

what's up?

Wednesday

PLANT SEMINAR: Daniel Caulkins of the Department of Plant Sciences will speak on "Sorghum anther culture" at 4 p.m. in Room 113, Plant Sciences Building.

OH CHRISTMAS TREE: The annual Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the MSC Student Lounge. The Century Singers will also perform.

CHI EPSILON PI: Will hold its fall induction banquet at the Blue Bonnet Room of Wyatt's Cafeteria. Ronald Godbey will speak on "A Study in Contrast: From Dr. Brundidge's Thermodynamics Class to a Congressional Campaign."

ROADRUNNERS CLUB: Dr. Herb Fred will speak at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater on marathon running.

Thursday

BONFIRE: The 1978 Texas A&M Bonfire will be lit at 7:30 p.m. in the field behind Duncan Dining Hall.

CONCERT: Town Hall presents David Gates and Bread with Ian Matthews as the warm-up act at 9 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum, immediately after Bonfire.

SENIOR DEADLINE: Library books for December graduates are due today, two weeks prior to graduation.

TAMU CHAPTER OF AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY: Andy Landry will speak on sea turtles at 7:30 p.m. in Room 104, Nagle Hall.

BAHAI CLUB: Will discuss "The Return of Christ" at 7:30 p.m. in Room 507AB, Rudder Tower.

BASKETBALL: The women's team will play in the George West Tournament in George West, Texas, today through Friday.

CEPHEID VARIABLE: "Zardoz," starring Sean Connery and Charlotte Rampling, will be shown at midnight in Rudder Theater.

Friday

NO SCHOOL AND NO BATTALION: All day.

DEADLINE: To submit dates for the Spring All-University Calendar is today. Forms and instructions for submitting dates for the calendar are available in Room 221, MSC and Room 217, MSC. For more information call 845-1133.

SENIORS: Today is the last day of class.

TENNIS: The NCAA Indoor Doubles Championships will be held in Wichita, Kansas.

AGGIE CINEMA: "Barry Lyndon," the story of a 19th Century rogue who galavants through Europe from casino to casino, with side excursions as a spy, soldier, and wife-beater, starring Ryan O'Neal and Marisa Berenson, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

Utah machine makes waves

Wins wastefulness award

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Sen. William Proxmire Tuesday sent his Golden Fleece Award for November to an Interior Department agency for spending \$145,000 on a wave-making machine for a Salt Lake City swimming pool.

But the man he tried to pin the award on, sent it back, telling Proxmire he was flat-out wrong on a couple of points. As might be expected, a Proxmire aide insisted the senator was "absolutely correct."

The Wisconsin Democrat, who considers himself the Senate's fiscal watchdog, picks out a particular federal program each month for his award, symbolizing "the biggest, most ridiculous or most ironic example of wasteful government spending for the period."

This month's award went to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for its funding of the wave-making machine in a million-dollar Salt Lake City swimming pool, designed to give inland residents the aquatic experience known only to coastal swimmers. "Based on this rationale, hard-pressed taxpayers will next be

asked to fund ski slopes in Florida, mountain scenery in Indiana, igloos in Death Valley or tropical rain forests in Wisconsin," Proxmire said.

"First, let's get our facts straight," protested agency head Chris Delaporte. "There is no Bureau of Outdoor Recreation." He said it was abolished last January and replaced by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, "empowered by law to make such grants based on applications from states and localities."

Delaporte said six such wave-making machines were approved, and that last May, he himself put a hold on any more "until we have had an opportunity to thoroughly analyze the eligibility and implication of funding such projects."

Delaporte said Proxmire's staff knew of the action of six months ago but the senator's statement did not report it.

"In this case, so that the senator cannot be accused of either misplacing his good intentions or misappropriating such a scarce and prestigious award, we are sending it back to him so he can use it elsewhere," Delaporte said.

Furthermore, he said, the funds did not come from taxpayers but

from royalties from offshore oil and gas leases. "This is not money from citizens," Delaporte said.

He said he has not decided whether other such projects would be approved, saying, "We certainly might continue to fund them but we're taking a look at them."

Proxmire aide Howard Shuman said at least two other wave-making machines were approved since the one in Salt Lake City and insisted, "It is taxpayers' money. It comes from funds which would otherwise go into the Treasury."

Their bite was definitely worse than her bark

United Press International
MEXICO CITY — Rather than dog bites man, it was woman bites woman.

Bertha Vivar Rojas, a worker of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, said she was walking down the street in Ciudad Netzahuacoyotl, a Mexico City suburb, when seven women attacked her, hitting her, scratching her face and biting her arms.

Three of the assailants who were arrested said they were relatives of the woman and that she was spreading gossip about their personal lives, authorities said.

Public 'sweet' on sugar ad ban

United Press International
WASHINGTON — A landslide of support from consumers, industry and other interested groups greeted the Federal Trade Commission's proposal to ban some children's television commercials.

The official time for public comment on the controversial proposal ended at the close of business Friday — one day later than originally planned due to a request for delay from some of the affected industries.

The FTC staff proposal, on which comment was invited, recommended a ban on all television ads directed at children under 8, and a ban on ads for snacks and other highly sugared foods aimed at children from 8 to 12.

In addition, advertisers would

have to pay for public service messages promoting good nutrition.

Two weeks ago Tuesday, Action for Children's Television and a coalition of more than 40 consumer, medical, labor and other groups urged parents to watch one hour of commercial children's television during the final days of the comment period and let the FTC know what they thought about what they saw.

The FTC's correspondence section said the watch-and-write campaign appeared to have produced somewhere between 2,000 and 2,500 individual letters — more than doubling the number of consumer letters on the issue received by the agency in the weeks it had been open to public comment.

ACT itself added to the avalanche by filing what it said were "several

cartons" of material before the comment period closed.

One lengthy document filed near the deadline came from M and M-Mars, one of the country's biggest candy makers, which called the proposal "a mechanical, uncritical, absurd and extreme exercise of no benefit to the public, to those affected or even to the commission."

"It is not unrealistic to conclude that what the commission staff and its allies really seek is the beginning of an effective destruction of commercial television in the United States through the elimination of its economic base," it charged, and said the requirement that advertisers pay for public service nutrition messages amounted to an illegal excise tax on advertising.

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