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## Friends of Education show support at rally

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AUSTIN — They are the rich, the powerful, the positioned and the concerned. They call themselves the Friends of Education.

And education's friends descended upon the Austin Hyatt Regency from all over Texas Tuesday to show their support in numbers. Representatives of Texas A&M

University, Prairie View A&M, Blinn College and the Bryan-College Station business community rallied together to show support for representatives Richard Smith, Kent Caperton and education — namely higher education.

The laurels of Texas' education system were not sung by the more than 2,300 educators and concerned citizens. Instead, speakers expressed concerns about a Texas education

system that is falling far below par.

While pro-education picket signs danced in the air and rounds of applause echoed, speakers encouraged the audience to file into the capital and call upon their representatives and demand protection for Texas' future — the education of its children.

San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros charged Texans with the task of seeing that a healthy educational system will provide a healthy economy for the Lone Star State.

"I'm personally and absolutely convinced that there is a heightened relationship between higher education and economic development," Cisneros said. "The model seems to be clearly established across the country now that those states which have invested funds in education develop quality education."

"And those that have developed quality education follow with the creation of jobs. If we fall behind, we're not only not going to be in the first rank, we're not even going to be in the second rank of states if we're not careful."

The group of supporters charge that Gov. Bill Clement's proposed budget would reduce state support for education during the next biennium by \$402.4 million, representing an annual reduction of \$201.2 million.

The proposed budget also would provide general revenue appropriations to higher education during the next biennium at \$3.9 billion. This would be \$805 million below the 1985 biennial level of such appropriations and \$160 million below the current biennial appropriation level, the group reported.

Research and development, an at-

tractive and necessary plus for Texas universities, is suffering — contributing to the strain already placed on attracting first-class researchers and faculty, according to businessman and Texas education advocate Ross Perot.

"On this stage there are three Nobel Prize winners from Texas," Perot said. "And if that doesn't say something for education, I don't know what does." But, he added, without attractive incentives — like jobs and good schools — honors like that for Texas could be over.

Although Cisneros said all Texas universities combined conduct research at a level that is 79 percent of that which is done at Johns Hopkins University, and the total University of Texas expenditures for research and development are 31 percent of what is spent by the University of California, Texas A&M President Frank Vandiver said A&M is not experiencing the same kind of struggles as UT.

"The University of Texas doesn't have the same research thrust as A&M," Vandiver said. "We haven't gotten the federal money we should be getting. That is partially because we haven't asked for it so forcefully. But we may have to start. The whole state is down in federal appropriations."

Cisneros, a former A&M Regent, said that in the year 2000, Texas could slip into a "sad backwater lagging the nation." The state, he said, is currently suffering from the 15 percent unemployment in the petrochemical belt and 20 percent along the border.

And Perot asked where the money will come from to remedy



Dr. Frank E. Vandiver

Photo by Robert W. Rizzo

these problems and help education at the same time.

"Now we can sit here and talk fondly about raising more money for education, but the simple fact remains we got to keep people working so that we've got the money we can tax," Perot said. "You can't tax people out of work."

Texas A&M University System Chancellor, Perry L. Adkisson, said A&M stands ready to fend off pred-

ators circling the Available University Fund.

"Using part of the fund hasn't come up yet," Adkisson said. "The last time the subject was brought up, former students of A&M and UT responded in such a big fashion that they just backed off. But there is always that threat."

Vandiver said the available fund could become the "unavailable

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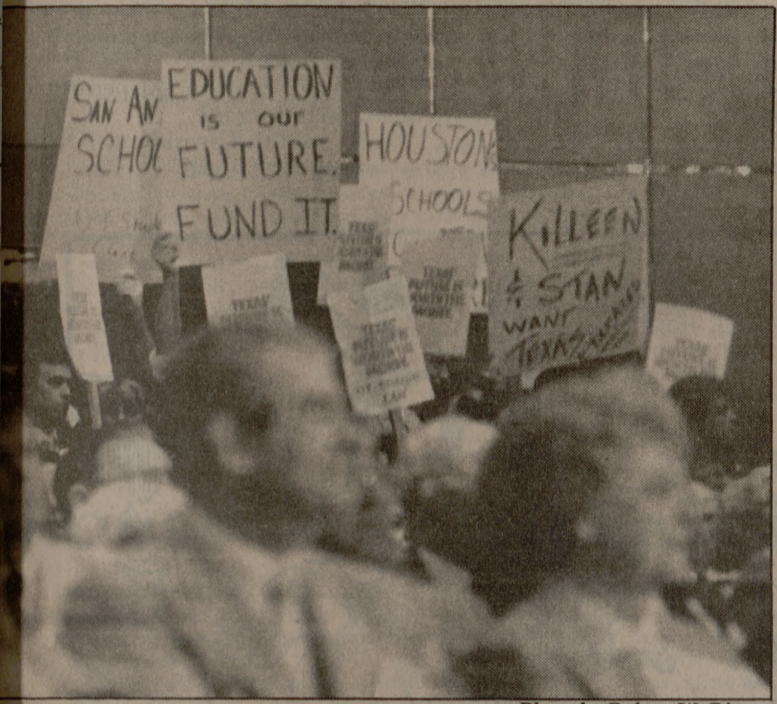


