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## **Approval process ended for VPs**

**BY JEANETTE SIMPSON** The Battalion

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After a three-hour heated debate the Student Senate voted to eliminate the approval process for vice presidential nominees

The student body president appoints all of the vice-presidents.

An amendment to an existing bill now establishes the Senate's approval of vice-presidential nominees by a twothirds vote, and abolishes the Appointment Approval Board.

The Student Senate Library Use Fee Bill was approved in a 48 to four vote. The bill supports a \$1 increase per credit hour. David Kessler, an off-campus senator and senior English major opposed the approval of the the bill.

"I support the funding for the electronic and hard-copy reserves," Kessler said. "However, I do not support the increase for the funding of the extension of the hours at the West Campus, and Sterling C. Evans libraries."

The Board of Regents will now take

"The Appointment Approval Board has caused us only to look at the character and integrity of the vice-president nominees."

#### – Lisa Schiltzkus student senator

the Student Senate's support of the fee increase into consideration.

The Student Senate's resolution to send the condolences of Texas A&M to Prairie View A&M for the loss of four students in a car accident last Thursday evening passed unanimously.

"Prairie View A&M has stood by our side so many times, it is important that we [Texas A&M] send our deepest condolences, and best wishes to their campus," said Rob Ferguson, student senator and junior political science major.

CAMPUS

The Student Senate Recreational Sports Fee Referendum Bill was introduced in Wednesday's meeting and approved for further committee action.

The Student Recreation Center is asking for a \$7.36 increase in the Rec Center fee per semester. The fee would become a \$78 fee, but students will only see a \$7.36 increase because the additional \$20.64 will be consolidated from the Student Services fee. With the two fees combined, students would see their fees increase from \$189.44 to \$196.80.

Without this fee increase the Rec. Center will suffer many cutbacks, students would see a decrease in services, and the hours that the Rec Center is available to them," said Brian Minyard, speaker of the Student Senate and senior biochemistry and political science major. "That is why it is important that our constituents understand the importance of the support of the student referendum when it appears on the ballot.'

### SOUTHERLAND

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Continued from Pa "I think the commission is trying to meet the March 31 deadline,' "Clearly, they need to fully a their work without regard to a dat

"Everyone should be pleased final analysis about how purpos open this process has been. That we go out of our way to have not It's unfair to speculate on the work less it is produced."

Southerland also commented planned bonfire memorial.

"I am about a week away from izing the group that will be abletog recommendation to President Bo he said. "I have received dozens on what and where the memorial be - everything from a miniatu model to a one-line email."

"We really don't have a timesca when the decision will finally be but we want to be sure that we have a choice that is representative of this [tragedy] has meant."

### PARENTHOOD

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doms. It is just easier for every focus on abortions, but we get los positive feedback from patients. Gulde said Planned Parentho

the number one provider of about in the United States. McCall said when a woman chi

es abortion, she has already dealty many agonizing decisions.

"There are many traumatice riences women may have g through to get to this point, and when she decides to come to us, we make as safe and comfortable as possible McCall said.

Gulde said choosing abortion deal with a trauma is making these ation worse.

"Rape and incest are evil, avit things, but abortion won't reduced suffering," she said. "Two wrong don't make a right; a second wrot makes a bad situation worse. The sands of women have been in a homble situation, but they can get through the suffering without killing minnocent bystander.'

McCall said groups are entitled have their own opinions as long as respect each other.

"Right now, I think we agree to agree. We can learn to respect per when they come to pray for u other people who come to our clin she said.

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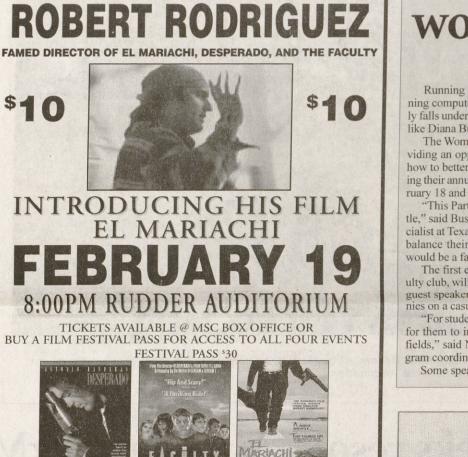
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# **WISE conference focuses on** women's time management

#### **BY BRANDIE LIFFICK**

The Battalion Running a fully-functioning private life and a well-running computer system may be a little more than what usually falls under the definition of "multitasking," but for women like Diana Bushong, its an everyday event.

The Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) are providing an opportunity for women such as Bushong to learn how to better juggle their professional and private lives during their annual conference, titled "Finding the Balance" February 18 and 19.

This Particular conference really is summed up in its title," said Bushong, WISE board member and computer specialist at Texas A&M. "We hope to help women find ways to balance their careers and their social life — whether that would be a family, friends or whatever.'

The first event of the conference, Friday night in the faculty club, will allow students an opportunity to meet with the guest speakers and representatives from sponsoring companies on a casual basis.

"For students that are about to embark on careers, it's good for them to interact with successful women in a variety of fields," said Nancy Magnussen, director of WISE and program coordinator for the college of science.

Some speakers included this year are Glenda Humiston,

deputy under-secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Dr. Geraldine Richmond, professor of Chemistry at the University of Oregon.

"For speakers, we try to pick women successful and well known in their fields," Magnussen said. "But we like for them to not only speak but to interact with those attending the conference

Speaker topics range from finding balance in an everchanging work place to working strategically to reach goals.

WISE will also support several other activities including "Expanding your Horizons," an annual program designed to encourage sixth grade girls to look at fields in science and technology.

Magnussen said that more than 100 women have signed up for this year's conference.

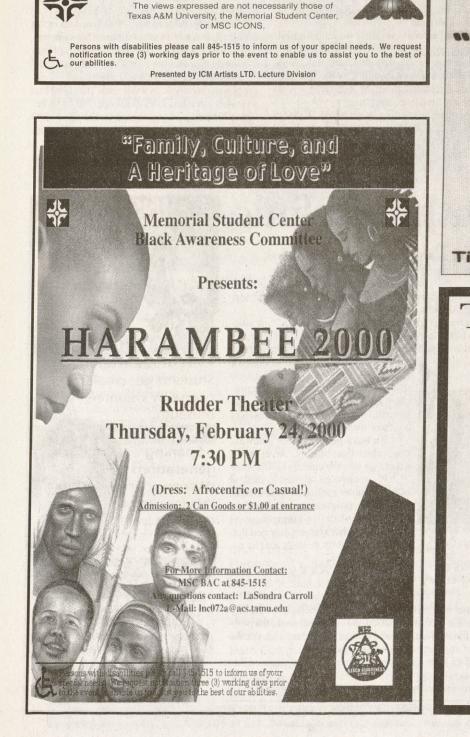
Tickets sold for fifteen dollars to students and twentyfive dollars to faculty and community members. "In the past, usually about 50 percent of those attending are graduate students," Magnussen said. "The other half is generally made up of post docs., faculty, and undergraduate students. We have some who return year after year because they enjoy the day so much."

'We appreciate the support we have gotten from the colleges since the beginning of WISE," she said. "Without that, we certainly couldn't continue to host these conferences."

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