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## Student Senate to study 'culture courses'

By Kim McGuire

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The Student Senate voted to study a Faculty Senate proposal Wednesday night that would add a six-hour American and International requirement to the University core curriculum. Under the proposed requirement, students would take two, three-hour classes focusing on important themes or issues in United States and international history, society and culture. Pierce Cantrell, past chairman of the Core Curriculum Oversight Committee to the Faculty Senate, said the Faculty Senate is proposing the American/International requirement to broaden students' perspectives on local and global issues.

"In a global economy, it makes sense to understand international cultures," Cantrell said. "Also, in a state like Texas where eventually one real ethnic group will dominate, it's a good idea to understand how people think."

The American Cultures and International Requirement would add two new categories to the core curriculum but would not increase the number of hours students must take to graduate.

The new categories would be designed so that a course satisfying an existing core curriculum requirement, a department requirement or free elective would satisfy the American Cultures or International requirement.

Cantrell said the University currently offers

50 courses fulfilling the American Culture requirement and 350 courses satisfying the International requirement.

"Sixty-seven percent of the 1991-1992 graduates fulfilled the American Culture requirement, 80 percent met the international requirement and 61 percent met both," Cantrell said. "The new requirement wouldn't cause a fiscal impact on the University and it wouldn't be a problem to enroll in these courses."

Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee Chairman Ben Dale introduced a bill amending the Faculty Senate's proposal. The Student Senate's bill reduces the number of hours from six to three and suggests the course requirement's name be changed from "American Cultures and International Requirement" to "Cultures Course."

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## Senate alters student election procedures

By Kim McGuire

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The Student Senate revised student body election procedures Wednesday night in hopes of alleviating confusion and ensuring validity of the elections.

All candidates will now be required to attend a mandatory meeting before the election begins. If the candidate fails to attend the meeting, their name will be taken off the ballot.

Former student senator Patty Warhol, who proposed the changes, said the purpose of the meeting is to ensure all the candidates are familiar with the election regulations.

"In the past the candidates were given a copy of the campaign regulations and told to

go over it, but nothing ensured they actually understood everything," Warhol said. "This way they will understand the procedures and will be held accountable for their actions."

During elections last year some Corps members distributed fliers at the polling places listing the names of Corps members running in the election, she said.

Under the new election regulations, any campaign materials brought to the polling place by a voter must remain in the possession of the voter once they come within 30 feet of the polling place. This regulation will prevent candidates, or their friends, from distributing campaign material to voters at polling sites.

Distribution of fliers within 30 feet of the

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## Clinton pledges to help in Bosnian peace efforts

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton pledged on Wednesday to send American troops to Bosnia to help enforce a settlement provided it is fair and not forced on the Muslims. He stressed the troops would be under the control of NATO — not the United Nations.



Izetbegovic

Clinton praised visiting Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic as "very courageous" and said at the start of a White House meeting with him: "They are trying to make a decent peace and we ought to support it."

Clinton stressed the settlement would have to be "willingly entered into by the parties" and "has to be guaranteed by NATO, not the U.N. but NATO."

His emphasis on U.S.-led NATO taking charge in a postwar Bosnia-Herzegovina reflects an administration decision to keep the United Nations from direct control over American troops in the former Yugoslav republic.

Clinton offered the statement at a photo-taking session in the Oval Office after Izetbegovic appealed for a U.S. military role in enforcing the peace he said his Muslim-dominated government seeks.

"It's of essential importance that the United States participate in these guarantees," Izetbegovic said.

"They know how to avoid the air strikes and so far they have done that," Clinton said. "I assume they will continue to do that."

In Brussels, the United States and its NATO allies threatened to order air strikes to prevent a Serb stranglehold of the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo.

Ambassadors of the 16 nations in the alliance discussed the conflict in Yugoslavia at their first meeting since a summer break.

## Young Conservatives protest Liberal Arts multicultural requirement

Rally coincides with Council meeting

By Michele Brinkmann

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The Young Conservatives protested Wednesday against the multicultural requirement that Texas A&M University's Liberal Arts Council passed during the summer.

The rally, held outside of the Academic Building, was planned to coincide with the Council's first meeting of the year.

Bearing posters reading "Options, not requirements," members of the Young Conservatives sat in on the Council's meeting but were not allowed to participate.

The group protested the Council's decision that requires liberal arts students to complete six hours of course work in classes emphasizing cultural diversity.

So far, the curriculum committee has approved 70 courses that would fulfill the requirement. However, the Council still must approve the classes.

Dr. Woodrow Jones Jr., interim dean of liberal arts, said the new courses, as passed by the curriculum committee, will be discussed at next month's meeting.

