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Department ranked fifth in political science survey

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Battalion Reporter The Texas A&M Department of Political Science ranked fifth in a survey of scholarly articles in general and specialized political science journals from 1978-1982

The survey was completed this fall by John L. Foster of Southern Illinois University and the results were presented last month at the 1983 meeting of the Southern Political Science

and Western Political Quarterly. The specialized journals surveyed were American Politics Quarterly, Comparative Politics, Law and Society Review, Public Administration Review, Political Theory, and World Politics.

Texas A&M ranked 44th in a

Samuel A. Kirkpatrick, head

similar survey which comprised

of the political science depart-

publications from 1966-1977.

reason they ranked so low in the activity," Kirkpatrick said. 1966-1977 survey was because the department was in transition.

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He also said that this year's "We had a lot of new people and we made a major shift from ment recruit the best faculty and ment recruit the best faculty and being almost exclusively an the best graduate students from undergraduate teaching depart- around the country as well as ment to a more balanced com- having a spillover effect on the prehensive department with quality of instruction undergraundergraduate and graduate in- duate students receive.

