

campus activities

TUESDAY
Brazos County A&M Club, "Bellard Night," Ramada Inn, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
STUDY BREAK, sponsored by Aggie Cinema and Basement Committee. Cartoons and short films will be shown from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the Basement. Admission is free.

THURSDAY
Transportation Conference, sponsored by Texas Transportation Institute. "Critical Transportation Issues" will be the topic.

Physics colloquium, 4 p.m. in room 146 of the Physics Building. Dr. George Basbas, from North Texas State University, will discuss "Innershell Processes."

FRIDAY
End of Final Exams, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY
Brazos County Volunteer Fire Department garage sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Fire Station, located at Steep Hollow Road and FM 1179 in east Brazos County. Proceeds from the sale will furnish equipment for the volunteer fire department.

New Russian weapon threatens arms race

The era since World War II may turn out to be the "golden years" of U.S.-Soviet relations if the newly publicized ion-beam weapons become a reality.

After last week's announcement that the U.S. and Russia are hard at work on energy-beam weapons to neutralize nuclear missiles, Texas A&M University military historian Dr. Roger Beaumont said that the

development might make future generations look back nostalgically at the "relative stability of the thermonuclear age." The reason is that such a beam could end the nuclear deterrent, the core of the U.S.-Soviet strategic balance since 1950.

Foreseeing the development of such weapons almost a decade ago, Beaumont wrote in a 1969 "Military Review" that while the Soviets had

improved on a WW II military in terms of manpower and design, Western military planners moved away from large manpower organizations—assuming that the Red Army was negated by the bomb.

Looking at current developments, Beaumont said the major powers might resort to "superarmies, fleets and air armadas of Second World War proportions."

Such massive concentrations of men and machines, if they clash, Beaumont said, "could lay half a world in waste with conventional weapons, leaving survivors in chains or perpetually armed as nervous victors."

"The jargon of nuclear theoreticians leaked into the language and nuclear fear became big box office in the West, battering the sensitized public with the fear of the bomb and reinforcing the image of perpetual thermonuclear stalemate," Beaumont said.

"Yet all the while," he continued, "the Soviets maintained their large conventional ground, submarine and air forces, undertook a surface fleet construction program and allocated what was regarded by some as proportionally small nuclear delivery and defense forces. And, they

shielded their population from psychological wear-and-tear of clear confrontation."

Beaumont said that a bomb world would give disproportionate power to the Soviet Union, Europe and to China in Asia.

"If tensions should produce a sort to military strength, the nations would be in a tight spot because since 1945 they have relied, in general, on elitism. This includes submariners, aviators, commandos and special forces as well as the Strategic Air Command and its borne and airmobile forces."

He added that many of the nations' armed forces have become all-volunteer with weak reserves and several are unionized. "The end of the bomb's role as slaughterer of civilians would be a step forward in the sense of releasing the mortgage from millions of people's lives," he said. "But the world would once again belong to the big battalions and the masters of the darker side of technology, as chemical-biological warfare."

"The resulting instability in the balance of power might create a nostalgia for the relative stability of the thermonuclear age," Beaumont said.

Government tells firms to prepare for possible gas-to-coal switch

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Federal Energy Administration has notified 56 heating fuel users in 25 states — ranging from giants of the chemical business to a college — that they may be forced to switch from oil or natural gas to coal.

The notices launched the FEA's first effort to make industrial heating plants, rather than electrical power generating plants, switch fuels.

An FEA spokesman said yesterday that his agency plans public hearings on its new proposal in seven cities this month before its power to order fuel conversions expires June 30.

Based on information from those hearings and other sources, orders to some or all of the plants could be issued by early summer.

FEA chief John O'Leary said the industrial conversion drive "marks

another significant step in the president's program to reduce dependence on oil and natural gas and increase the use of coal, our most abundant energy resource."

Earlier FEA notices were sent to 105 existing electrical power plants at 50 sites and to 143 planned power plants at 97 sites.

Federal officials have said no conversions will be carried out if they degrade the environment. Local officials where power plants are located, however, have often doubted the environmental goals could be obtained.

The FEA orders Monday cover 24 industrial plants in 17 states that already are in operation and other plants in 17 states that are now in the early planning stages.

Agency analysts said the 24 existing plants — mostly paper and chemical company complexes — can be converted to coal heat for a total \$276.8 million.

They estimated the conversion would reduce plant fuel costs \$30 million a year, produce \$1.7 million a year in operating cost savings. U.S. oil consumption by 12.3 million barrels a year and save 23.2 million cubic feet of natural gas a year.

Coal demand would be increased 4 million tons a year, they said. Forcing the 32 plants now on drawing board to burn nothing but coal would save an additional 20 million barrels of oil a year and increase coal demand by 5.3 million tons a year, the analysts calculated.

The 32 installations range from refineries to the Dartmouth College heating plant in New Hampshire.

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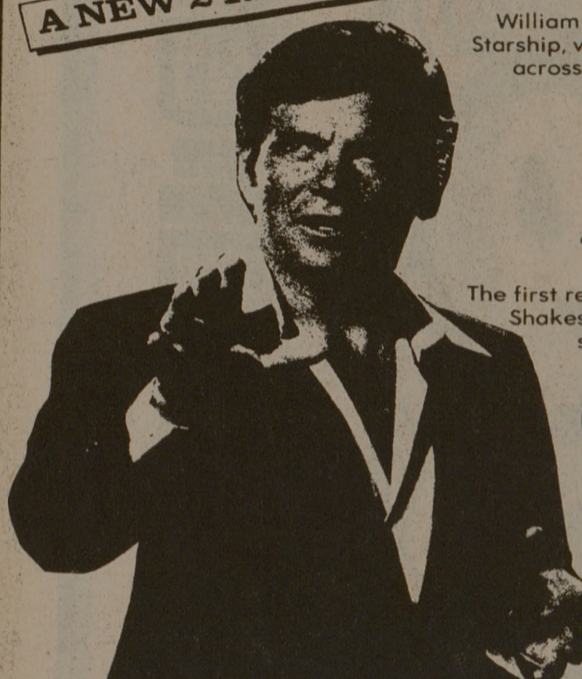
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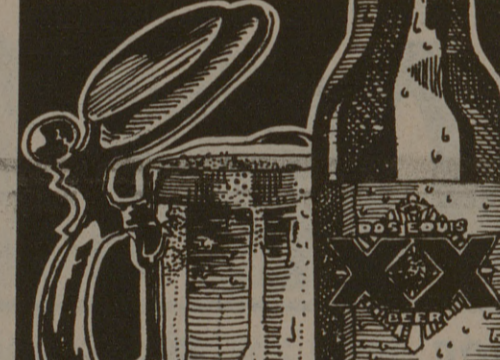
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