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## Battalion recognized regionally

The Battalion and two of its staff members brought home five awards from the 1989 regional Mark of Excellence competition for student journalists sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists.

The Battalion received second place for best all-around daily student newspaper, competing with student newspapers in the Texas and Oklahoma regions.

Dean Sueltenfuss was honored with three awards: first place for in-depth reporting, second place for feature writing and third place for column writing.

Fred D. Joe received third place for feature photography.

The honors were presented at the Sigma Delta Chi Awards in Journalism conference in Tulsa, Okla., May 6.

All two- and four-year colleges and universities were eligible for the Mark of Excellence awards, which are considered the most prestigious in the country for student journalists, Regional Director Ira Perry said.

Sueltenfuss' in-depth reporting entry will advance to the national contest and winners will be announced during SPJ's national convention in Louisville, Ky. in October.

"I am proud of the effort of our students," Randy Hines, student publications manager, said. "These awards are just a symbol of the quality of their everyday performance."

## Health center closes

The A.P. Beutel Health Center closed Monday reopening June 1 at 4 p.m.

Emergency Medical Service ceased ambulance operations Sunday. Service resumes June 2 at 7 a.m.

In case an emergency requires an ambulance during this time, dial 9911 from campus to reach the College Station Fire Department.

## Senate passes 'reframed' Corps integration resolution

By HOLLY BECKA  
Of The Battalion Staff

Texas A&M Faculty Senate members passed a "reframed" resolution appointing a committee to advise President William Mobley on the progress toward full integration of women in the Corps of Cadets.

At the Faculty Senate's April meeting, the resolution was sent back to committee so it could be revised with "more positive" wording.

Patricia Alexander, chairwoman of the status of women committee, said the updated resolution is stronger and will create change.

"It will assure women have the same choices and opportunities as their male counterparts in the Corps," she said.

Alexander said a committee appointed to the president will make sure students are treated on an equal basis.

The resolution states the Corps limits women in their choice or assignment to outfits on the basis of their gender, but doesn't limit men in their choices.

The resolution calls upon University officials to remedy these "institutional restrictions" through policies and procedural changes.

Maj. Gen. Thomas Darling, Corps com-

## Cadet Smith first woman to receive Corps' distinguished Doherty Award for outstanding graduating member

Maureen Smith is the first woman to receive the Doherty Award recognizing the outstanding graduating member of the Corps of Cadets.

She received the award during ceremonies on Albritton field in front of 105 graduating cadets as she prepared to be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

The award, which includes a cash prize of \$3,000, is given annually to a senior cadet who has completed eight semesters in the Corps and has received a bachelor's degree by commencement time.

The recipient must maintain a high grade point average while exemplifying "Aggie spirit" and earning the respect and trust of the student body.

After a nomination process, the candidate is chosen by a committee made up of the University president, the president of the Former Students Association, the Commandant of Cadets, and two members selected by the University president.

Smith is a geology graduate from Lufkin who maintained a 3.72 GPR while serving as commander of Squadron 14 during her senior year.

mandant, said he is an avid supporter of women in the Corps and equal opportunity but doesn't want to force the issue.

"(Full integration) is in our goals and our

strategic plan, but realistically, time is what is needed," he said. "The president doesn't need any more advisers."

In an interview after the meeting, Darling

said he is concerned that moving too quickly with Corps integration could prove detrimental. He said female cadets are needed at sophomore, junior and senior levels in an outfit before women can choose outfits, like the committee of the status of women would like.

"Men don't even choose what outfit they are in," Darling said. "A lot of assigning is done according to the number in the outfit and other factors."

Darling said Corps-member retention is high among his priorities. He said he's afraid a high attrition rate will result if a lone woman is placed into an all-male unit.

"We don't have the hourly supervision like at the academies for this," he said.

During discussion about the resolution, Victor Willson, a senator representing the educational psychology department, said if integration were a matter concerning any other organization than the Corps it would be cut and dry.

"I don't see why the Corps of Cadets is granted this exemption," he said.

At least seven Corps units will be integrated during Fall 1990 and all former separate female units will be integrated.

Mobley will decide whether he wants the advisory committee.

## Local businesses stop taking checks

By JAMES M. LOVE  
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For more than two years many Northgate area businesses have stopped accepting checks before the close of the spring semester and will not take them again until summer school starts.

According to many managers of Northgate businesses, graduating students and those just leaving for the summer are hard to find if they write a hot check.

Because of this, many businesses find it easier not to accept checks during the end of the spring semester.

The Cow Hop quit accepting all checks April 10.

Cow Hop owner Jim McGuire said the restriction has cost him some loss in sales, but he believes it is the best decision.

"If a \$3 check comes through here and bounces, my bank charges me \$8," McGuire said. "And if we are unable to find who wrote it, we're out \$5."

Jean Rohren, the manager of the Flying Tomato, says the business usually quits accepting checks at the end of every semester.

Rohren said graduating students often close their ac-

counts and don't realize they have outstanding checks when they leave town.

"I don't think students actually mean to write the hot checks," she said. "I think it just happens when they loose track of their account."

Y.S. Puh, owner of the Deli Shop, says he gets very few hot checks, but that it gets very bad just before summer vacation starts.

"We don't quit accepting checks at the end of every semester, just before the summer," Puh said.

The A&M Steak House also has taken a stand against the situation by wielding a sign on its front door that states the no-check policy effective until the beginning of summer school.

On the other hand, some establishments have found solutions to the problem.

The Burger Boy has continued accepting checks despite the increase in check returns.

George Sopasakis, owner of the Burger Boy, charges check writers an additional 25 cents to account for losses.

Sopasakis said it is expensive to track down students

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## Stout elected speaker

The Texas A&M Faculty Senate elected Bill Stout as speaker and Peter Hugill as deputy speaker during its final meeting Monday.

