

# A&M group exploring antarctic Bulletin board

Those ever-moving Aggies are going even further afield as a team of Texas A&M University scientists leave tomorrow for the Weddell Sea off Antarctica near where another research team is on station in the Drake Passage.

The Drake Passage group is headed by Dr. Worth Nowlin and will be aboard the Scripps Institute Oceanography research vessel "Melville." They are studying the currents through the passage and the interaction between sea and air. The oceanographic expedition will be headed by chief scientist Dr. Guy Franceschini. Dr. Satoru

Taguchi, a post-doctoral fellow, and three graduate students, working under the direction of the principal investigator Dr. Sayed Z. El-Sayed, will be collecting valuable data from this little known ice-infested sea.

They will join the U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker "Burton Island" at Ushuaia, Argentina, the southern-most city of the world. The team will study primary productivity and the physical/chemical factors which control productivity in the Weddell Sea. The sea is thought to produce the cold water that fills the deep basins of the world's oceans.

Franceschini will carry out studies to determine the amount of solar radiation available to ocean plant life (phytoplankton). As chief scientist he will also coordinate the various aspects of this scientific effort.

Taguchi will look at life systems in the ocean and how much photosynthetically active radiation is made available to plants.

The ship was delayed in reaching Ushuaia because of the heavy ice encountered in January.

## Energy hotline service assists manufacturers

Texas manufacturers now can obtain energy information and assistance with energy problems by calling the manufacturers' energy "hot line" at Texas A&M University. The number is 713-845-3628.

This new service was initiated in mid-January and is a program of the federally assisted Energy Advisory Service for Texas (EAST), part of the Center for Energy and Mineral Resources at A&M.

Dr. Leonard Hale, an A&M mechanical engineering professor who is responsible for coordinating EAST's services for manufacturers, said that advisory service staff members will be available to discuss all types of

energy problems with Texas manufacturers.

Energy advisory service personnel will send manufacturers appropriate available information and will attempt to locate other requested information. If the inquiry involves a relatively simple problem, an analysis will be performed by the advisory staff. In addition, if other manufacturers are having or have had similar problems, an information sharing activity will be coordinated for manufacturers, said Hale.

Manufacturers seeking energy information or assistance should call between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Highway funding lacks \$35 billion

United Press International  
AUSTIN — Rising construction costs and a leveling of income projected a \$11.9 billion backlog of approved highway construction projects in Texas, and only more state money can solve the problem, a veteran highway planner said.

The State Commission on Highways and Public Transportation who has been associated with the agency 48 years, appealed yesterday to the legislature for assistance. He said a proposal endorsed by Gov. Dolph Briscoe to guarantee the agency \$561 million in revenue from sales taxes on auto parts, tires and accessories during the next two years is essential.

The highway bill was the first major part of the governor's legislative program to be considered by a legislative committee, and it attracted a crowd. The start of the hearing was delayed 45 minutes while the Transportation Committee moved from a packed small hearing room to a larger one, and testimony continued late into the night.

## Movie tickets now being sold for half-price

Now you can go to the movies for almost half their normal cost. Student Government is selling tickets to ABC Theaters, Cinema I & II for \$1.50 per ticket.

This service was started in the summer of 1975 but few people knew that it was offered. Troie Pruett, student services committee chairman said.

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- Omega Phi Alpha, Spring Rush, MSC 145, 7 p.m.
- Alpha Phi Omega, Pledge Rush, MSC 205 and 206, 8 p.m.
- Nursing Society, MSC 141, 7 p.m. (bring dues).
- Veterans Organization, Your Place, S. College, Bryan, 7 p.m.
- Political Forum, MSC Student Programs Office, 7:30 p.m. (first meeting of 1977 for members).
- Young Artist Series, Guitarist David Grimes, Rudder Theater, 8 p.m.
- Brazos Alternate Energy Society, Rudder 302, 4:30 p.m.
- Handball Club, Deware Fieldhouse Court No. 9, 7 p.m.
- Shorin Ryu Karate Club, Class Registration and Workout, G. Rollie White 266, 5 p.m.

### FRIDAY

- Latter Day Saint Student Association, Bishop Vaughn J. Featherstone, MSC 206, 7 p.m.
- Aggie Cinema, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," Rudder Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- Gromets, WarCon III State War-games Convention, Registration, MSC 226.

### SATURDAY

- India Association, Movie "Ram Aur Shyam," Oceanography 112, 7 p.m.
- Aggie Cinema, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," Rudder Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- SWC Basketball, Texas Aggies vs. Rice, Coliseum, 7:30 p.m.
- Gromets, WarCon III State War-games Convention, Registration, MSC 226.

### SUNDAY

- Gromets, WarCon III State War-games Convention, Registration, MSC 226.

## HAVE ANY MASTERPIECES LYING AROUND?

The Arts Committee of the MSC is now taking submissions of Prose, Poetry, Art, and Photography from Texas A&M students for Moebius, its new magazine. Your work may be better than you think, and we'd like to see it. (Poetry and Fiction may also be entered for cash prizes in the annual Poetry and Fiction Contest.)

Brochures describing the format for submissions may be picked up at the English dept., room 511 Harrington, or the Student Programs Office of the MSC, room 216. SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE FOR BOTH THE MAGAZINE AND THE CONTEST IS FEB. 1, 1977. This is your chance to break into print, so get busy!

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