

Campus activities

Tuesday
Physics colloquia, Michael Strayer on heavy ion fusion reactions, 4 p.m., 146 Physics Building
TAMU Marine Technology Society, Larry Megow on saturation diving, 7:30 p.m., 203 Zachery
Recreation & Parks, show and tell by members, 7:30 p.m., 404 Rudder
Delta "Y", Freshman Gas Off, 8 to 12 p.m., 145 MSC
Great Issues, Dr. Michael DeBakey, 8 p.m., Rudder Auditorium

Wednesday
MSC Arts and Crafts Fair, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Rudder Fountain
Omega Phi Alpha, 6:30 p.m., 501 Rudder
Student Senate, 7:30 p.m., 214 Harrington
Political Forum, Dr. Clovis Masquod, 8 p.m., 601 Rudder
Aggie Cinema, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," 8 p.m., Rudder Theater

Thursday
MSC Arts and Crafts Fair, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Rudder Fountain
Political Forum, Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Joe Greenhill, 12:30 p.m., 201 MSC
Physics colloquia, Alfred Osborne on internal waves in the Andaman Sea, 4 p.m., 146 Physics Building
Resident Hall Association, 7 p.m., Quonset Hut B

Water Ski Club, officer elections, 7 p.m., 301 Rudder
Political Forum, Dr. Clovis Masquod, 7:30 p.m., 601 Rudder
A&M Basketball, A&M women vs. Prairie View, 5:15 p.m., G. Rollie White Coliseum, A&M men vs. Southwest Texas, 7:30 p.m., G. Rollie White Coliseum
Cepheid Variable, "Vampyr" 8 and 10 p.m., 701 Rudder

Friday
Classes of 1942 and 1967 Reunions Town Hall, Firefall, 8 p.m., G. Rollie White Coliseum

Saturday
Class of 1942 and 1967 Reunions Corps of Cadets Briefing, 10 a.m., Rudder Theater
Texas A&M vs. Houston, 3:05 p.m., Kyle Field, Corps of Cadet March-In, 1:40 p.m.
A&M Basketball, A&M women vs. S.F. Austin, 12:30 p.m., G. Rollie White Coliseum, A&M men vs. Houston Baptist, 7:30 p.m., G. Rollie White Coliseum
Aggie Cinema, "The Man Who Would Be King," 8 p.m., "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore," 12 midnight, Rudder Auditorium.

Sunday
Travel Committee, "We've Never Been Licked," 2 p.m., Rudder Auditorium
Aggie Cinema, "The Sterile Cuckoo," 2 p.m., 701 Rudder

Drug efficacy studied

United Press International
HOUSTON — Following future drug prescriptions may become a bit more complicated than just taking so many pills so many times a day. It could involve watching one's watch. The same could apply to taking other kinds of treatment and possibly even to visiting the doctor or hospital.

Dr. Michael Smolensky and colleagues at the University of Texas have been studying the idea that medical care, especially drugs, can be more effective at one very specific time than at another because of body rhythms.

Smolensky and Dr. John McGovern, also of Texas, have published a book in the field entitled "Chronobiology in Allergy and Immunology."

"What we're trying to determine is the practical application of man's time structure in solving clinical problems such as appropriately managing diseases with chemotherapy," Smolensky said.

"We've been taught that the body is relatively constant and what is generally unrecognized is the practical significance of biological rhythms, the time structure, of the body and its implication for diagnosis and treatment."

Smolensky said "wide variability" in response to drugs or other treatment — depending on time of day, week or month — applies as much to males as to females, whose

menstrual cycle is the most obvious example of chronobiology.

He said the value of more carefully timed treatment, already shown in limited areas of research, is a two-pronged affair involving risks and benefits.

Smolensky said Texas scientists have conducted studies on asthmatics, trying to determine the most effective times to give them so-called bronchial dilators, which guarantee free breathing for a period of time.

"We're starting to look at the possibility that there may be a need for an unequal dosage, unequal interval, administration of drugs. In asthmatics, for example, airways tend to be in better shape during midday."

"The big push now is to use the drugs already available for treating cancer, for example, in a more efficient manner," he said.

Other Texas tests will involve inducing cancerous tumors in mice and experimenting with variable time, variable dosage, treatment with the goal of minimizing toxic side effects while maximizing benefits of strong anti-cancer drugs.

Aside from drug-timing, or chronopharmacology, Smolensky said other changes in health care delivery could arise from proving that patient's symptoms and response to treatment vary according to time.

"Most doctors, for example, see patients only in the daytime and their physical conditions can change quite rapidly after the office closes at 5 or 6," he said.

"I'm not sure it would change his work cycle, but it may change how he operates with his patient as far as the patient's bringing more information to the office, perhaps through self-observation or his own health screening."

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Guerrilla faction kills Spanish police chief

United Press International
MADRID, Spain — Basque separatist guerrillas have assassinated a police commander in Pamplona, sparking protest marches and universal condemnation from Spain's political parties.

Joaquin Imaz, 50, chief of national police in Navarre Province, was walking to his car Saturday night when two young men opened fire on him at close range with pistols. They escaped in a stolen car.

The Basque separatist organization ETA — the Spanish initials for Basque Homeland and Liberty — told the national news agency Cifra the slaying fell under its campaign to rid the region of Spanish "occupation forces."

"We executed Mr. Imaz because he is the top official of the repressive forces of the national police in Navarre," the ETA communique said.

Police said early Monday that despite tight controls and some road blocks, no one had been arrested in connection with the slaying in Pamplona, capital of Navarre Province.

Sunday afternoon several hundred people carrying Spanish red and gold flags staged a street march in Pamplona to protest the killing. They marched to the garrison where Imaz' body was lying in state.

Basque socialists and communists joined other Spanish political forces in condemning Basque separatist guerrillas for the assassination. During the Franco dictatorship, many Basque nationalists and left wingers sympathized with ETA.

But the Basque branch of the

Socialist Workers Party said in a communique that "far from contributing to the construction of an autonomous and democratic Basque region, ETA is hindering the unity of the Basque people."

The socialists, who were the top vote-getting party in the Basque region in June's general elections, said: "It is time to declare publicly that the organization which currently commits acts of violence has no relation with the one that fought the dictatorship." The Basque Communist Party said, "To banish violence in the Basque region is a necessary premise to advancing in the conquest of democracy and national freedom." It called on all political parties to condemn the killing.

Just the facts
United Press International
MADISON, Wis. — Susan Stamborg, co-host of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," feels ABC's Barbara Walters and other news broadcasters should report the news and forget the limelight.

"Anonymity is as essential to a reporter as a pen and typewriter," she said. "I admire Barbara Walters, but I think she forgets that demarcation between the reporter and the celebrity."

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