

Campus briefs

Outdoor survey

The Outdoor Recreation Committee is conducting a survey to determine the interest of the student body in seeking the Outdoor Experience. Questionnaires are available in the Library and on the first floor of the MSC.

Collection boxes for completed forms will be at these locations and in room 216 of the MSC through Thursday.

The survey will continue through Thursday.

For someone you love

Valentine's Day carnations will be on sale from OPA in the MSC this week.

Flowers will be delivered Friday to dorm rooms or offices on campus for \$1 each. Pick up orders are also available for 75 c. Every carnation will have a note attached with a satin ribbon.

Flower stands will be at the Rudder fountain, the Student Programs office at the MSC, and the mall between the Academic Building and Cushing Library on Friday for pick up sales. Carnations will also be sold Friday night at the Aggie Cinema movie "Romeo and Juliet."

Up the river-with canoes

Outdoor Recreation announces its first canoe trip of the Spring semester February 15 and 16 down the scenic Colorado River.

It is a slow running river and anyone can come even if you have never canoed before. It will be an enjoyable weekend for anyone looking for some peace and quiet.

The trip leader is Ann Chenoweth and can be reached at 845-4709. If you are interested in going, please sign up at the Student Programs desk in the MSC and come to the informational meeting, Thursday in room 308 of the Rudder Tower at 7 P.M.

Comedy basketball

Tickets are on sale throughout Bryan and College Station for the Feb. 27 performance of the Harlem Globetrotters.

The show is scheduled for 8 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Texas A&M's Town Hall Committee of the Memorial Student Center sponsors the Globetrotters as a TAMU Special attraction.

Tickets are on sale at all five Bryan and College Station banks and at the Rudder Center box office, Sears and Wards.

Learn to drive, and save

A Defensive Driving Course, sponsored by Cooper-Halsell Insurance, will be conducted on Friday and Saturday at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 906 Jersey Street in College Station.

The first session will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday and the second session will be held on Saturday from 8 a.m. till noon.

Tuition is \$8.00 per person.

Those completing the course will be eligible for a 10% discount on their automobile insurance for a 3-year period.

For further information, or pre-registration, call Howard Goldsmith at 846-4945 or Kay Halsell at 846-1731.

KAMU open house

An open house and tours will mark the fifth anniversary of KAMU-TV Saturday from 6 to 7:30 p.m., announced Dr. Mel Chastain, manager of the educational station operated by Texas A&M University.

The station is located south of Kyle field. It moved to the new facilities in 1972.

Sophomore council work

The Sophomore Class Council is conducting a membership drive through Feb. 21.

Any sophomore interested in working on the council should come by the Class of '77 booth in the Student Programs Office.

For further information contact Paul Lombardino, 845-2004.

A change in the flight plan

A minor change is necessary in enrollment for spring classes of the Texas A&M University Flying Club.

A final date to sign for the instrumentation class is today. Tuesday and Thursday nights are the last opportunities to sign for the ground school.

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George C. and Abe?

Flim-flam man

FORT WORTH (AP) — He calls himself Zapata, but an investigator said Tuesday, he's something of a cross between actor George C. Scott and Abraham Lincoln.

"I never ran across a guy like this in my life," said Deputy Constable Charlie Butts.

"He's the flim-flam man with the demeanor of Abraham Lincoln."

Zapata, you see, is a con man. Not necessarily a great one, but certainly a busy one, even at age 50.

He's in jail here, accused of polygamy, fraud, robbery, burglary, parole violation, car theft and an assortment of lesser mischief, much of which he appears to have forgotten.

Butts said Zapata's real name just might be Gordon Wayne Mosser, and he may be from Milwaukee, via New Orleans, an untold number of Texas cities, including Lubbock and Midland, "and God knows where."

But he's not sure.

It is difficult to be harsh with Zapata, Butts said. "He looks like somebody's grandfather. He's as nice a guy as you'd want to meet."

"He looks at you like a beagle, and those eyes just devastate you."

"He said as best he can remember, he's been married seven times," Butts said. "He doesn't remember, but he thinks he was divorced from all but two or three."

This is Zapata's story, compiled by Butts and sheriff's deputy R. K. Dunlap since his arrest Saturday.

Zapata arrived in town in a stolen car, opened an account at a bank with a forged \$450 check, rented two apartments under different names and struck up a quick romance.

A proposed Valentine's Day marriage with his lady friend was torpedoed when it was learned that Zapata quite possibly had a wife in Lubbock.

And one in Milwaukee.

"This came as quite a surprise to the fiancée," Butts said.

Also, Butts said, "We came across the fact that he had been married to a friend of the person to whom the forged check belonged."

A Lubbock probation officer said Zapata has been imprisoned 10 times for fraud, and authorities waiting to chat with him are too numerous and widespread to mention.

"He even conned the U. S. Bureau of Prisons at one time into thinking he was two men," Butts chuckled. He said the bureau has two separate files on him.

Investigators believe several diamond rings among Zapata's belongings were stolen from none other than the sister of his fiancée here.

The kicker, Butts said, is that he took one of the pilfered rings, removed a large stone, mounted it in an engagement ring and gave it to the robbery victim's sister.

While visiting a friend of his fiancée's to borrow a typewriter, Butts said, he stole some of the friend's checks, then used the borrowed typewriter to make the checks out to himself.

"Now that's gall," Butts laughed. "But I admit I've got grudging admiration for him."

Gamesters on the go

Texas A&M University champions in bowling, chess, billiards, bridge and table tennis go into regional competition Thursday in Houston.

Twenty-four students will take part in the American College Unions-International games tournament through Saturday.

Seven teams and four individuals qualified in recent ACU-I competition.

The TAMU champion women's bowling team consists of Karen Myers, Janice Mitchell, Linda Benson, Terry Manning and Pam Brown.

Also trying for a national tourney berth will be the men's team of Ray Scott, Doug Ocker, Hal Vorland, Joe Tomlinson and Jim Adams.

Two chess teams qualified for region play. One seats Brian Klaus and Kent Parsons; the other, Kermit Pittman and Mark Grohman.

Nancy Anderson and Herman Peace will represent TAMU at the billiard tables and table tennis singles champs are Gene Faulk and Charles Barnhart, John Miller and James Zumwalt captured the TAMU doubles crown.

In bridge Yeao-Nan Hsieh and Francis Lau paired for the Aggie title. James Schwartz and John DuBose placed second, and will also make the Houston trip.

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