Photo by Robert W. Rizzo

Supporters of education wave signs at the Austin rally.

## Shuttle bus, car crash near campus; one hurt

By Elisa Hutchins  
Staff Writer

A Texas A&M shuttle bus collided with a car Tuesday morning, sending one woman to the hospital with minor injuries.

College Station Fire Department Lt. Thomas Goehl said Judy R. Green was transported to St. Joseph hospital after her blue BMW crashed into a shuttle bus at the intersection of University Drive and Bizzell Street at about 10 a.m.

Deputy Chief Dudley Wait of the University ambulance service said, "The injuries appeared to be very minor. There was a cut on her chin but it didn't look too serious — she was just knocked around a bit."

Green, 37, is the wife of Dr. Ronald W. Green, an A&M associate professor of veterinary small animal medicine and surgery.

Wait said a fire department ambulance took Green to the hospital, and supervised University ambulance personnel, who assisted the fire de-



Photo by Greg Bailey

Judy R. Green is put on a stretcher after the collision.

partment in getting Green out of the car.

Nursing supervisor Sharon Dent said Green was in satisfactory condition Tuesday evening and wasn't sure whether or not Green would

stay overnight in the hospital.

Bus Operations Manager Doug Williams said no one on the bus was injured and that the driver, Craig Cranfill, a senior engineering technology major, has been driving since

1985 and has a good reputation as a driver.

"We are still researching the accident and talking to witnesses," Williams said. "But at this point I can't say who caused the accident."

The BMW was traveling east on University Drive when it collided with a shuttle bus turning left from University onto Bizzell Street. The front end of the driver's side of the BMW was smashed underneath the bus.

Witnesses on the scene gave conflicting reports of the incident.

The College Station Police said the report was incomplete and information wouldn't be released until Wednesday morning.

Williams estimates damage to the front of the bus at about \$1,000.

"There have been 11 chargeable bus accidents so far this semester," Williams said, "which does not include this one. Chargeable means that the driver was at fault or could have done something to prevent the wreck."

## Women still fighting war for recognition

By Tracy Staton  
Reporter

Women at Texas A&M have gained territory since the war for acceptance began. But the battlefield has been replete with obstacles.

One problem that has impeded women's progress has been the negative connotation of the broad term "feminist." The very utterance of the word is enough to cause any self-respecting traditionalist to shudder.

Dr. Wendy Stock, adviser to the National Organization for Women

### College of Liberal Arts considers proposal to create new minor in women's studies

By Amy Roberts  
Reporter

A plan to make women's studies an interdisciplinary minor is being reviewed by the College of Liberal Arts, said Dr. Harriette Andreadis, associate professor of English and coordinator of the program.

"Women's studies is a discipline that is nationally and internationally recognized," she said. "Many schools and universities around the country have women's studies and have it as a part of their regular curriculum."

Currently, a student can get a minor by taking any 12 hours of women's studies courses, Andreadis said. But the proposed formal interdisciplinary minor will have a more structured curriculum and may require three more hours.

The proposal for the new women's studies minor was submitted for the approval of the Liberal Arts Council last December, Andreadis said. She anticipates the decision of

the proposal will be announced in the fall.

"Two reasons the college wants the proposal approved is because the interdisciplinary minor would appear in the catalog, and it would appear on student transcripts," Andreadis said.

If the proposal is approved, the student still will have some choice about which courses to take, but the choice will be within a recommended sequence of courses, she said. The English department still will offer advising for the student's major so that the minor is tailored to the student's needs.

"It will be more organized than an individualized minor so that we make sure the student is exposed to as many aspects of women's studies as possible," Andreadis said.

Women's studies courses, such as Psychology 300, Psychology of Women; and Sociology 424, Women and Work in Society, have been available since the women's studies

program began in January 1986, Andreadis said.

