

NOW president is active woman

By LINDA ROWLAND
Reporter

Jean Black Williamson says she always has admired classic Southern women with their steely determination beneath graciously sweet and charming exteriors. Yet, for her, this is more than mere admiration ... it has become a self-characterization. And it is stuff stronger than steel this woman says has carried her through her life. Williamson has found she needs all she's ever learned in her life — and more — to cope with her latest endeavor. The 1949 Miss Bryan has ventured into the world of politics in her fight for women's equality. She is the president of the Brazos County chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW). Raised in College Station, Williamson admits harboring a life-long love for Texas A&M even though she went to the University of Texas. "I'd yell for A&M every chance I get — even while I was at Texas!" she said. Williamson graduated from UT with a degree in art and a minor in science. But she said she has worked on or taken classes from nearly every college at A&M. Williamson was the first medical artist for the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine.

"I may have been the first, but I was hardly the best," she said. In 1964, she established a local art school, the Williamson School of Art. The school began with a variety of students ranging from a finger-painter, 5, to a woman, 78. Eleven years later, Williamson became a founding mother of the Brazos County branch of NOW. Today, she is the president. It is a profession fitting for the niece of Eleanor Roosevelt's press secretary and biographer, one of the earliest feminists in this country. "My aunt truly was a feminist," Williamson said. "That was admirable to me even as a little girl. She was a wonderful role model." Initially, Williamson says she wanted to follow her aunt's journalistic footsteps, but was paralyzed by stagefright before she could take that first step. As president of NOW, Williamson fights that fright with creativity. While addressing a group a few months ago, she posed as Dear Abby and had a friend pose as Ann Landers. "That seemed so friendly," she said. "I relaxed right away and everyone else loved it." As a NOW member, Williamson said she helped pull the organization through some rough times. Today, the Brazos County NOW has 66

members and is growing. Williamson, 52, calmly counters all negative attitudes toward feminism. "NOW wants equality, not superiority," she said. Historically, NOW has been non-partisan. However, this election year it broke that tradition by endorsing the Walter Mondale-Geraldine Ferraro ticket. "Personally, I have taken a vow of chastity until Mr. Mondale is elected," she said. "I certainly hope it's not '88!" The active NOW president is notorious for her letters to the editor printed in the Bryan-College Station Eagle. She claims to have lost friends by expressing her political opinions, but her stance also has won admiration and letters of appreciation from such notables as College Station Mayor Gary Halter. Williamson is strongly pro-Democrat. "Because, I feel, Democrats serve the people, and the Republicans serve themselves," she said. Williamson plans to open a NOW chapter on the A&M campus after the elections, because she said one is very much needed. "It is wonderful to see influential centers of this campus run by women — The Battalion, the Aggie

land, and KAMU-TV's Sheila Detrick ... there's a real pro!" she said. Her greatest admiration lies with the generation of women in the college now. "They do it all — family, career and more — and thrive on it," she said. Less than two months ago, Williamson produced a film as a tribute to women, "Twelve Wise Women Talk About Life." Williamson filmed the tribute on Aug. 26, which is both Women's Equality Day and Geraldine Ferraro's birthday. She hopes to sell it, or at least the concept, to the Public Broadcasting Service. While insisting she is basically lazy, she sports 15 trophies from 10-kilometer races. "Oh, I'm just the only one in my age group," she said. "They have to give it to me. In fact, one time, two bird-boned grandies came in from Houston and beat me hands down!" Somewhere along the way, Williamson managed to raise two daughters. Ann, the older, is a professional model and actress in addition to being an account executive with an Austin advertising firm. Her younger daughter, Cissy, is working for her doctorate in psychology at Texas Women's University.

Aggie Credit Union opening planned

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Full-time Texas A&M students, Association of Former Student members and friends of A&M soon will have their own credit union. If everything goes according to plan, the Texas Aggie Credit Union will open its doors Jan. 1, 1985. The credit union is the brain child of eight former students who now live in Austin. The group developed the idea as a means of increasing donations to the University. "It was a process of evolution," said Jack Fritts, Class of '52 and for-

mer president of the association. "The association receives pledges of about \$2.5 million a year. People often pledge the money early in the year, and then give it later in the year, which is natural enough, because they want to use it as long as they can. But if the association could get the money earlier and invest it, for instance, in jumbo C.D.'s, it could earn far more interest than the individual could get." Fritts said all credit unions have two major features: savings accounts and loan demands. However, the Texas Aggie Credit Union's directors do not expect their loan demands to be as high as those of other credit unions, Fritts said. While other credit unions keep their extra funds on hand, the Texas Aggie Credit Union will invest the extra funds, Fritts said. Credit union members will be paid an interest rate equal to or greater than the interest rates at commercial banks and savings and loans. Profits from the investments will be given to the Association of Former Students and the development foundation, Fritts said. Those two organizations can screen other

