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## One in eight U.S. wives take breadwinner role, census says

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — Six million wives — about one out of eight in the nation — earned more money than their husbands in 1981, the Census Bureau reported Sunday.

A new bureau study said that on the average, women earned an average of 40 percent as much as their husbands. "So it is still the atypical case in which the wife is the major contributor to the family income," the report said. "But the number of families relying solely on the husband's earnings has declined substantially."

In 1958, 59 percent of employed husbands were the sole breadwinner in the United States. In 1981, the study said, 34 percent were sole earners.

Nearly one-fourth of the wives who make more money than their husbands had completed four or more years of college, the report said, and 38 percent had more years of schooling than their husbands.

It said blacks were more likely than whites or Hispanics to have a wife as the sole breadwinner or the spouse with a larger paycheck.

The report, compiled by

Suzanne Bianchi and Daphne Spain of the bureau's Center for Demographic Studies, was based on a special computer analysis of 60,000 households.

"Wives who earn more than their husbands are not really superstars," Bianchi said in an interview. "They usually became the family's breadwinner because their husbands have problems with their jobs."

The report, "Wives Who Earn More Than Their Husbands," identified the following types of husband-wife households, with their contributions to total family income:

- Husband sole earner, 34.5 percent.
- Wife sole earner, 3.9 percent.
- Both earners, husband earned more, 44.5 percent.
- Both earners, wife earned more, 8.2 percent.
- Neither husband nor wife worked, 13.8 percent.

Statistically, 12.1 percent of wives — including roughly one out of eight couples — earned more than their husbands in the past in cause the men were either less or did not hold a job, the study said. Many of the working couples were retired.

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## Around Town

Local class registration tonight

Registration for **College Station Community Education courses** will be held tonight at the A&M Consolidated High School Cafeterium. Registration for College Station Residents will begin at 7 p.m. and registration for non-residents will begin at 7:30. Late registration will be held from January 17-20 at the community education office, 109 Timber from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Caperton to speak to Boy Scouts

Senator **Kent Caperton** will be the keynote speaker at the appreciation banquet of the arrowmoon district Boy Scouts January 19 at 7 p.m. in the Bryan Highschool Cafeteria. The public is invited to attend the awards ceremony, and tickets will be available at the door.

Deadline for vet grads approaches

May graduates and graduates of the **College of Veterinary Medicine** must order graduation invitations before February 8. Invitations may be ordered Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Finance Center on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center.

CS recreation supervisors needed

The **College Station Parks and Recreation department** is now interviewing instructors for Spring classes and recreation supervisors for Summer day camps. Apply at City Hall or call 764-3773 for more information.

Assistant dean for business named

**Dr. Dan H. Robertson** took his new position as the assistant dean and the director of the master's program in the College of Business on January 1. Prior to the promotion, Robertson served as the head of the marketing department. His professional experience includes six years with Baxter Travenol and Proctor and Gamble in marketing and sales as well as chairman of the marketing department at Georgia State University.

To submit an item for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald.

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