In other business, Jones said the College of Liberal Arts is in the process of finding a new women's studies director to replace former director Dr. Ethel Tsutsui, who resigned Aug. 23 because of what she considered a lack of commitment to the program on the part of the University.

The University is going to add \$6,000 to the program in order to stabilize it as soon as possible, Jones said.

He also said a search for a new philosophy department head is underway.

Also on the agenda was a faculty salary adjustment plan. The new salaries would go into effect September 1994, and the plan is expected to be formally approved by the provost's office in January.

The College of Liberal Arts is asking for a 3 percent increase, the highest of all of the A&M colleges.



Mary Macmanus/The Battalion

The Young Conservatives of Texas hold a rally against the Liberal Arts Council's multiculturalism requirement by the Academic

Building Wednesday afternoon. A passer-by stops to voice his opinion in favor of the multiculturalism issue.

## FALL RUSH 1993: IFC pleased with registration, turnout at first-ever rush forum

By Cheryl Heller

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Texas A&M University fraternities opened Fall Rush 1993 with an all-day rush forum Wednesday at the MSC Fountain and an IFC Fraternity Life Seminar Wednesday night in Rudder Theater.

The forum, which featured appearances by Miss Texas A&M University Leslie Fisher, Reveille and the Aggie Wranglers was a tremendous success in increasing interest in rush and promoting Greeks as Aggies, said Interfraternity Council (IFC) President

Mike Reilly.

"The turnout was great," he said. "The forum really increased our visibility, and we registered many more people for rush than we have in the past."

The forum also gave students the opportunity to become familiar with the fraternities, Reilly said.

"The forum gave us a chance to say 'hello' to the rushees, and it showed what Greeks like to do," he said. "I think it's going to become a tradition we'll have for every rush from now on."

Reilly said the appearances by Reveille, Miss TAMU and the Aggie Wranglers helped the fraternities promote themselves as Aggies, not just Greeks.

"We've had Greek yell leaders, Student Government leaders and MSC committee members," he said. "Our slogan is Greeks as Aggies first."

Rush Chairman Glenn Webb said the forum succeeded because of the emphasis on Texas A&M and Greek support.

"Without the guest appearances and the support of the fraternities and sororities, things

wouldn't have gone so smoothly," he said. "Yesterday was the first day every Greek has ever come together in one day and worn their letters."

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity President Justin Wilde said he believes the forum significantly increased the number of students registering for rush.

"I saw at least three or four times as many guys as we've had in the past," he said. Wilde said he particularly enjoyed the opportunity to get to know potential rushees at the forum.

"It's a great way for the fraternities to get to know them and talk to them, instead of the five minutes we've had in the past," he said.

Rush activities continued Wednesday night with a Fraternity Life Seminar that featured appearances by Interim Vice President for Student Services Dr. Malon Southernland and Greek Coordinator Lenita Hanson.

IFC members discussed with rushees fraternity life and expectations and myths about the Greek system.

"We talked about hazing, and told them what to expect and what not to worry about during rush and in fraternities," said IFC Internal Vice President Donald Eknoyan.

A film about fraternity life was also shown during the seminar, and rushees were given an opportunity to talk with fraternity members and register for rush.



Gus Morgan/The Battalion

Representatives from the InterFraternity Council, **Forrest Green**, a junior speech communication major, **Michael Reilly**, a senior management major

and **Lowell Randel**, a senior agricultural economics major, talk to a rushee outside of the MSC Wednesday. Over 300 rushees visited fraternities.

## Officers capture escaped inmates in north Houston

The Associated Press

ROSHARON — Two state inmates who escaped from a maximum security prison by duping prison guards with dummies made of blankets and papier-mache heads were recaptured Wednesday in Houston.

Willie James Wright, 35, and Albert Mathew, 33, escaped either Monday night or early Tuesday from the Darrington Unit in Rosharon, about 40 miles south of Houston.

Both were recaptured early Wednesday by two police officers who were working in the parole violators division in north Houston, said police spokesman Joe Gamino.

"By their actions they (the escapees) appeared lost and didn't fit the area," Gamino said.

One inmate tried to run from the officers, but he was quickly apprehended, police said.

Both inmates were transferred back to the Darrington Unit on Wednesday. Felony escape charges against the two were pending, said prison spokesman Charles Brown.

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#### WEATHER

• Thursday: mostly cloudy, highs in the lower 90s  
• Forecast for Friday: partly cloudy, highs in the 90s

#### TEXAS LOTTO

• Wednesday's winning Texas Lotto numbers: 1, 17, 18, 21, 29, 39

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