groups who request money, he said. The primary goal of the credit union is to provide Aggies worldwide with an opportunity to give their donations early in the year, but not loose the interest on the money. The credit union also will offer services for full-time students. Fritts said he hopes to establish several programs to offer financial assistance to students. "I understand students are having trouble cashing personal checks," he said. "I hope in time to be able to establish a better facility for the process of cashing checks and other financial services." Other programs Fritts hopes to establish at the credit union include student accounts with lower service charges, short-term loans and senior loans for graduating students making major purchases such as cars and furniture. "It is not our intention to compete with local banks ... we want to work with them," Fritts said. "But if there is a need not being met for students, we're going to jump in with both feet." Members of the Association of Former Students and full-time stu-

dents may become members of the Texas Aggie Credit Union by buying two shares of the credit union — which will cost \$10 — and paying a \$1 membership fee, Fritts said. The \$11 cost was established so that students could afford membership, he said. Friends of A&M may become members of the credit union by becoming associate members of the Association of Former Students, then buying two shares in the credit union and paying the \$1 membership fee, Fritts said. The Texas Aggie Credit Union has been approved by the governing boards for the Association of Former Students and the Texas A&M Development Foundation. However, the credit union will not be officially tied to either of the organizations or the University, Fritts said. An application for the credit union was submitted Oct. 9 to the state's commissioner and deputy commissioner of credit unions. Fritts said he hopes to receive approval for the credit union this week. The credit union will be located at 2405 Texas Ave.

Koldus to talk to Senate

Dr. John Koldus, vice-president of student services, will speak tonight at the Student Senate meeting. The senate also will debate a resolution concerning Gay Student Services recognition. The meeting will be at 7:30 in 306 Harrington Education Center.

