

Final exam exemption remains up for debate

By MICHELLE POWE
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The debate over whether graduating seniors should be required to take final examinations probably will not be resolved for at least another two or three months, when President Frank E. Vandiver makes the final decision on the issue.

The Faculty Senate last month voted 57-11, in favor of a resolution which would require graduating seniors to take finals. If it passes through all other channels, the Senate's resolution will be proposed to Vandiver for final approval or denial. The current policy exempts degree candidates from taking finals.

The finals resolution now is awaiting review by the Senate's Rules and Regulations Committee. But the commit-

tee won't review it until after Feb. 15.

The committee annually sends requests for policy changes or recommendations to University administrative officials, faculty members and the Student Senate. The deadline for recommending policy changes — in writing — to the committee is Feb. 15.

After that date, the committee will review all the proposals they receive and make recommendations about them. The committee then will send the proposals to the University vice presidents for approval before sending them back to their authors.

Garland Bayliss, chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee, says this procedure usually takes 7-10 weeks. He said in the past the vice presidents always have

approved the committee's recommendations.

After the finals resolution has been reviewed by the committee and the vice presidents it will be returned to the Faculty Senate for a final vote.

If the Senate approves of the committee's recommendations and votes in favor of the resolution, it will send the proposal to Vandiver. Vandiver has the final say on the issue.

But if the Senate does not approve of the committee's recommendations, then it is not clear what would happen next. The Faculty Senate is a relatively new organization and the finals resolution is the first major policy issue it has acted on.

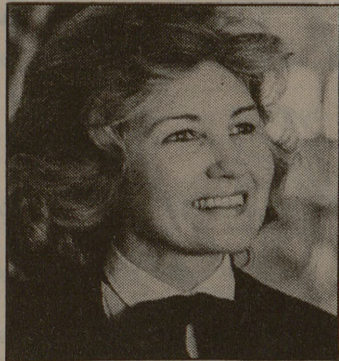
Woman discusses business

By Mark E. Lish
Reporter

Stressing a need for hard work and determination on the part of women in business, Kay Bailey Hutchison said that the one word which describes her career best is perseverance.

Hutchison, a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1972 to 1976, spoke at a luncheon for the Women's Business Career Symposium here Friday.

Once featured in Glamour Magazine as one of the ten outstanding working women in America, Hutchison now is a member of the Executive Women of Dallas, the group which originally proposed the



Kay Bailey Hutchison

holding of a business symposium at Texas A&M. "In the past," Hutchison said, "women were expected to cook,

sew, clean, run all the errands, carpool and look great. Today women are expected to cook, sew, clean, run all the errands, carpool, volunteer, look great and hold down a full-time job."

Hutchison said that in the last few years, women have learned that there are all kinds of options available to them.

"Women may enter the field of motherhood or homemaker proudly, and with protection

and security," she said, "or they may pursue a career outside the home in view that with hard work and sacrifice they can succeed."

Hutchison, who currently is an attorney with the Dallas law firm of Hutchison, Price, Boyle & Brooks, said the achievements of women have made them aware of the tradeoffs that come with pursuing a career.

Funeral held Sunday

Student dies in crash

By LYNN RAE POVEC
Reporter

Funeral services were held in Yoakum Sunday afternoon for Barry Millard Armstrong, 22, a Texas A&M junior who died Feb. 2 when his rented, single-engine plane crashed near here because of bad weather conditions, investigators said.

Armstrong took off at 8:12 p.m. en route to San Marcos Thursday under VFR conditions. Teri McCullough, owner of Ace Aviation of College Station, said.

VFR conditions are weather conditions in which a pilot can

see the ground, the control tower, and other aircraft, Don Robinson, assistant manager of Aviation Services for Texas A&M, said.

Within 12 minutes, McCullough said, the weather turned into IFR conditions — weather conditions that require a pilot to fly using the plane's instruments.

Armstrong was not licensed to fly in IFR conditions. McCullough said that Armstrong had become disoriented

Armstrong's plane, a Cessna 152, hit with a vertical impact,

Robinson said, which means that it hit perpendicular to the ground at a high rate of speed. Investigators said the plane was full-throttle when it crashed.

McCullough said that Armstrong, who had been a pilot for over two years, was a good pilot. She said that had he known he was in trouble, he would have pulled back on the throttle.

Robinson said Armstrong was killed instantly and that he does not believe Armstrong had any chance of surviving the crash.

Graveside services were held at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Watterson Cemetery near Bastrop. He will be remembered at Silver Taps at 10:30 p.m. Feb. 7.

Capital punishment debated tonight at Rudder Tower

By SUZY FISK
Reporter

Capital punishment is the subject of a debate sponsored by the Texas A&M debate team tonight at 7 in 701 Rudder.

Speaking for capital punishment will be Pam Pearce, a junior education major from Ft. Stockton. Speaking against capital punishment will be Albert Muller, a junior agricultural economics major from Laredo.

Pearce says she chose to be in favor of capital punishment because she believes it is necessary.

"I feel it can serve a very good purpose in the judicial system when used consistently," Pearce says.

However, Muller says that capital punishment should be abolished because "no one has the right to take someone else's life." Muller says he has personal convictions about abolishing capital punishment.

Wayne Kraemer, a coach for

the debate team, says the topics for the debates are chosen according to timeliness and controversy at the beginning of the semester. There are three debates a semester. The next two debates will be held in March and April.

When the audience walks in it will be asked to sit on the side of the room that concurs with its beliefs. The chairs will face each other to create a stronger effect while the pros and cons are discussed.

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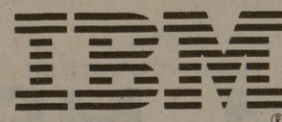
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