

# The Battalion

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## Weddings

### Are men more eager after MR degrees?

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Reporter



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It's widely assumed that many women attend college hoping to graduate with the coveted "MRS" degree.

But who at Texas A&M is chasing whom?

A psychologist here says men may be more eager to get to the altar because women are becoming harder to get.

"More and more female students are holding off decisions for marriage until they get their career launched," says Dr. Anne Schroer, a psychologist at the Student Counseling Service.

Schroer divides women into three categories — women who are at Texas A&M solely for the task of finding a husband — the MRS degree candidates; women who are here to train for a career; and women who want the best of both worlds, a homelife and a career.

Some women want to find a man who is educated so they'll have the security of a man who can support them, she says.

"I think that's a smaller population than it used to be," she says, "but that population is definitely here at A&M."

Schroer says she knows little about those women because they typically don't come in for career development help.

"The largest population of young women I talk to are trying to plan a lifestyle," Schroer says. "They're not really pinning down a career yet."

These women want to remain flexible in case Mr. Right comes along, she says. They choose a career and a major that later will allow them to break to raise a family and return to work after a few years at home.

"I wonder if this is the reason why we have so many women in the college of business?" she says.

"And then there's the third population of women who are very, very career-oriented. That third population is planning very carefully what they're going to do."

Schroer says these women plan every move, every exam, every minute in preparation for their careers.

"We have 20 percent of women in this category that are trying to make definite plans, and marriage really isn't even part of the overall consideration," Schroer says.

"And then we have another 20 or 30 percent that really don't even see themselves in a career."

"And then that large 50 percent — maybe upwards to 60 percent — of women who really want to be able to combine the best of

both sides and don't know how to do it."

Because of this new career-minded woman, she says, men may be taking notice more and wanting to pin down a marriage partner sooner.

"It is a whole values issue: what is really important to a young woman and what is really important to a young man," Schroer says.

"As young women's attitudes are changing, young men are certainly waking up and taking notice."

The young man may be hunting down his potential mate earlier and tying her to engagement and marriage sooner because of fears that waits until she graduates she might meet someone else, Schroer says.

Who chases whom also may depend on the lifestyle of the student.

"I suspect that Corps members might tend to be a bit more traditional in terms of dating patterns, and women who date Corps members might tend to be a bit more traditional," Schroer says. "I'm not for sure."

Dr. Fred Dorn, another psychologist at the Student Counseling Service, agrees that men may be more eager to get to the altar, but he says that may be because outside influences are changing male attitudes and values.

"They are returning to a more traditional role of security and stability," Dorn says.

Dorn predicts that this generation of males is going to parallel the males of the '50s, when there was a strong emphasis on having a secure job or making good money.

"Males today are really a reflection of males that came out of World War II," Dorn says. "I see them assuming a lot of the same values."

Dorn says that today's man feels pressured to succeed and to do better than his parents.

"This is a very earnest generation," Dorn says. "They are very determined to try and exemplify what their parents have become."

"Part of success in the American dream is having a wife and kids."

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The quest for success and the American dream may push maloward an earlier marriage, but aren't the only ones being pressured by outside influences.

Dorn says the same factors pushing males to an earlier marriage may also compel women toward career moves.

Dorn disagrees with Schroer, though.

Rather than women wanting a career for themselves, Dorn says, they feel pressured to have a career because of society.

"Most young women feel that they should not only be married and have kids and be good

mothers, but they should have careers, too," Dorn says.

"Not because they want to, but because they think that if they don't they are different and therefore less adequate," he says.

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## Will they miss you at Spring Break?

Gov. Mark White Tuesday named March 10 as the special election date to fill the District 14 state representative vacancy. Democratic Secretary of State John Fainter said he did not know, nor had he heard it discussed, that March 10 was the beginning of spring break.

He said that March 10 had been described as a "convenient day" by party officials.

But Fainter did say the election could have been called earlier, possibly March 3, another Saturday.

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### Student Senate opposes election date

The bill states that because "students and faculty traditionally make vacation and travel plans during the break and are therefore expected to be out of town during the election, expecting such a large number of voters to vote absentee is both an inconvenience and increases the chances of misrepresentation of the 14th district's population."

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