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Freshmen A-K today

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Stiffer crime penalties
Lawmakers to discuss plans

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Library begins to implement recall policy

By CHOYCE ELSIK
Reporter

Sterling G. Evans Library began implementing a new recall policy charging a \$1-a-day fine for overdue, recalled materials Monday, but a library representative said it is still too early to determine if the policy will be effective.

"We're not out to get everyone's money," said Nancy Kent, supervisor of the library's circulation department, "and we don't want to punish people; we just want to get the library's books back."

Kent said that the major differences in the library's new recall policy are the library's ability to charge fines and the addition of new recall cards.

Recall cards are cards filled out at the circulation desk requesting materials which are checked out. The person with the overdue material then is contacted by mail and is given seven days from the time he received the recall notice to return the material. Failure to do so results in a \$1-a-day fine, Kent said.

Once the material is turned in to the library, the person requesting it is notified by mail.

Currently, the library does not charge a fine for overdue materials, and Kent said that policy will continue. The new fining policy applies only to those overdue materials that have been requested by someone else.

"It is advisable to return or renew

library materials before they are due," Kent said, "because the library has no obligation to the borrower for the inaccuracy of another student's address or for the failure of a recall notice to arrive at its destination."

Currently, undergraduate students can borrow library materials for up to two weeks and graduate students, faculty and staff can borrow materials for up to four weeks, she said.

"It (the new policy) will cause more work for the staff, but the problem now is that if there are no fines, why bring the books back?" Kent said. "Many people just don't care if someone else needs the book, and that's really unfortunate, but most people here are honest."

The Library Council, which consists of faculty members from various departments, approved the new recall policy last fall to make materials more available to library patrons. The new policy also was adopted to help the library retrieve many of its overdue books, she said.

The policy actually went into effect April 1, but it was not enforced until April 15 in order to give everyone enough time to understand the policy.

One of the circulation department's primary goals is to get materials back, Kent said.

"When people request materials," she said, "we have to get them back. I hope this new policy will help get the library's books back."



Pillar Perspectives
Keeping cool these days is getting harder to do now that temperatures are getting up to about 90 degrees. Some people

find comfort in the shade cast by the large shadow of the Systems Administration Building.
Photo by GREG BAILEY

Corps Staff names first woman officer in '85-86

By MICHAEL CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Women were admitted into Texas A&M in 1963 and into the Corps of Cadets in 1974. But until now, no woman has ever served on Corps Staff.

Mandy Schubert, 19, will be the Corps' administrative sergeant for 1985-86. The office places her in charge of Corps' communication and makes her an assistant to the administrative officer on the March to the Brazos Committee. That committee recently raised more than \$50,000 for the March of Dimes.

Curt Van de Walle, Corps commander for 1985-86, says placing Schubert on the staff wasn't done because of pressure to put a woman on staff, Schubert said. He says, because she was qualified.

"We chose Mandy strictly because of her potential," he said, "and because the way she performed in the interview was exactly what we were looking for. . . . She's not the first woman to be on staff, but she is the first to be on Corps Staff. I don't see it becoming a year-to-year thing (a woman being chosen). We set out to pick the seven best and she was one of them."

Schubert's status as the first woman on Corps Staff doesn't bother her.

"I think that it bothers other people more than it bothers me," Schubert says. "I like not to place the emphasis on that as much because, to me, I'm a cadet just like everybody else. The fact I made Corps Staff excites me enough that I don't even need to worry about being the first woman."

Schubert, whose father also was in the Corps, says she surprised her family by choosing the regimented

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Mandy Schubert

SG leaders working to improve image

Editor's Note: This is the second part of a three-part series on the role of Texas A&M's Student Government.

By JERRY OSLIN
Staff Writer

Student Government leaders say they are in a position to make changes at Texas A&M University, but they also admit Student Government faces some serious problems that affect their performance.

"We have an image problem," says Sean Royall, student body president. "We have to convince students that we can get something done and that we are here to get something done."

Eric Thode, speaker pro tem of the Student Senate, agrees Student Government has an image problem.

"Right now our image is at an all-time low," he says. "Students think we are just a bunch of resume-fillers sitting around getting their names into something but doing nothing."

Thode attributes part of Student Government's bad image to the Student Senate's inability to get things done.

"The Student Senate went overboard on philosophical issues this past year," he says. "We debated on philosophical issues that had no impact."

Wayne Roberts, Student Government's former vice president of student services, says the organization's image was hurt by the Senate's refusal to represent students' opinions on certain issues.

"The majority of the student body is conservative, but the Senate voted for recognition of the Gay Student Services and for women in the Aggie Band," he says. "The Senate is supposed to represent the student body on philosophical issues, but when it votes contradictory to what students believe, then you are going to have problems."

Roberts agrees with Thode that the Senate spent too much time with

issues on which Student Government had no influence.