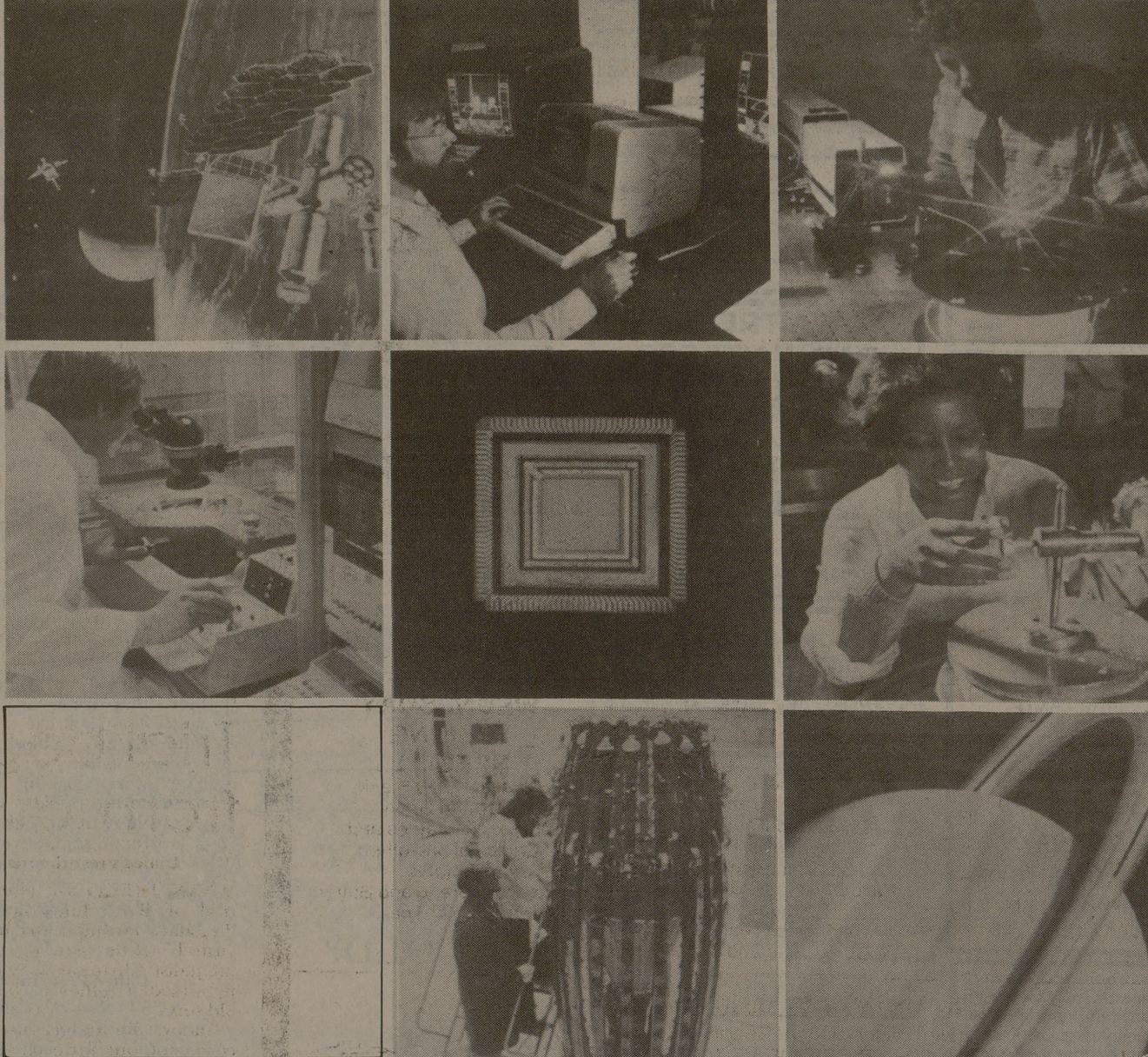


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MSC Box Office
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Fall Semester II Schedule

Fall Session II Schedule					
Aerobics/Exercise					
Class	Teacher	Day	Time	Room	Fee
Aerobic Dance	Gannon	MW	6:00-7:00 p.m.	404R	\$15.00
Aerobic Dance	Gannon	MW	7:30-8:30	402R	15.00
Aerobic Exercise	McCasland	MW	7:00-8:00	404R	15.00
Aerobic Exercise	McCasland	TTh	5:30-6:30	404R	15.00
Aerobic Exercise	James	TTh	7:30-8:30	404R	15.00
Aerobic Fitness	Blakely	MW	8:00-9:00	404R	15.00
Aerobics for Fun & Fitness	Cox	MW	5:00-6:00	404R	15.00
Aerobics for Fun & Fitness	Cox	MW	6:30-7:30	402R	15.00
Aerobics for Fun & Fitness	Eckroth	W	5:30-6:30	402R	10.00
Dance					
Clipping	Bradt	Tues	7:00-8:00	126 Blocker	10.00
Sw Dance	Taylor	Wed	6:15-7:30	Hall 1	15.00
Sw Dance	Taylor	Thurs	6:15-7:30	Hall 1	15.00
Sw Dance	Curry	Fri	6:15-7:30	Hall 1	15.00
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Self Defense					
Self Defense	Hood	MW	5:00-6:30	260 G. Rollie	17.00 (15 class)
Self Defense	Park	Fri	5:00-6:30	260 G. Rollie	12.50 (15 class)
Self Defense	Park	TTh	5:00-6:30	260 G. Rollie	17.00 (15 class)
Self Defense for Women	Choi	Sun	8:00-9:00	404R	10.00
Business/Study Courses					
College Study Skills	Kimberly	Tues	6:00-7:00	201P	10.00
Skills in Communication	Kimberly	Tues	7:00-8:00	201P	15.00
Real Estate for Consumer	Mooney	TTh	7:00-9:00	402R	25.00 (\$1 class)
Business Analyst, Col.	Mooney	Oct 29	6:30-9:30	202P	8.00 (\$1 class)
Music					
Music	Epling	MW	7:15-8:30	Brow. Library	17.00
Music	Humphrey	Mon	7:00-8:00	507 A/B	10.00
Music	Humphrey	Mon	8:00-9:00	507 A/B	10.00
Music	Humphrey	Mon	9:00-10:00	507 A/B	10.00
Miscellaneous Courses					
Class	Teacher	Day	Time	Room	Fee
Basic Auto Maintenance & Repair	Holmes	Tues	7:00-8:30	An. Sc. Pav. 12.50	(8 class)
Beginning Photography	Nierdteck	Wed	6:00-8:00	507 A/B	15.00
Beginning Photography	Nierdteck	Sat Nov 3	9 am-4 pm	404R	12.00
Beginning Photography	Horowitz	TTh	6:00-7:00	507 A/B	9.00
Clare	Horowitz	TTh Nov 13	6:00-7:00	407 A/B	9.00
Cake Decorating	Johnson	Tues	6:30-8:30	137 A	15.00
Intro to AD&D	Christian	Thurs	8:00-10:00	407 A/B	15.00
Intro to AD&D	Strickney	W-T	7:00-8:00	Rumors	16.00
Pro-Bartending	Strickney	M-T	7:00-10:00	Rumors	36.00
Wine Appreciation	Held	Wed	6:30-7:30	Ira's	10.00(15 class)
Language/Religion					
Intro. to Arabic Language	Rajah	Wed	6:00-7:00	121 Kleberg	10.00
Beginning Chinese	Hsiao	Sun	7:30-8:30	407A/B	10.00 (5 class)
Chinese Philosophy Americans	Meyer	Mon	6:00-7:15	201P	11.00
Class Sign Language	Woodroof	Tues	8:00-9:30	507A/B	12.50
Thoughts on Creation	Tarlow	Tues	7:00-8:00	Hilliel Center	10.00
Modern Jewish Philosophy	Tarlow	Tues	8:00-9:00	Hilliel Center	10.00



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