

Freshman aides chosen for Student Government

by Holly Powell
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Seventy new freshman aides for Student Government were chosen last Tuesday from the 200 people who applied for the positions.

These freshmen will serve as pages for the bi-weekly Senate meetings and work in the Student Government office in the Pavilion several hours a week. They also may serve the execu-

tive aides to the student body president or work in a student senator's office.

Becoming a freshman aide is not easy, said the Student Government freshman programs director. Interested students must fill out an application and then have an interview with the director.

"They were all so good, it was really hard to decide," Susan

Aycock, freshman programs director, said.

"It's a lot of hard work," former aide Whitney McMillan said. "But it was worth it. Being a freshman aide is a great opportunity to serve the student body."

The newly appointed aides had their first meeting Saturday and a workshop was held for them to get acquainted with the other members of Student Gov-

ernment, Aycock said.

Students who applied for a freshman aide position but were not chosen should not be discouraged, she said. Another way to be involved in Student Government is to join a committee, such as rules and regulations, academic affairs, traditions or the council on Student Government affairs. Anyone can participate in the committees, she said.

Fruit conference held at A&M

by David Manning
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Fertilization, water management and the raising of young trees are some of the topics being discussed at the 31st annual Texas Fruit Conference that began Monday night and continues through Wednesday in Rudder Tower.

Dr. George Ray McEachern, a horticulturist with the Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Service, said the program brings fruit growers from all over the state up to date on new developments and research in the fruit industry.

McEachern said the fruit industry in Texas, especially the peach industry, is rapidly expanding. In 1981, 700,000 bushels of peaches were produced in the state on only 4,000 acres.

"By 1990, more than 20,000 acres will be devoted to peach growing," McEachern said.

Because of new peach tree varieties that are being developed, he said, it's easier to grow peaches further south.

McEachern said there are now four commercial peach orchards in the Brazos Valley and expansion here is possible.

Dr. Tom Handwerker, a horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said the first year is the most important for a tree. What takes place

during that first year will determine the healthiness of the tree in the future, he said.

Handwerker told the peach growers that when planting a young tree, the roots should only be two inches below the ground. If the tree is planted too deep, he said, the tree will not have enough anchorage to sustain itself in high winds.

Handwerker said after the tree is planted, aluminum foil can be placed around the trunk to protect the tree from bores. It can also be used to protect the trunk of the tree when herbicides are used.

Dr. Maurice Ferree, a horticulturist with the University of Georgia, Walter Krause, owner of Redwood Orchards in California, and P.L. Hawthorne,

horticulturist with Louisiana State University, will all speak during the conference.

Ferree will speak on how peach growers from Georgia are able to sell their peaches so inex-

pensively in the market and still make money.

Krause will talk about how he sells his produce directly to the consumer and bypasses the middleman.



Hacky sac staff photo by Brenda Davidson

Chris Staton, from Houston, keeps her eye on the ball during a hacky sac game. Staton was visiting friends who were participating in the Ultimate Frisbee Tournament Saturday.

Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Monday:

THEFTS:
A blue Mijata 10-speed bicycle, valued at \$100, was stolen from the Zachry Engineering Center.

A maroon Nishiki 10-speed bicycle was stolen from the front of Sterling C. Evans Library.

A navy blue warm-up jacket and a wallet from 210 Zachry Engineering Center. The wallet contained a Texas driver's license, Texas A&M I.D. card, cash, Texas A&M football ticket book and several credit cards.

A wallet from the third floor of East Kyle. The wallet contained \$2 in cash and other personal property. The owner was playing basketball at the time.

BURGLARY:
A Tancredi stereo booster-

equalizer, tape case and 36 cassette tapes were stolen from a 1982 Chevrolet pickup. The vehicle was parked in the student lot west of Wofford Cain Pool.

• \$99 in assorted currency from 321 and 422 Langford Architecture Center.

OTHER:
• A golf ball was thrown through a window in Davis-Gary Hall by a student in a Dodge pickup. University Police said the student said he threw the golf ball because someone in Davis-Gary had thrown a water balloon at the truck.

• University Police found a bag of marijuana in a 1976 Chevrolet. They were preparing to tow the vehicle because its owner had 28 unpaid traffic tickets. The bag was taken to the University Police Department.

Honorary Aggie, columnist Ashby to speak tonight

by Nicole Williams
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Editorial columnist for "The Houston Post" Lynn Ashby will comment on Texas' state of affairs, from Aggie traditions to the East Texas water situation at 8 tonight in Rudder Theater.

The program, sponsored by MSC Great Issues, is entitled "Texas Trends and Traditions or Where Do We Go From Here?"

Ashby also will comment on cooperative research efforts between Texas A&M and the University of Texas, the Texas college education system and sports versus academics.

Ashby began his career in journalism at the broadcast news desk for "The New York Times" and has worked for the Post for the past 15 years.

Although Ashby is a University of Texas graduate, he has been named an Honorary Aggie by the Association of Former Students.

Ashby, who is noted for his quick wit, has spoken here at two commencement exercises.

A reception will follow Ashby's program.

Tickets are 50 cents for students and \$1 for non-students and can be purchased at the door.

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