Student Government must concentrate on issues in which they have impact, Roberts says.

"We have to concentrate on things that have merit and are worth while," he says. "We can knock on every door on campus and tell students what we're doing, but they aren't going to give a damn if we don't do something that has merit."

Student Government's bad image has led to student apathy toward the organization, which in turn has a negative effect on Student Government's performance, Thode says.

"There are so many things on campus that could be better," Thode says. "But in order to make things better, we need to tap the resources of students and get them involved. Too

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Senior weekend events are outlined

By SHERRIE COUCH
Reporter

Ring Dance officers, Muster committee chairmen and representatives of the Graduate Student Council were featured Wednesday in the final Sully's Symposium of the year.

Debbie Patterson, Class of '85 social secretary, and Keith Carmichael and Donna Gansky, co-chairmen for Ring Dance, discussed plans for Senior Weekend April 26 and 27. Activities include Senior Bash, Senior Banquet and Ring Dance.

"Senior weekend is a once in a lifetime event," Carmichael said. "No seniors should miss it."

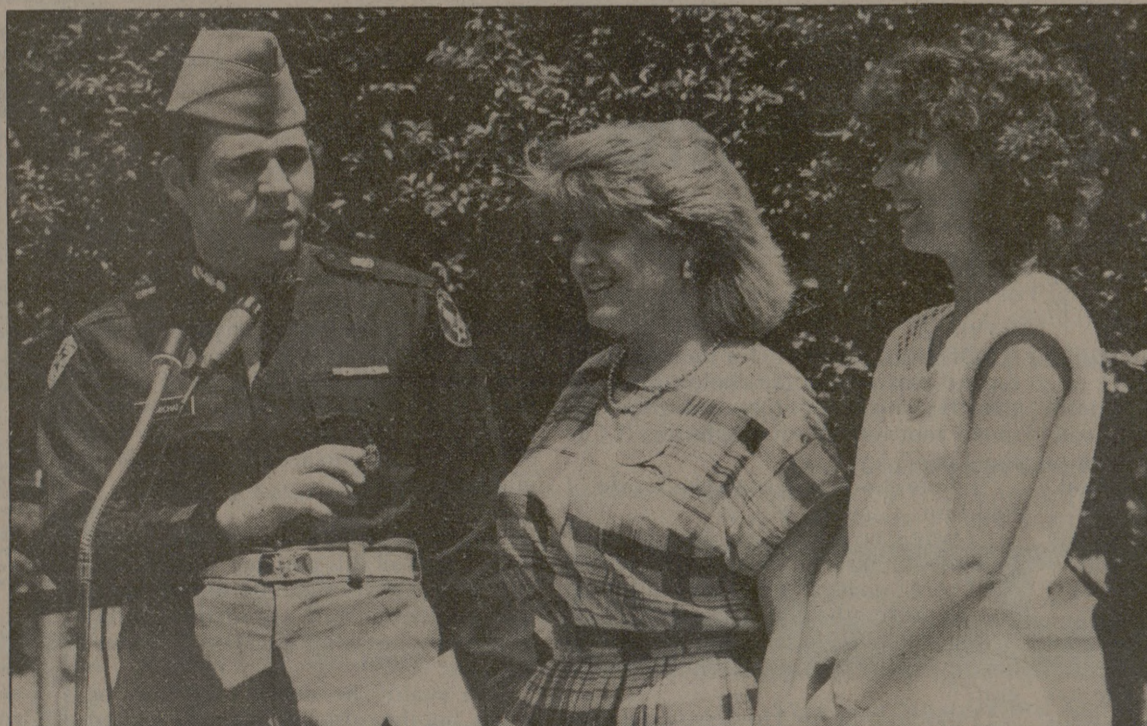
The weekend begins with Senior Bash April 26 at the Hall of Fame, featuring The Debonaires, Carmichael said. The bash includes free draft beer and bar drinks from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Senior Banquet is April 27 at the Aggie Inn. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner starts at 7 p.m. A slide show depicting the past four years of the Class of '85 will be shown.

The guest speaker will be Joe Fenton, a former student and founder of Fenton, La.

Ring Dance follows the banquet. The dance will be from 9 p.m. to 1

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Keith Carmichael, Debbie Patterson and Donna Gansky discuss Ring Dance during the last Sully's Symposium Wednesday afternoon.
Photo by FRANK IRWIN

Battalion system is down

The Battalion is experiencing technical difficulties.

Due to a problem of unknown origins, The Battalion's computer system crashed Wednesday at about 1 p.m. The system was still down at the time the paper had to be put together.

Today's Battalion was put out through the use of a back-up computer system. The Associated Press wire, however, could not be hooked up to the alternative system, so no wire stories appear in today's newspaper.

The problem will be fixed as soon as possible.