more people in Student Government. He said the group should work with housing offices to spread the word of Student Government activities.

Jordan said communication must be increased among all areas of the University and the major student organizations.

"We must keep communication open and work together," Jordan said. "We can provide better services

if we cooperate."

Both candidates said they have been talking with students about what they would like to see Student Government do in the future.

"I've learned so much talking to people," Jordan said. "I'm looking forward to being in a position to work with those ideas."

Jordan said Student Government should work to promote minority student enrollment and an atmosphere more conducive to minority enrollment.

Nussbaum said he would like Student Government to sponsor more programs like the Big Event that involve the entire student body and working with the community.

Jordan and Nussbaum, who both

live on J-Ramp of Hart Hall, agree the campaign has been hard.

Jordan said he enjoys living on the same ramp with Nussbaum. The residents of the first floor, where Jordan lives, almost all support Jordan in the election. Residents of the fourth floor, where Nussbaum lives, are almost all for Nussbaum, he said.

"Between the two floors, they (the students) put up both flyers and say they are voting for Joe," Jordan said. "But they don't say which one."

But Nussbaum said living on the same ramp as his opponent sometimes bothers him.

"I hate living on the same ramp with Joe (Jordan)," Nussbaum said. "I like Joe and all the people on the ramp, but it's trying to see your oppo-

nents stuff all over. It gets to you sometimes."

Jordan, who was in the lead in the election, said the main point he wanted to stress in his runoff campaign is that everyone needs to vote again.

"I'm glad I was in the lead, but three of the past four years the person in the lead lost, so I can't have too much confidence in that," Jordan said. "It doesn't mean a thing in the runoff."

He said that in runoffs there's more apathy and people don't vote again.

Nussbaum said he has a few surprises for the runoff campaign.

"People will have to keep an eye out for them," he said.

### March to the Brazos

Cadets in Company E-1 get a close look at an M-60 tank, below, during Saturday's March to the Brazos. Outfit tug-of-wars and taking upperclassmen to the muddy 'grode hole' are some of the events held when the seven-mile jaunt to the Brazos River ends.

Bill Nicholas, a sophomore petroleum engineering major from El Paso, becomes a victim at the

'grode hole' in the photo on the right. Underclassmen use it to get revenge on upperclassmen by catching them and dumping them in the hole, face first. Nicholas is in Company E-1.

The march is an annual fundraiser for the March of Dimes. Participants said they expect to raise about \$28,000 when all the money is collected.

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## Shuttle still 'like new'

The shuttle Challenger weathered its maiden voyage like a seasoned space traveler and returned to Earth in better shape than its sister ship Columbia did on any of its five missions, space agency officials say.

"It truly looks like they just rolled it out of the (hangar)," said James Harrington, the shuttle ground operations manager at the Kennedy Space Center.

Harrington said Sunday the Challenger received only superficial damage from launch last Monday and Saturday's flawless landing at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

Crews today prepared the Challenger for its piggyback ride home to Florida Thursday, where it will undergo a quick turnaround for another flight in early June.

Astronauts Paul Weitz, Karol Bobko, Story Musgrave and Donald Peterson enjoyed one day of rest from their 2-million-mile voyage before returning to work today for debriefings on their five-day flight.

Crew members, who were in orbit for five days, 24 minutes, spent Sunday relaxing with family and friends at their homes near the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

## Hussein rejects peace plan, talks with Israel

AMMAN, Jordan — Shunning President Reagan's Middle East peace plan, King Hussein rejected talks with Israel on behalf of the Palestine Liberation Organization and left the Palestinians to act "in the manner they see fit."

In Albufeira, Portugal, the cause of Middle East peace was dealt another blow Sunday when Issam Sartawi, a moderate Palestinian who had advocated talks with Israel, was shot dead at point-blank range at a posh resort hotel.

A Jordanian Cabinet statement Sunday said talks with PLO leader Yasser Arafat to forge support for Hussein had collapsed, ruling out any involvement by the Jordanian monarch in talks under the framework of Reagan's Sept. 1 plan.

Hussein was to have been the linchpin in the Reagan initiative, under which the Palestinians would gain an autonomous region in the now

Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The region would be linked to Jordan.

The king vainly had sought to get PLO backing, mindful of the isolation that befell the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat after he made a lone peace with Israel under the 1978 Camp David accords.

"We leave it to the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian people to choose the ways and means for the salvation of themselves and their land and for the realization of their declared aims in the manner they see fit," the statement said.

The 11-page statement, released after a five-hour Cabinet meeting Sunday chaired by Hussein, said the agreement with the PLO fell apart after Arafat discussed the plan with guerrilla leaders in Kuwait.

After a recent series of talks with Hussein in Amman, Arafat insisted the Arab peace plan adopted last Sept. 10 at the Fez, Morocco, summit

be the basis for any talks.

The Fez plan goes beyond Reagan's initiative in calling for an independent Palestinian state and recognizing the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

In Washington, Reagan blamed radical elements of the PLO for Hussein's action. The president said he had spoken with Hussein and Saudi Arabia's King Fahd and expected to be in contact with other Arab leaders to prevent a loss of momentum in the U.S. search for peace.

In Jerusalem, Israeli officials said they were not surprised by Hussein's decision. Israel rejected Reagan's plan as soon as it was proposed last Sept. 1.

