what's up

Wednesday

SVS: The Student Volunteer Services will hold their "2nd Annual Agency Volunteer Fair" at the Memorial Student Center Fountain

BRIDGE: Bridge will be played every Wednesday in room 212, Memorial Student Center at 7:15 p.m.

PARACHUTE CLUB: TAMU Parachute Club will have demonstrations and jumps on the main drill field from 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. The club will also show a movie entitled "Wings" at 8 p.m. in room 601, Rudder.

GOLF: The women's golf team has a tournament in Oklahoma City.

MOVIE: Aggie Cinema presents "The Grapes of Wrath," the Academy Award-winning film based on John Steinbeck's novel about the despair and poverty of an Oklahoma family during the Depression at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

Thursday

WATER SKI CLUB: Will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. in room 301,

OASIS: Will hold a Noon Bible Study in the Basement Coffeehouse from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

MOSLIM STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION: New officials will be elected at the meeting in room 206, Memorial Student Centat 7:30 p.m.

CANCER SOCIETY: The Brazos County Chapter American Cancer Society will meet at noon at 3-C Barbeque at 810 So. Main, Bryan. All persons interested in serving on the board or on committees are

CEPHEID VARIABLE: "A Boy & His Dog," a tale of survival in the year 2024, which traces the adventures of Vic and his telepathic canine companion, Blood, in a post-Atomic War Wilderness, will be shown at 8 and 10:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

VOLLEYBALL: The volleyball team will play UTA and Nebraska at Arlington at 7:30 p.m. BAHA'I CLUB: Is sponsoring a public meeting and invites people to

attend at the All Faiths Chapel at 7:30 p.m. STUDENT GOVERNMENT: All students who want to join a student

government committe is asked to attend the meeting in room 308, Rudder Tower at 7 p.m.

DEADLINE: Anyone can enter the singles tournament of the TAMU Racquetball Club. Deadline for entries is today. The tournament will begin Friday, Sept 15, at 7 p.m.

Friday

CANCER SOCIETY: Memorials and donations to the American Cancer Society may be maile to: The Memorial Program of the American Cancer Society, Brazos Unit, P.O. Box 9140, College Station, Tx. 77840.

CROSS COUNTRY: The men's cross country team has a meet at Austin at 7 p.m. The women's team has a meet at North Texas,

AGGIE CINEMA: Presents "MacArthur." a biographical drama about the commander of U.S. forces in Korea during the Korean War. The movie will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

MIDNIGHT MOVIE: "Kentucky Fried Movie," an hilarious spoof of television and the movies from the Kentucky Fried Theater in Los Angeles, starring Donald Sutherland and Bill Bixby will be shown

VOLLEYBALL: There will be a women's tournament at North Texas State in Denton.

TENNIS: There will be a women's tennis tournament at Midland. SOFTBALL: The women's softball team will host a tournament here.

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Dolphin training more than a fish and headscratch, says Sea-Arama expert

By KEITH TAYLOR

If you grew up watching Flipper and think the way to catch a dolphin is to throw him a fish and scratch his head, you are wrong.

Judy Zaum, assistant director of training at Sea-Arama Marineworld in Galveston, spoke to the Texas A&M Biomedical Science Association Tuesday night. Zaun explained the planning and care needed to cap-ture a dolphin and bring it back alive from the ocean.

Sea-Arama is one of the few corporations permitted by the federal government to capture and sell dolphins. Sea-Arama is only allowed to apture 20 dolphins a year. The dolohins are caught near Rockport, about 200 miles south of Galveston.

The dolphins are captured with two boats and a 1,000-foot net. The boats herd the dolphins into shallow

boat, they must be forced to entangle themselves in the net. The crew working the dolphins tries to let only one dolphin hit the net at a time, so protected. the crew can prevent it from drown-

The dolphins are lifted from the water with the net. Untangling the animal can take up to 30 minutes, the animal trainer said. After the dolphins are taken from the water, they are either kept in a sling or on foam rubber padding. Dolphins have very sensitive skin that must be protected from bruises. Their skin is also coated with zinc oxide to prevent sunburn. Shortly after capture, a veterinarian injects the animal with vitamins and occasionally a sedative.

reach shallow water, two in- dolphins to be captured. A dolphin tertwined nets are split in half and cannot be kept if it is less than 6 feet, the dolphins are divided into two 6 inches long or more than 7 feet, 6 groups. To get the dolphins into the inches. The measurement requirements prevent capture of an animal that is too old or too young. Also, pregnant or nursing dolphins are

> After capture, the dolphins are taken back to Sea-Arama and shut in holding tanks before shipment or

Zaun said that training a dolphin for a show usually takes about a year.
The method of training is operant conditioning with positive reinforcement. In plain English, the the touch of a human, but they may trainer teaches the dolphin to respond to a whistle, she said. The dol-phin then associates the sound of the whistle with food. When the dolphin training dolphins, however. She has a chance to train a young sea lion and makes a correct maneuver, it hears the whistle and receives a fish re-

working in shows by age 8 and can off in one bite. Continue working until the age, of 20. Zaun warns A dolphin in captivity has a longer wild, she said. A dolphin in captivity—easy. She said there are many more can live up to 35 years.

Zaun also said that dolphins in the wild usually ignore humans. She said there is not much fact in stories about tion during the oil shortage in 1973. dolphins saving shipwrecked sailors. The station closed, so she applied to A dolphin must be trained to accept Sea-Arama as a "mermaid. enjoy petting later.

bears to skunks. Now she works in a made it sound very easy.

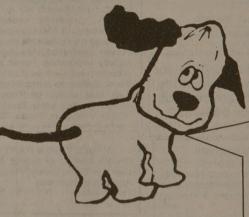
ward. Later it learns to make the maneuver to the sound of the whistle and receives the fish reward later.

bird show with 12 birds. She said the birds she works with are trained, but not tame. The birds, cockatoos and Zaun said dolphins usually start macaws, can take a handler's finger

Zaun warns that if anyone is A dolphin in captivity has a longer "crazy" enough to want to get into life expectancy than one living in the field of animal training, it is not

applicants than positions available.

A mermaid at Sea-Arama is a girl who swims in the main viewing tank Zaun has not spent all her time and plays with the fish. She later had trained many types of animals from was eventually hired as a trainer. She



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