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## Freshmen run offs begin

BY CARRIE BENNETT  
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The Class of '03 elected five student senators in last week's elections and will hold run-off elections today and tomorrow to decide who will hold the class council positions of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, social secretary and historian.

Ashlea Jenkins, election commissioner and a junior political science major, said the number of candidates involved in the run-off elections is not a surprise since there were over 70 students running in the first election.

"It was no surprise [that there was a run-off election] for president, because we had 17 people running," she said. "For the other positions it wasn't really a surprise either. The votes were really dispersed," Jenkins said over 1,500 freshmen

voted in the elections last week, which was equivalent to last year's turnout.

Students elected to senate positions include Jenny Isgitt, Brad Knox, Chris Collins, Lara Pringle and Katie Chastaine.

Students participating in the run-off elections include:

- President—Marke Sharp and Allison Lynch
- Vice president—Sarah Queen and Dustin Hammit
- Secretary—April Smith and Melissa Tyroch
- Treasurer—Ryan Nolan and Michael Ramos
- Social secretary—Melissa Abshier and Sara Rogers
- Historian—Ramando Garcia and Seth Peters

Freshmen can vote from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Sbis Dining Hall, Blocker Building, Sterling C. Evans Library, Duncan Dining Center, Zachry Engineering Building, the MSC and the Commons Lobby.

**1999 Freshman Elections**  
Polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the following locations.

- Sbis Dining Hall
- Blocker building
- Sterling C. Evans Library
- Duncan Dining Center
- Zachary Engineering building
- Memorial Student Center
- Commons Lobby

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ing, Sterling C. Evans Library, Duncan Dining Center, Zachry Engineering Building, the MSC and the Commons Lobby.

The results of the run-off elections will be announced at 10 p.m. tomorrow in front of the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue.

## Sail away



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Alejandro Lator, a graduate agricultural economics major and president of the TAMU Sailing Club, and Philip Augustine, a junior biomedical science major, hoist up the sail of their boat Coronado 15, in front of the Rudder Fountain Monday.

## One-car crash kills 2 Aggies

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Two Texas A&M students were killed and another student was injured in a car accident Saturday afternoon on Interstate 45, one mile north of Centerville.

The students were in a Lexus sports utility vehicle, traveling south, when the back tire hit a patch of grass and then rolled down the embankment. The vehicle then flipped and passengers Carolina Gonzalez, a freshman business administration major from Bellaire, and Robert Daniel, a fresh-

man computer engineering major from Dallas, were thrown from the car.

**"When he [Daniel] moved in, the whole floor bonded."**

— Sarah Rogers  
Friend of the accident victims

Gonzalez was pronounced dead at the scene and Daniel was taken to

East Texas Medical Center in Fairfield where he was later pronounced dead.

Lisa Whalen, the driver and a freshman education major, was treated for minor injuries at East Texas Medical Center and released Saturday.

The accident is still under investigation.

Sarah Rogers, a friend of the car accident victims and a freshman general studies major, said Gonzalez, Daniel and Whalen had been visiting friends and family in Dallas.

Rogers lived on the fourth floor of the University Tower along with Gonzalez and Daniel. She said Daniel

moved in a week late after choosing to leave the Corps of Cadets.

"When he moved in, the whole floor bonded," she said. "He was the center of everyone's attention."

Rogers said all the residents of the fourth floor have been shaken by the accident. She said they have good memories about their friends.

"They were both very, very full of life and very caring about everyone else," she said.

Daniel and Gonzalez will be honored at Silver Taps on Nov. 2.

## Domestic violence focus of task force, candlelight vigil

BY RICHARD BRAY  
The Battalion

The 3rd annual Candlelight Vigil will take place tonight at 7 p.m. at the Bryan High School Silver Campus Cafeteria and is sponsored by the Brazos County Domestic Violence Task Force and task forces from the seven counties in the Brazos Valley, and Phoebe's Home Outreach, a branch of Twin City Missions.

Brenda Wilkinson, the lead training specialist at Phoebe's Home Outreach, said tonight's vigil has numerous goals and there will be speeches about domestic violence research and survivors.

"It is to increase awareness to the public about the problems of family violence, to honor those who have died and to celebrate the work being done to stop violence," she said.

Nikki van Hightower, a visiting professor from the School of Public Health who co-founded the Houston area women's center, said the media and the public often overlook domestic violence.

