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News in Brief

Texas A&M's Department of Information and Operations Management (INFO) will hold a career workshop in the Presidential Conference Center at 1 p.m.

The Women in Information Technology Career Building workshop brings female students in the INFO department together with women already working in the information technology field.

Career building, the interviewing and hiring process and balancing life and work will be discussed at the workshop.

The workshop of about 100 students will include small discussion groups led by the female professionals. Conoco, Dell Computer Corp., FedEx and the Texas A&M Center for Management of Information Systems are sponsoring the workshop, free to all INFO majors.

WEDDING

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community has been challenging the laws that make same-sex marriages illegal, and they have recently seen a win in the state of Vermont.

"The movement towards same-sex marriage rights has seen an astounding victory in Vermont," Bennett said. "The Vermont Supreme Court declared that same-sex couples must be given the same legal protection as heterosexual couples."

Bennett said he finds no reason same-sex marriages should not be legally recognized. "There is no reason for a national or state government to deny the right [to marry] to its citizens," Bennett said. "Individual churches should be able to make that decision — which is paramount to part of their faith."

"Marriage is supposed to be about love and commitment. But as it is now, it's only for that traditional kind of arrangement with a man and a woman," Hinze said. "NOW thinks that people should be equal regardless of their gender. Preventing people from marrying because of the gen-



The Valentine's Day ceremony was held in honor of Freedom to Marry Day to create awareness that the gay and lesbian community are denied the right to marry.

der of the people involved is discriminatory," Bennett said.

HISTORY

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but by the '90s, African-American enrollment had dropped at A&M. University documents attributed the drop to the Hopwood decision which outlawed race-based scholarships.

"It's about the loss of scholarships. If a school can offer students the money, they will go where the money is," said Mary Jo Powell, Associate Director of University Relations to *The Battalion* in 1997.

Enrollment continued to drop every year in the late '90s for African-American students.

Of the 15,832 applicants for the fall of '97, 742 were African-American — over a hundred less applicants than the year before.

The African-American student population fell three percent in

PTTS

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communication is a key thing. As students come to realize what we have to do to manage a system as large as ours, they're probably going to realize that we can't please everyone all the time."

Howe said there is already an advisory board in place, but they have done little to increase communication between PTTS and students.

"The PTTS advisory board isn't very active," she said. "One of our projects is to look at the PTTS advisory board and see how it could be more effective."

The new board plans to begin meeting within one or two weeks.

Campus Calendar
Tuesday

- Aggie Lutherans Treehouse:** Join us for study, fun, and fellowship at 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Saviors Lutheran Church located near the stadium.
- Aggie Toastmasters:** Learn public speaking and interviewing skills with possible certification in Rudder at 8:30 p.m. check blue screen for information please contact Laura at 695-3112.
- Brazos Valley Coalition for Life:** We will be holding our second annual fund raising benefit from 6-9 p.m. at the Brazos Center. We will have silent auction, dinner, and presentation. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. For more information contact Lauren Guide at the Brazos Center at 695-3112.
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship:** We will be reading and discussing liturgy at the St. Nicholas Chapel at 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Susan at 696-3112.

INSTITUTE

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her to various parts of Turkey including Istanbul, Ankara and Bodrum for a total of three weeks.

While there, she will be working to restore 3,000-year-old Islamic glass from a shipwreck.

Yoder, also an anthropology graduate student, will travel to the island of Odense in Denmark for two months. Her project includes excavating a cemetery that was attached to a medieval church.

"I'll be focused primarily with the health of the people of the time," said Yoder. "But I'm really looking forward to getting to know the culture and the people of Denmark."

Other fellows include:

- Dave Amber, a graduate student in science and technology journalism will travel to New Zealand to study the country's stance on nuclear arms control.
- April Harlin, a wildlife and fisheries graduate student will conduct research on dolphins and examine conservation practices in Chile and Argentina.
- Travis Heggie, a geography graduate student who will study conservation and the impact of logging on agriculture and conservation in Samoa.
- Sara Keyes, an anthropology graduate student who will study artifacts dating back to 1450 in Morocco.
- Kathryn Willis, an anthropology graduate student who will travel to Egypt to study artifacts from a shipwreck.

While the Fellows program is open to all Texas A&M students, most applicants are graduate and non-traditional undergraduate students.

"At that point in their academic career, they are looking for research opportunities," said Glueck.

Upon returning home, the Fellows are required to give a presentation about their experiences abroad.



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(From left to right) **Cassady Yoder**, an anthropology graduate student, **Dave Amber**, a science journalism graduate student, **Cory Ramsey**, an anthropology graduate student, **Kathryn Willis**, an anthropology graduate student, **Travis Heggie**, a geography graduate student and **Sarah Keyes**, an anthropology graduate student, will travel around the world in pursuit of their fellowships with the MSC Jordan Institute. **April Harlin**, a wildlife and fisheries science graduate student is not pictured.

"The presentations often include a lot about their research. But that's not the only thing of interest," said Glueck. "We are also interested in hearing what they have to say about the customs they experienced, and the day-to-day things they dealt with while living in a different country."

"I want to thank [The Jordan Institute] very much for this wonderful opportunity," said Ramsey. "I absolutely advise others to do this type of thing."

The Jordan Institute also supports six other committees, including the MSC Overseas Loan fund and the International Education Outreach Program.

FACULTY SENATE

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Currently, the Website sponsors the Student Senate features grant distributions from the fall of 1997 to the summer of 1999.

"I've been told that the grade receive in a class is the message much you've learned," said Will, student body president and senior science major. "Not having accurate information, as to how we are taught, violates what I have heard."

Dr. Thomas W. Srganac, an engineering associate professor, asked the grade distributions be completed one college on a trial basis. "I don't think the [Academic Affairs Committee] consider working with just one of legs, but this would give them the opportunity to at least let the Student Senate that we value their ideas," said Srganac.

"When Dr. Bowen is making a final decision on this issue, I am sure that he will make the correct decision that will benefit 42,000 students," Hurd said.

In other business, the Faculty declined a recommendation to address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) statement to all existing course syllabi.

According to a recommendation in May of 1997, the ADA policy present on any new course syllabi it may be considered for the course.

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