

what's up?

Wednesday

PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND: Will bring its own special style of Dixieland Jazz to Texas A&M's Rudder Auditorium at 8:15 p.m. Tickets for the show are on sale in the MSC Box Office in Rudder Tower and will be available at the door tonight. Box Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

DESIGNERS AND DRAFTERS: AIDD will meet at 7 p.m. in room 304, Engineering Building. Guest speaker will be Dr. James H. Earle (creator of Slouch). Discussion will be on developing characterizations and graphic illustrations. Students, new members and guests are welcome.

ABELINE HOMETOWN CLUB: Will have a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in room 308, Rudder Tower.

SOCIAL DANCE CLUB: Will meet from 7-8:15 p.m. in G. Rollie White for lessons and from 8:30-10 p.m. for exhibition group practice.

SMITH COUNTY HOMETOWN CLUB: Will have a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in room 229, MSC.

SADDLE AND SIRLOIN: All interested members of the Saddle and Sirloin Club are asked to help with the tours of the animal centers by area elementary schools from 9 a.m.-noon today and tomorrow. Tours begin at the swine center.

MANAGEMENT SOCIETY: Will hold a wine and cheese party at 8 p.m. in the Treehouse Apt. Party Room.

TAMU ROAD RUNNERS: Will have a general meeting at 6 p.m. in room 226, MSC. New members are welcome to attend.

Thursday

PREMIERE SHOW: Stage Center's 1978-79 premiere show, "6 RMS RIV VU," will open tonight with a Gala Opening Night. Tickets are \$7.50 for the opening night bash, which includes champagne, hors d'oeuvres, and the show, all of which start at 7 p.m. This lighthearted look at life and love will also be shown on Oct. 13, Oct. 15, and Oct. 19-21. StageCenter is located at 304 W. Villa Maria, just south of South College Avenue in Bryan.

POLITICAL FORUM: Cecil Andrus, U.S. Secretary of the Interior, will speak on "Interior Department's Perspective on Energy," at 8 p.m. in Rudder Forum.

OFF CAMPUS STUDENT ASSOCIATION: There will be a party for off-campus students interested in working with OSA and for those interested in running for zone representatives 8-11 p.m. in the Country Place Apartments party room.

DEADLINE: For entering racquetball doubles tournament is 5 p.m. **MSC ARTS COMMITTEE PRESENTS:** "A Night of Poetry with Dave Oliphant," at 8 p.m. in the MSC Basement Coffeehouse. Admission is free and there will be a reception following.

SPEECH: Howard Boyd will speak as a part of the 1978-79 Visiting Executive Speaker Series. Boyd will speak on "Business Decisions in a Political Climate," at 2 p.m. in the Rudder Forum.

OPAS: Irl Mowery, Director of Planning and Development with the Houston Ballet, will give a "prevue" on ballet. Coffee will be served at 10 a.m. and the program will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church at 1100 Carter Creek Parkway. A question and answer period will follow.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: Will meet at 8 p.m. in room 304, Rudder Tower.

RUSSIAN CLUB: Will have a slide presentation of Dr. Michal Barszap's latest trip to the Soviet Union at 7 p.m. in room 123, Academic Building. New members are invited.

TAMU SURF CLUB: Will show a movie presentation, "Standing Room Only," at 8 p.m. after a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. in room 223, MSC.

MOVIE: "Animal Farm," a satire, where farm animals evict the farmer and his wife and take over the operation. Peace and cooperation exist until the pig leader turns into a dictator. This animated cartoon will be shown at 8 and 10:30 p.m. Rudder Theater.

YELL PRACTICE: There will be a yell practice for the Texas A&M-Houston game at 7 p.m. in the Grove.

SOFTBALL: The women's team will go to the TAIW State Tournament in Canyon today through Saturday.

VOLLEYBALL: The women's team will play at the Houston Tournament in Houston today and Friday.

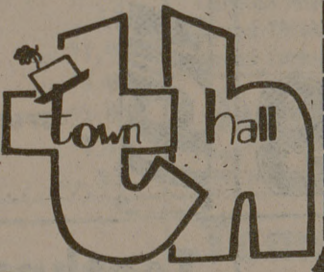
Friday

TAMU RACQUETBALL CLUB: The doubles tournament begins at 6 p.m. in Deware Field House.