"It's an under-reported and overlooked crime," she said. "We're doing a lot better in the last few years, but researchers agree that about a quarter to half of domestic vi-

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Silver Campus Cafeteria

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olence [is reported on]. As a result, when you don't have numbers in a number-oriented society we don't pay much attention to it."

Van Hightower said domestic violence is a problem at Texas A&M even if students do not hear about it often.

"We assume that when people go out voluntarily that they treat each other right, but that's not necessarily so at all," she said.

"There are a surprising number of students, mainly women students, who in the course of a relationship get battered by their partner."

Wilkinson said it is important for students to come if they are interested in helping in the fight against domestic violence.

"Eighty-two percent of Americans say that they would like to help if they knew how," she said.

"It would be important to come if you have any interest in making a difference in your community."

## Plane accident victims to be honored at service

BY ERIKA DOERR  
The Battalion

A memorial in the Rudder Theater Complex at 7:30 p.m. will honor the memory of the five skydivers who died when the Cessna model 182A plane they were traveling in crashed on Sept. 18.

The Aggies honored include Sarah Miller, a freshman biomedical science major, James Puryear, a senior management major, Jonathan Warden, Class of '97, Mark Woodings, owner of Ags Over Texas and a former student, and Lela Futch, who is also a former student.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, a plane known as "Duct Tape" crashed in a private pasture by Coulter Field in Bryan. This plane, which was the property of Ags Over Texas, was carrying

Miller, Puryear, Warden, Woodings, and Futch who were preparing for a skydiving jump.

Kristen Beard, vice president of the skydiving club and a senior journalism major, said this memorial is open to anyone who wants to remember and reflect on the lives of the five who were killed in the crash.

"At 6:30 p.m., prior to the Memorial at 7:30 p.m., parents and family will be at several tables with photos of their family members," she said. "[They will be] available to talk with anyone who wants to discuss the crash, the lives of the individuals and offer their condolences," she said.

Travis McHam, director of public relations for the A&M skydiving club and a senior journalism major, said many friends and family

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Listen to KAMU-FM 90.9 at 1:57 p.m. for details on the Bryan Texas Utilities' system check.

## Study Abroad Programs to promote opportunities outside U.S. at event

BY KENNETH MACDONALD  
The Battalion

The Texas A&M Study Abroad Program will hold Overseas Day today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the MSC to promote opportunities for students to study outside the United States.

Catherine Frysinger, staff assistant and program liaison for the Study Abroad Program, said interested students can get information about the programs and sign interest sheets.

"Professors will be [at the fair] to promote the programs, along with students who have been abroad before," she said. "We send about 1,000 [students] a year to Mexico, Spain, France, Switzerland, Germany, Costa Rica and Italy."

Students can study in 11 foreign countries while taking courses ranging from native languages to engineering. According to the Study Abroad Office, students may enroll in any college's program to study in any

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country, or apply directly to foreign institutions and the credits will transfer.

Leana Devine, a junior international studies and history major, took advantage of one of these programs spending last summer living and studying abroad in what she describes as a rewarding experience.

Devine spent the first half of the summer studying Spanish in Pueblo, Mexico. She was back in the U.S. for the Fourth of July but left the next day to continue her education in Normandy, France.

She said the family she stayed with in Mexico helped her better under-

stand the language, and being so near battle fields of World War II while in Normandy made the history courses she took much more rewarding.

"We were staying in a 12th-century abbey that was originally occupied by monks and then used by the Nazis during World War II," she said.

"I had two history classes in the morning and in the afternoon we took field trips to important sites like Paris and Belgium."

After her classes were over, Devine traveled to Barcelona, Spain, and the south of France.

While there, she made an Aggie connection half a world away from College Station. While in La Havre, France, for Bastille Day, she met Aggies visiting France aboard the USTS Texas Clipper II, the training ship from the Texas A&M Merchant Marine Academy in Galveston.

Overseas Day will conclude this afternoon with an informational meeting for students interested in the program from 3:30 to 4:30 in Rudder 502.

**SILVER TAPS**

The following students will be honored:

- Mark Dennis Klockentager (Senior Marketing major)
- James Robert Puryear (Senior Management major)
- Sarah Rebekah Miller (Freshman Biomedical Science major)

The Silver Taps ceremony will be held tonight at 10:30 in front of the Academic Building. The ceremony is to honor those students who have passed away while enrolled.