Israeli newspapers, meanwhile, announced a massive 30-year Jewish settlement drive aimed at making the Israeli population in the occupied West Bank equal to the number of Arabs in the disputed region.

## Income tax deadline nears; officials ready for protests

DALLAS — The "pioneering spirit-affecting tax protesters in the Southwest and Midwest has federal authorities bracing for an onslaught of protests and threats at the intrusion of Uncle Sam into private financial affairs.

Despite the fact that 97 million Americans were expected to abide by the law this year, tens of thousands will not submit tax returns by the deadline Friday, officials said.

In the past five years, the number of protesters, mainly in the Southwest and Midwest, has increased from 600 to 39,569, Internal Revenue Service records indicate.

"We will see the largest number of illegal tax protesters in the Southwest and West," said Richard Wassenaar, IRS associate commissioner for investigations.

"We're not sure why," he said. "Perhaps in that section of the country there is more of a pioneering type spirit than on the East Coast."

The pioneering spirit infected at least seven former Braniff pilots, convicted in Fort Worth federal court last month of conspiracy to evade taxes by setting up a phony tax-exempt church.

The set-up was worth millions of dollars and inspired by a Minnesota lawyer named Jerome Daly, the so-

called "pope" of the group's Bible church.

Some of the protesters send only scrawled messages — "I plead the Fifth Amendment" or "I Protest" — across their returns, officials said.

Officials said many of the demonstrators stand on Constitutional grounds.

"They rely on the sense that's so common — that sense of helplessness and loss of control," said Paula Conan, assistant U.S. attorney in upstate New York, a tax evasion prosecutor. "These people call that 'Big Government.'"

## Alcohol program to begin Tuesday

by Cheryl Burke

Battalion Reporter

More than half of the 10 million problem drinkers in the United States are women, but available treatment services designed specifically for those women are lacking.

On Tuesday, a new program to help local women combat alcoholism and the special problems they encounter will begin with the first session of the Women's Alcohol Treatment Group, a service of the Mental Health-Mental Retardation Authority of the Brazos Valley.

"Most groups of problem drinkers are either co-ed or are really confronting," says Joyce Winslow, director of public information for MHMR. "This women's group, while it will still be confronting and make the drinker recognize her problem, will be geared more toward reinforcing that she is a worthwhile person. Members can draw on the support of the group, and work on dealing with problems other than just alcohol problems — things like child care, family, jobs."

The 12-week group sessions also will concentrate on the physiological, psychological and social factors in-

involved in alcoholism.

"Our purpose is two-fold," Winslow says. "We try to educate, to inform them on such things as physical effects of alcoholism, and then we offer skills to effectively deal with those problems."

Sue Robertson, MHMR alcohol counselor, will be conducting the sessions. Robertson says the program is designed to help women identify and share their feelings, develop understanding of their problems and learn alternate ways to effectively manage stress.

Robertson says researchers report that problem drinking in women is usually a response to stressful situations.

"It is those areas we want to address and help women handle," she says.

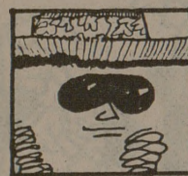
Robertson also says research has shown that more women in their 20s and 30s have alcohol-related problems than women in any other age group, and that one of every three new members of Alcoholics Anonymous is a woman.

Anyone interested in attending the Women's Treatment Group sessions may contact Robertson at the MHMR center.

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### forecast



Clear skies today with the high reaching 83. Winds from the south near 15 mph. Mild temperatures tonight with a low near 60. Partly cloudy skies Tuesday with a high of around 84.

## UT selects 1983-84 editor

by Donn Friedman

Battalion Reporter

For the first time in its 82-year history, the University of Texas student newspaper will have a black student as its editor-in-chief.

Roger Campbell, 22, a senior journalism major, was elected by more than a two-to-one margin Wednesday. The UT Student Publications Board holds campus-wide elections to elect the editor for their student newspaper, The Daily Texan, rather than appointing the student newspaper editor as is done here.

The board does appoint The Texan's managing editor, however. The managing editor is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the paper, while the editor oversees the editorial content of the publication:

Campbell served as The Texan's managing editor this year.

Campbell said an election is one of the worst ways to choose an editor.

"The campaigns get nasty," Campbell said. "The candidates spend a lot of money — I spent within \$10 of the \$500 maximum — and waste a lot of time. I didn't get to go to class all last week. I think a board is a fairer way to pick an editor."

In talking to student leaders at the University of Texas, he said, the biggest complaint was that The Texan's reporting and writing were biased.

"I'm not a politician," he said. "What I offered was fairness."

Campbell said he received support from students in the College of Communications — usually one of the only

groups that votes en masse — the religious community, minority groups and the Intrafraternity Council.

He received 1,454 votes — 62 percent — of the 2,368 votes cast in the election. The election also included balloting for two positions on the UT Co-op board, and one at-large position for the student publications board.

Campbell, who will be a fifth-year senior during his term as editor, started on The Texan as a sports writer in 1979. Last spring he served as The Texan's sports editor. He served summer internships at the Dallas Times Herald and at the Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal.

The editor's term is for a full year, beginning June 1 and ending May 31.