TAMU MSC TOWN HALL
SERIES ATTRACTION #2
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 8:00 P.M.
G. ROLLIE WHITE COLISEUM

	A&M Student	Non-Student Date	General Public
General Admission	FREE	3.00	4.00
Reserved	4.00/	4.00/	6.00/
	4.50	4.50	6.50



Tickets and Info:
MSC Box Office 845-2916



Day students get their news from the Batt.

Accountants' dream?

Minicomputers may soon prepare income tax returns

United Press International

NEW YORK — The income tax preparation business is due for another shakeup with the introduction of freestanding minicomputers and terminals to be used by private tax accountants in their own offices.

One new system, called Instant-Tax, will be introduced during the next 12 months by Programmed Tax System, Inc., of Garden City, N.Y., which pioneered the on-line computer prepared return for small taxpayers ten years ago.

PTS President Ed Horowitz said his company will sell or rent the free-standing minicomputer with keyboard, cathode display screen and printout machine, together with a package of specially designed software, to accountants in 15 major marketing areas.

Horowitz, who also is on the faculty of Pace University, estimates that any accountant who normally prepares 500 or more returns during the tax season between January and mid-April can afford the system and also can use the minicomputer the remainder of the year for other accounting tasks.

"This will enable the average accountant and his typist to do computerized returns for smaller tax-

payers instantaneously instead of sending the data to us to be punched into our on-line computer and waiting two to three days to get the returns back," Horowitz explained. "Depending on his volume, it also will cut his costs substantially compared with what it costs to have the return done on our on-line computer or by manual calculation."

But Horowitz said he doesn't expect any substantial drop in the number of tax returns done on PTS's on-line computer, or any big reduction in the working force of 300 that PTS employs at Garden City during the tax season. He said 90 percent of PTS's present business is done through accountants whose small income return volume is not big enough to justify the purchase or rental of the free-standing minicomputer.

"We believe, though," he said, "that there are 10,000 accountants in the country who can use the new system, and if we can sell a substantial proportion of these we will do well."

He said there will be limits to the degree of complexity of the returns the minicomputer can handle. "The accountant who has one probably still will prefer to send out 20 per-

cent or more of his more complicated returns to be calculated by the on-line computer." Depending on volume, he said, the accountant probably could prepare less complex returns on the minicomputer instantaneously at a cost of \$3 to less than \$1.

PTS created a quite a stir when it

was founded as a public company 10 years ago by Horowitz and Royce Kanofsky, then in their early 20s, to challenge the nationwide manual income tax preparation business of H & R Block, by turning a substantial share of the tax preparation business back to the professional private accountant.

It succeeded in this endeavor, but like many other companies started by eager youngsters, it grew too fast in its early years and made some diversifications that didn't work out. It had to cut back on its operations.

PTS is now profitable and started declaring modest dividends in mid-1978.

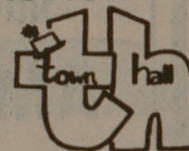
PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND



TAMU MSC TOWN HALL
SPECIAL ATTRACTION

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Gen. Public	\$6	\$5	\$4
Student	\$4	\$3	\$2

October 11, 1978
Rudder Auditorium
8:15 p.m.



Tickets & Info: MSC Box Office 845-2916

MSC ARTS COMMITTEE
presents

A NIGHT OF POETRY WITH DAVE OLIPHANT

THURSDAY OCTOBER 12
8:00 p.m.

MSC BASEMENT COFFEEHOUSE
ADMISSION: FREE

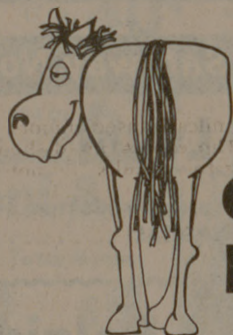
Living with the law

I've got a leak in my ceiling. I've asked the manager to fix it several times. What can I do?

Your rights and duties are fixed in part by your lease agreement. Many leases require that written requests for repairs be given to the manager, then a written notice of intent to terminate the lease unless the repairs are made within a week.

The apartment owner may have breached a warranty of habitability implied under Texas law. If your apartment may be termed "unfit for living," a suit for money damages in Small Claims Court is possible.

Editor's note: Answers are general and should not replace the personal advice of an attorney. Questions for this column can be addressed to The Battalion or students' legal advisers in 211 YMCA.



Getting Behind?

STAY AHEAD WITH SPEED READING

Student Class Starts
October 23rd

Business & Communication Services
846-5794



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Secretary of the Interior

"ENERGY &
CONSERVATION"

October 12
8 p.m.
Rudder Forum

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GREAT ISSUES

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12:30 PM FREE