Stout, a professor of agricultural engineering specializing in management of agricultural system, served as deputy speaker during the Faculty Senate's seventh session.

Hugill, a senator representing the geosciences college, was chairman of the academic affairs committee for two and a half years before serving as the Senate's secretary/treasurer.

Carlton Stolle, an accounting professor in the college of business administration, will serve as Faculty Senate's secretary/treasurer during the 1990-91 school

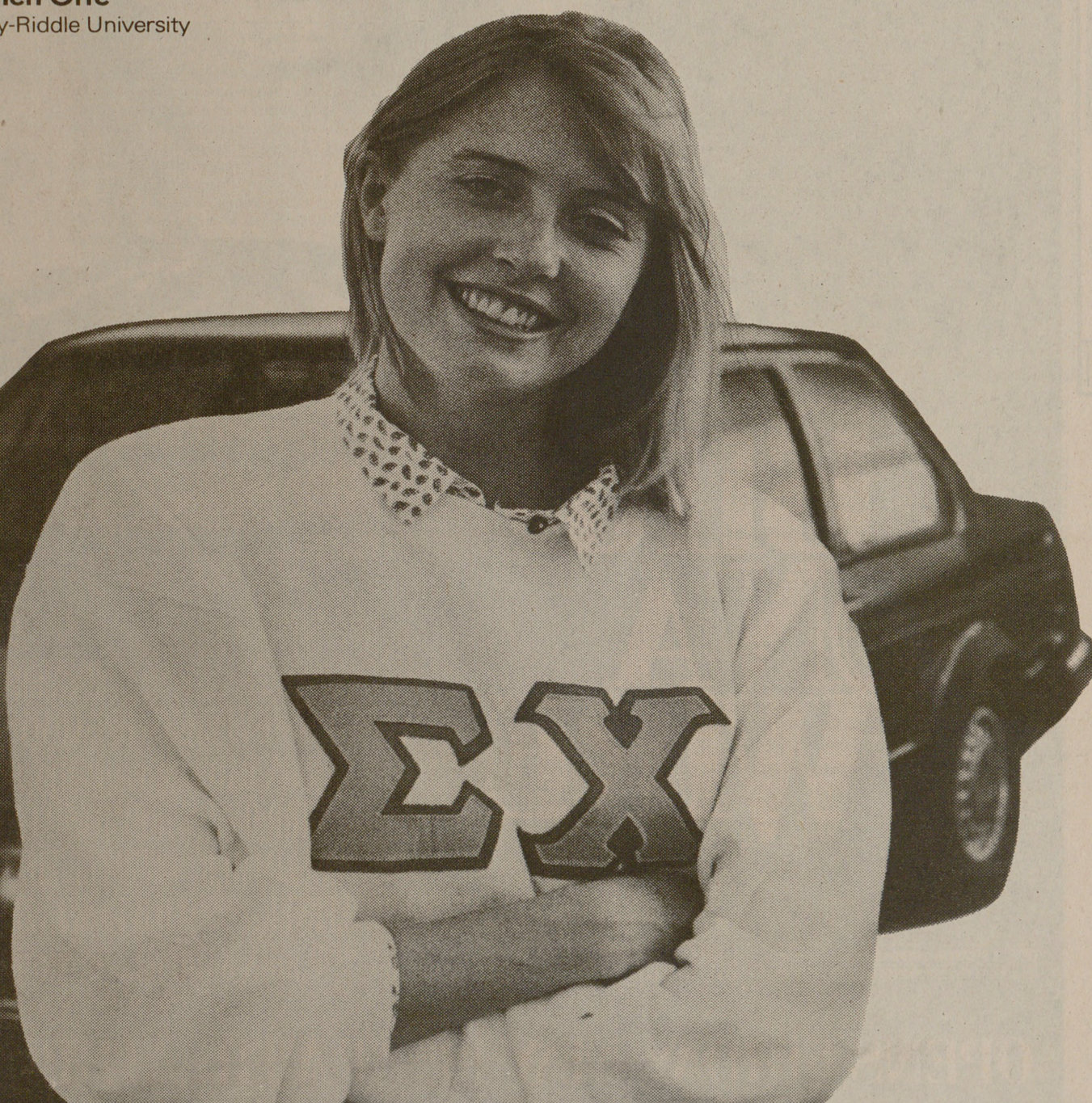
year. Stolle was a member of the core curriculum oversight subcommittee and secretary to the academic affairs committee for the Senate's seventh session.

Executive committee members are Patricia Alexander, with the educational curriculum and instruction department; Gary Halter, with the political science department; H. James Price, with the soil and crop sciences department; John Quarles, with the medical microbiology and immunology department; William Smith, with the statistics department; and J. Benton Storey, with the horticulture department.

Eighteen new senators also were installed during Monday's meeting.

## ON CAMPUS

Carmen Otte  
Embry-Riddle University



## NASA trainee Carmen Otte and her favorite space vehicle.

When Aeronautical Engineering junior Carmen Otte talks about her 1982 Volkswagen Jetta, it's only natural that she begins with space.

"I like its size, especially the trunk. A big trunk is important when you go away to school and have to carry practically everything you own.

"And I love Jetta's space inside. It's roomy, comfortable. Last year I drove 200 miles each way to a summer job at NASA. I'm glad I was in my Jetta."

Of course, there's more to Carmen's Jetta than space. "My car has over 200,000 miles on it. It doesn't cost much to operate and it's good looking. I think Volkswagens are excellent cars for college students."

Since Carmen hopes to design spacecraft someday, we had to ask her what kind of vehicle she envisions in the future.

"That's easy. A red Volkswagen Cabriolet convertible. I've already got one picked out for graduation."

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