Andreadis said faculty members want to attract the entire student body to take women's studies courses, but that this does not always happen.

"Generally, I have mostly women, but some semesters I've had one-third of the class be men," she said. "It just depends on the semester. I think it's important that men take these courses, because the subject matter affects them as well as women."

The information both male and female students learn in women's studies will be practical in the work force, Andreadis said.

"It's important to have a real understanding of issues that affect women and how gender issues affect the workplace," she said.

"If you're an employer who's hiring women, it's important to know

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## Aliens take first steps to become citizens in amnesty program

DALLAS (AP) — Amid scattered protests, hundreds of illegal aliens thronged into special centers all over Texas Tuesday to take their first steps toward becoming U.S. citizens.

All 22 legalization centers in the region, including nine in Texas, opened as scheduled and ran smoothly, said William Zimmer, chief of legalization for the Immigration and Naturalization Service's 13-state Southern region based in Dallas.

But he noted that applications were trickling in because the forms had been released only 10 days ago.

"I think the cumulative effect will hit us like a 10-ton truck on Monday or some time next week," Zimmer said. "We're ready, and I feel

very confident we can handle what comes our way."

About 50 people with placards and red flags protested at the INS center in El Paso, while in San Antonio a dozen members of the Frente Unido Latino carried banners and distributed papers in front of the center there.

"Immigration and emigration laws are immoral because people

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are not government property, and the Earth is the Lord's," read a sign carried by a lone protester at the North Texas legalization center in Arlington.

Zimmer called the protests foolish.

"They're protesting for people to have their status regulated to legal, for them to be able to join the community, to join the workplace and to get a decent wage," he said.

Critics had speculated the INS would not be prepared to handle a rush of applications when the amnesty program opened Tuesday, the same day Mexico celebrates an 1862 victory by outnumbered Mexican troops over a French army in the annual Cinco de Mayo holiday.

Otoniel Garcia Rodriguez said at the Austin center, "It's a good Cinco de Mayo." The 30-year-old said he would live well and comfortably as an American.

Garcia, a mason who has lived in the United States since 1981, said he has a driver's license, electric bills and documents from truck and insurance payments proving he has been in the country since 1981.

Hundreds of thousands of Mexicans are expected to be among the 3.9 million people nationwide who seek amnesty. Congress created the program last year as part of sweeping immigration reform that also makes it illegal for employers to knowingly hire an illegal alien and strengthens the Border Patrol's resources to keep aliens from sneaking into the country.

Mario Aguilar said the Rio Grande was dry when he walked across the river into Laredo 15 years ago in search of work. An application form in one hand, he listened to an INS worker at the Arlington center explain the process.

"I was raised over here," Aguilar said. "I never worked in Mexico. I was never raised with my parents. I already paid my money to the government, but I can't collect from the government because I don't have any Social Security number."

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### Women at Texas A&M Part two of a two-part series

Texas A&M says the interpretation of the feminist movement has stunted the organization's growth.

"There is a stigma against the word 'feminist,'" Stock says. "It's a dirty word — it's almost akin to 'commie.' People think of feminists as subversive. They think we want to take over the world when all we want is equality."

Stock said she is thankful the organization has been able to endure such a conservative campus.

"Somehow we have managed — like a cactus in the desert — to survive in an environment which is apathetic, at best, to our existence," she says.

Although Stock views the very existence of the organization as a victory for women, she says she is frustrated by its small membership. NOW has 18 registered members.

"When we set up a table in the MSC, we have so many people who say they support the issues that con-

cern us," Stock says. "Our programs are well-attended, but we just can't get people to overcome their bias against feminism enough to join. Perhaps in 10 or 20 years — if we hang on long enough — we will have an active presence."

The organization was started by Stock in September 1985, and its difficulty with breaking new ground is not unique. Each minuscule step has

been the result of a macro-effort from the women who chose to test their limits.

Andrea Abat, who survived 1985-1986 in the Aggie Band, says she knew it would be tough.

"I had heard stories about the first women who joined the Corps," Abat told the *Houston Chronicle* Sept. 28, 1986. "No one likes change. And I had never done anything like it be-

fore."

Abat says she knew she would have to work harder to adjust.

"I felt I needed to be twice as sharp as anyone else," she says. "If women want to be here, they need to prove themselves."

Mandy Schubert says she also felt the pressure to perform.

"I knew I had to prove myself to them (the alumni)," Schubert says.