

Musical opens season

Players present 'Falables'

"Aesop's Falables," a takeoff on the ancient moralistic fables will open the Aggie Players' spring season at Texas A&M University. The Ed Grayczk-written play will appear February 14-19 in the Rudder Center Forum.

A family rock musical, it satirizes "Aesop's Fables" and pokes fun at television programming. The play directed by theater arts faculty member Aileen Wenck, resembles the former TV show "Laugh-In."

The cast includes Jim Seabolt as Wilfred Wolf, famous Aesop villain who constantly tries to improve his

benevolence. He is persecuted by Jack-in-the-Box (Walt Meissner), who continually tries to reform him. Other cast members include Sarah Barrett as Ameilia Eagle, Gary Wood as Mr. Grass Hopper and Mimi Hennessy as Shirley Sheep.

Also Victorina Martinez as Clarissa Crow, Steve Kersh as Horace Hare, Karen McPherson as Nurse Stork, Terri Jones as Sadie Sheep, and Dana Nicholson as Matilda Mouse.

In double roles are Nancye Gandy as Mod Mouse and Sophie Sheep, Christi Binz as Anna Ant and Miss Ant, Gloria Robinson as

Cecilia Sheep and the Sun, and Richard M. Nelson as Thaddius T. Tortoise and the Boy.

"Falables" music director is pianist Steve Jacobs. Assistant director and stage manager is Dave Rich. He will be aided by assistant stage manager Marsha Pugsley and choreographer Mimi Hennessy.

Tickets for "Aesop's Falables" will go on sale at the Rudder Center box office Monday, February 7. Prices will be \$1.75, A&M students; \$2.75, non-students; \$1 children, and 50 cents, children of Aggie Players members.

A&M receives \$63,903 in grants

Texas A&M University has been awarded two aid-to-education grants totaling \$63,903 by the Exxon USA Foundation.

O. L. Luper of Houston, senior vice president of Exxon Company, U.S.A., formally presented the funds to A&M President Jack K. Williams and Vice President for

Academic Affairs John C. Calhoun Jr.

A departmental grant of \$29,500 was given to help support the University's programs in chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, petroleum engineering, electrical engineering, civil engineering, aerospace engineering, earth sci-

ence, accounting, computer science and business administration.

The second grant, for \$34,403, represents a matching contribution for the total eligible and certified gifts made to A&M by employees and annuitants of Exxon and its affiliates under the foundation's incentive program for individual aid to education.

Olin Teague recovering

U.S. Rep. Olin E. Teague, D-Bryan, is recovering from a successful amputation of his left foot at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Md.

Doris Seibert, district public relations officer in Teague's office in Austin, said yesterday the foot was amputated because of a complication from an old World War II combat injury.

"Further surgery will be required at a later date for closure and preparation of the stump," Seibert said. Teague had been under close observation by doctors at Bethesda since his admission four weeks ago, she said.

"The doctors say when he is fitted with the proper artificial limb he will be able to return to all his normal duties," Seibert said.

The departmental grant is part of \$531,500 being awarded this academic year by the Exxon USA Foundation to 130 universities and colleges throughout the nation.

Top of the News

Campus

INTERSPECIES COMMUNICATIONS will be the topic of a Great Issues presentation tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Theater. Dr. John C. Lilly, will present the program. Dr. Lilly is a veteran researcher in dolphin communications and dolphin-human communications.

FRAMED, READY-TO-HANG PRINTS of works by famous artists will go on loan Friday at the Sterling C. Evans Library. Students may begin checking out the 85 prints on a one per student, first-come, first-served basis Friday at 2 p.m. Loans are restricted to Texas A&M students. Prints will be due at the end of the semester.

HEAT WAS CUT OFF to the Wofford Cain Pool yesterday in an effort to conserve gas. Dr. Carl Landiss, head of the Health & Physical Education Department, said curtailment of the heat was for an indefinite period. The pool will be open for harder swimmers from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. daily. There will be a lifeguard on duty but the pool will not be heated.

'77 FISH CAMP CHAIRMEN applications will be available from the Student "Y" office in MSC 216 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. next week, Feb. 7-11. Everyone is eligible. Counselor applications will be announced at a later date.

AGGIE PARENTS of the year applications are available in the Student Program's Office, MSC 216, and are being accepted now through March 25.

Local

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT ASSOCIATION (OCSA) organization plans are underway. Students interested in helping may contact Karen Switzer, YMCA 108.

Texas

TWO LEGISLATORS IN AUSTIN say they want Texas to withdraw its ratification of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment because they don't want to use the same restrooms as women. Rep. Clay Smothers, D-Dallas, and Sen. Walter

Mengden, R-Houston, announced yesterday they would sponsor a resolution recalling the state's 1972 ratification of the constitutional amendment. They said they feared if the proposal became law it would be left to the courts to interpret. The amendment thus far has been ratified by 35 of the needed 38 states. Mengden said he had changed his mind on the proposal because he now felt the amendment was unnecessary and dangerous.

AN OFFICIAL REPORT may be eight months away on the cause of an explosion on the Exxon oil tanker San Francisco and deaths of three men on a nearby tugboat, the Coast Guard says. A one man board of review has been named to look into the accident which happened when the tugboat Nathan B was routinely attending the San Francisco as it loaded fuel from Exxon Barge 119 in the Houston Ship Channel last Thursday. The barge loading arm which was filling the 800-foot tanker broke free and spewed gasoline and fuel oil across the dock. When the Nathan B started its engines the oil was apparently igni-

t. The tug sank immediately with its crew still aboard. Nine others were injured in the explosion.

SOME TOP STATE OFFICIALS and representatives of organized labor are so unhappy with Bell Telephone's policy of charging for directory assistance calls they want a law passed to forbid it. Both Gov. Dolph Briscoe and Lt. Gov. William Hobby yesterday announced their support of a bill to outlaw the charge. The two claimed the charge actually gives the telephone company added incentives to publish inaccurate and out-of-date addresses.

National

EVEL KNEIVEL'S daredevil jump over 13 lemon sharks has been cancelled after Knievel suffered a fractured right forearm and left collarbone yesterday when he lost control of his motorcycle and crashed while practicing his planned jump. He is listed in good condition at a hospital in Chicago. The jump was to be televised nationally last night.

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