

what's up

Wednesday

SPEAKER: The India Students Association along with the Philosophy Department will present Swami Chinmayananda at 4 p.m. in the MSC 350. He will speak on Indian philosophy and contemporary culture. Everyone is invited.

DANCERS: The TAMU International Folkdancers will practice at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC 228.

GROVE: "Bugsy Malone." Jodie Foster stars in this film about a bunch of kiddie gangsters in Chicago during the 1920's. Movie begins at 8:45 p.m.

Thursday

ORIENTATION: Texas A&M will hold an orientation for new employees at 9:30 a.m. in the MSC 226.

SPEAKER: The Philosophy Department will present John Lachs. Lachs will speak on the "Intermediate Man" at 4 p.m. in Rudder Tower 404.

AGGIE PLAYERS: Auditions for the second dinner theatre production, "Pajama Tops" will begin tonight at 7 p.m. in the MSC 231. Auditions are open to students, staff and anyone in the community. People interested in working on crews should also attend these meetings. Performance dates for the play will be Aug. 2-5.

BAHAI CLUB: The Baha'i Club will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Meditation Room in the All Faiths Chapel.

GROVE: "Barbarella." Jane Fonda plays a naive space woman in this bizarre science fiction comedy. Movie begins at 8:45 p.m.

Friday

AGGIE PLAYERS: Auditions continue for the second dinner theater production "Pajama Tops." Auditions will begin at 7 p.m. in the MSC 231.

GROVE: "Dirty Harry." Clint Eastwood stars as a rough San Francisco cop who speaks with his .44 magnum. Movie begins at 8:45 p.m.

Saturday

GROMETS: The Gromets meet again for an afternoon of war games. Action starts at noon in the MSC 140.

GROVE: "A Boy and His Dog." After the nuclear war destroys most of the world, two of the survivors, a boy and his dog, communicate their needs to one another. The dog needs food, the boy girls. Warped science fiction. Movie begins at 8:45 p.m.

Sunday

GROVE: "Cat Ballou." Lee Marvin won an academy award for his portrayal of a drunken gunfighter in this highly recommended comedy. Jane Fonda also stars. Movie begins at 8:45 p.m.

Interviews on campus increase by 38 percent

Recruiters from business, industry and government held 19,453 student interviews at Texas A&M University during the 1977-78 academic year, an increase of 38 percent over the same period a year ago.

The annual report from the Career Planning and Placement Center shows that 571 organizations sent 1,300 recruiters to the Rudder Tower center. That's 40 percent more organizations than a year ago. Director Louis Van Pelt said

2,229 students registered for interviews. In addition, the center had 1,011 education-related applicants, 2,030 alumni registered in the Engineering Executive Search Program and 877 alumni registered for career opportunities other than education and engineering.

Average growth for all services offered by the center was 40 percent. The report covered activities from mid-September through mid-November and the spring semester. Van Pelt said an additional 2,910

interviews had been scheduled, but not conducted because of overflow caused by space limitations.

Job opportunities for graduates with a bachelor's degree were running 31 percent ahead of last year's record, Van Pelt said, while master's degree offers were down 5 percent from a year ago. Doctoral job offers remain unchanged, he said.

Bachelor's degree offers to women were up 37 percent compared to a 29 percent increase for men.

Academy says A&M right to emphasize rural medicine

A National Academy of Science study indicates Texas A&M University is on the right track in training primary care physicians for rural areas through its new College of Medicine.

The academy's Institute of Medicine says 70 percent of all medical school graduates should be funneled into family medicine and internal medicine, which are emphasized at Texas A&M.

Among the study's recommendations are two already followed here: 1) that medical schools provide all students with some clinical experience in a primary care setting and 2) that schools, in selecting students, should weigh "likely indicators" that a student might be interested in primary care.

In the Texas A&M program, students undergo clinical training at Scott and White Hospital and Veterans Administration facilities in Waco, Temple and Marlin.

One of the subjective guidelines for accepting students to Texas A&M's College of Medicine, say officials, is a review of the student's interest in community service.

The NAS study did not favor increasing medical school enrollments, only placing more emphasis on primary care.

It predicted the supply of physicians would rise more than 60 percent by 1990 if enrollments continue at their present level of 15,000 entering a year.

Texas A&M, which registered its charter class only last fall, uses an

accelerated program to allow undergraduates to enter medical school and finish two years sooner than traditional programs.

Helping provide primary care doctors for non-urban areas in Texas is one of the major goals of the Texas A&M program.

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Vet lab major line of defense against livestock diseases

As it nears the 10th year of formal operation the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory still has its hands full as the state's major line of defense against livestock diseases.

Over 26,000 referrals were handled by the College Station lab last year and more than 27,000 are forecast for this year. The Amarillo branch lab, opened in 1975, reported more than 5,000 cases last year and predicts over 5,800 this year.

Gone or greatly reduced are the serious outbreaks of anthrax, red nose abortion and different poisonings in cattle. Livestock vaccines have been modified because of information gleaned inside the walls of the TVMDL, which is a state agency administered by the Texas A&M system regents.

Texas livestock producers receive five to six times the cost of operating the lab in reduced disease costs each year, TVMDL director William Sippel says. The Texas economy benefits through the continued safeguard against diseases threatening the food animal industry, he said.

By serving as central points for

receipt of specimens from all over Texas, the two laboratories are in a unique position to recognize epidemics much earlier than would normally be possible.

Speed and same-day service, despite the heavy case load, are important to scientists at the diagnostic facility. Bacteria and viruses infecting an entire herd—or spread statewide as cattle are bought and shipped—must be treated quickly to guarantee successful prevention and treatment.

Among the more celebrated incidents of service has been the lab's role in identifying and helping eradicate outbreaks of anthrax and hog cholera. The TVMDL has even been called on to investigate alleged cattle mutilations which had been the work of vultures, coyotes, and other animals.

To detect various diseases and poisonings, the agency operates a battery of tests from pathology to toxicology and microbiology. Nothing learned from the tests is forgotten; it is filed away in a computer for reference on the next similar case—which may appear in a matter of hours.

Such procedures have made the

Texas facility one of the "must visit" stops recommended by the Department of Agriculture for foreign visitors and has earned the laboratory top citations from the Texas Veterinary Medical Association.

Each morning, the staff of the lab meets to go over cases received the previous 24 hours, giving every case the benefit of consideration by all the specialists present.

Since many problems are brought on by poisonous plants, the TVMDL has built up a collection of seeds from more than 400 toxic bushes, shrubs and plants.

John Reagor, head of the toxicology section, looks for these in the animals' stomachs when he and his co-workers examine animal deaths thought to be linked to poisonous plants.

Sippel says part of the TVMDL's strength is Reagor, who is trained in both chemistry and botany and can augment personnel trained in veterinary fields.

Still, the Texas livestock producer's first line of defense against disease is the local veterinarian, who is often the person who calls on the special capabilities of the TVMDL.

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