

## Around town

### Applications opened for peer adviser

The applications for 1985 Peer Advisers are now available in 108 YMCA. There is an information session scheduled for Wednesday at 7 p.m. in 137 MSC. This will cover peer adviser responsibilities, as well as a description of the total Peer Adviser Program. Anyone interested in being a 1985 peer adviser is encouraged to attend.

### After Hours offers driving course

The TAMU After Hours Program will sponsor a **Driver Safety Course** on Saturday. This course may be used to have certain traffic violations dismissed and to receive a 10 percent discount on automobile insurance. Registration is held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in 216 MSC. For more information, call 845-1515.

### Nominations for student award opened

Nominations are currently being accepted for the George W. Kunze award for meritorious service to graduate students. This award is presented annually by the Graduate Student Council. Any graduate student wishing to submit a nomination should do so by contacting their GSC representative before March 25 or by mailing the nominations through campus mail to Martha Miller in the Department of Chemistry. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on March 25.

### OPAS and Roadrunners sponsor run

MSC OPAS and TAMU Roadrunners will hold **Run for the Arts**, a 5K race, on March 30 at 8:30 a.m. beginning at G. Rollie White. Pre-registration is through this Friday and March 27-29 in the main hall of the MSC. The cost is \$6 or \$8 on the day of the race.

### Presidential candidates to debate

Candidate for **student body president** will debate Thursday at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder. David Alders will moderate. Questions from the audience will be taken after the formal question and answer session. All students are encouraged to attend and see where each candidate stands on university issues.

## Death

*Proposed budget would limit Texas executions to 5 per year*

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Assistant Attorney General F. Scott McCown said Monday a no-growth budget for the Criminal Law Enforcement Division would limit to five the number of executions in Texas each year.

McCown said Texas has 193 people on Death Row, and he noted that the state attorney general defends capital convictions in appeals to federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

In a letter addressed to "Dear Legislator," McCown said:

"One attorney can handle four of these highly complex cases each year. We have 1.25 attorneys working on capital cases. The state of Texas can therefore accomplish no more than five executions each year. More executions require more attorneys. More attorneys require more dollars."

## Winter cold cuts aloe vera harvest

Associated Press

HARLINGEN — A winter freeze that devastated the Rio Grande Valley's citrus industry also hurt several thousand acres of aloe vera, the cactus-looking plant that local growers say has a "magic potion" for healing cuts, scratches and sunburns.

But the future is bright, said Reed Reeve, plantation manager for Forever Aloe Plantations outside of Harlingen.

"Aloe seems to have a lot of healing products," Reeve said. "Nobody yet has discovered the magic potion — why it is. It works. The healing properties have been known since Egyptian times. Why it works, we don't know yet."

Reeve said before the December 1983 freeze there were 4,500 acres of aloe vera in the Valley. Today, about half of that acreage remains productive.

The Valley is home to more than 90 percent of the aloe vera industry in the United States. California is experimenting with the plant and Florida's few aloe vera acres were destroyed during a freeze in January, local growers say.

Forever Living Products owns about 1,200 acres in the Valley, the most of any single company, Reeve said.

"We're strong," he said. "We control our own market. We sell more than we ever did."

The headquarters of the direct-marketing corporation is based in Phoenix, Ariz., but the operation — growing, processing and packaging — is in Texas.

The crop is grown around the Valley without herbicides or pesticides to keep the plant natural, Reeve said.

When the outer green leaf matures, about three years after its planting, it is harvested. From there the plant is taken to a processing plant in Mission, a few miles to the northwest.

There the plant is washed and the outer leaf is stripped, leaving the gel to be stabilized, sent to vats and then

to a tank truck bound for production facilities in Dallas. There the aloe vera is placed into more holding tanks where it will be split for use in external or internal products.

Aloe vera is used in numerous products, including external health care products such as moisturizing lotion, body toner, bath gelee, mask powder, suntan lotion, shampoo and conditioner, to internal products as tooth gel, juice, gelatin, a nutritional bar and a diet drink formula.

Another Valley aloe vera company, Aloe Vera Farms & Manufacturers, has about 110 acres of the plant.

Todd Waller, director of research and development, said the company moved its operations to the Valley five years ago to be more efficient.

Like Reeve, Waller said the growing, harvesting and processing must be done as quickly as possible to get the most out of the plant.

He also said the outlook is good, despite the freeze.

"Everything's coming back real well," he said. "It's going real well because many companies are looking at aloe because of its natural ingredients."

However, Reeve said the problem today with aloe vera is that some major companies abuse the name to sell their product. He said some major cosmetic companies use very little aloe vera in their products, but still use the name.

He believes the aloe vera industry needs to develop standards for its product, such as agreeing on a set percentage of aloe vera that needs to be used in a product.

"Our products have to have a high percentage of aloe in product to be effective," he said.

He declined to say how much profit the company can make, but said it costs about \$3,000 an acre to grow aloe vera and profits would depend on the economy at the time of sale.

"The future, in my opinion, is great," he said.

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