

what's up

Thursday

INTERPRETIVE PERFORMANCES: A free program of interpretive performances will be given at 8 p.m. in Room 100, HECC. The program will consist of three literature-dramatizations arranged, adapted and performed by students in the Department of English. Presentations will include "I Am A&M," "Turn South at the Second Bridge," and "In A Guitar's Eye: A Tour Through Texas."

TAMU WATER SKI CLUB: Will have officer elections and a meeting at 7 p.m. in Room 308, Rudder Tower.

GRADUATING SENIORS: Today is the last day for meeting all requirements for graduation.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: Will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 510, Rudder Tower.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS: Will discuss new orders of business at 7:30 p.m. in Room 404, Rudder Tower.

ALPHA ZETA TURKEY SALE: Alpha Zeta members will deliver Christmas turkeys today and Friday in the Animal Industries Building parking lot. For those who forgot to order a turkey, extra turkeys will be on sale. For more information, call 845-3341.

MOVIE: "Comedy of Terrors," starring Boris Karloff, Vincent Price and Peter Lorre will be shown at 8 and 10 p.m. in Room 601, Rudder Tower. Admission for this slapstick horror film is 50 cents.

Friday

NEED A ROOMMATE?: Anyone needing a roommate for spring semester may attend a roommate session today at 3 p.m. Men will meet in Room 137, MSC and women will meet in Room 137A, MSC.

TAMU RACQUETBALL CLUB: Will have a pre-finals party at 308, Sulphur Springs Road. All club members and guests are invited. For more information, call Mike Hare at 822-5851.

FREE MOVIE: Walt Disney's animated cartoon film, "Dumbo," will be shown at 8 and 10 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

Saturday

BREAD FOR THE WORLD: "I Want to Live," produced and narrated by John Denver, will be shown at 1 p.m. in Room 402, Rudder Tower.

FLORICULTURE CLUB: Will have a plant sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Floriculture Greenhouse.

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Good year, then bad one predicted for Post Office

United Press International
HOUSTON — Postmaster General William F. Bolger expects 1979 to be a good year for his department with the introduction of two expeditious services and financial factors that result in a profit.

But Bolger expects 1980 to be like 1978 — another year of financial loss.

Bolger held a news conference Tuesday after the Postal Service Board of Governors approved an immediate 15-month experiment with a new computer-originated mail service and tentatively accepted plans for a same-day intra-city courier service.

He said the service lost \$379.4 million in 1978 but that he hopes it will have a \$180 million surplus next year before suffering another deficit of \$488 million in 1980.

Bolger cited higher postal rates, holding down the payroll and increased efficiency as elements that will lead to surplus, which will include its government subsidy.

The \$379.4 million deficit was less than the originally projected \$1.2 billion for the year ended Sept. 30, and

45 percent less than last year's \$688 million deficit, Bolger said.

Bolger was enthusiastic about the Postal Service's innovations, which must be approved by the Postal Rate Commission, but predicted strong opposition from other mail-carrying groups.

The experiment with the Electronic-Computer Originated Mail Service, abbreviated E-COM, will begin Dec. 18 and initially will involve five companies in the oil, financial, insurance, manufacturing and utility industries.

It promises two-day delivery of computer-originated mail — much of which is expected to be bills — by transmitting from computer to computer at rapid rate with the documents entering the local mail stream at the receiving end.

Rates would vary from 30 cents each for 50,000 messages monthly to 55 cents per message for the minimum 5,000 messages monthly.

Express Mail Metro Service, one step behind E-COM in the approval process, is an expansion of the existing Express Mail Service, which

promises overnight delivery between cities.

It would allow customers to bring letters or packages to post offices around 10 a.m. for delivery by 5 p.m. the same day. Rates would range from \$9 for items up to 1 pound to \$15 for the maximum 70-pound bulk. Cost of pickup will be \$5.25.

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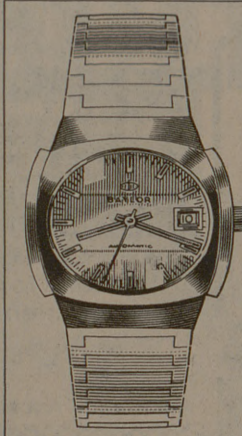
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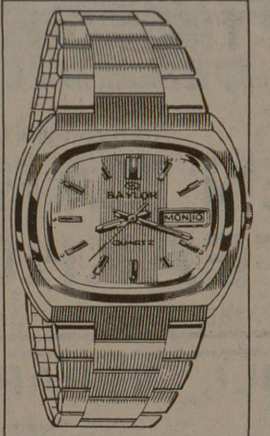
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'Roots' vessel to carry Aggies

By SUSAN SHILLINGS
Battalion Reporter

Twenty-one Texas A&M University students have a chance to sail on the Unicorn, during Spring Break. The sailing vessel was used in the television movie "Roots."

The Memorial Student Center Travel Committee is sponsoring the Florida Keys cruise, said Jeff Finks, director of projects for the group. The vessel will hold 33 persons, including the crew, which will be composed of 12 men, and the first 21 students who sign up.

The seven-day cruise will begin March 9 in Tampa, Fla. Those participating will leave from Houston earlier that day and return March 16. The trip will cost approximately \$420, which will include sleeping quarters and three meals each day.

The Unicorn is a hand-crafted, 136-foot wooden sailing vessel. She was built in Finland in 1948 and originally engaged in trade as a cargo vessel. The Unicorn was used in several other films beside "Roots."

The Unicorn is owned by the non-profit organization Unicorn Maritime Institute, Inc., whose purpose is to provide sea experience and a maritime heritage for both young people and adults.

The students will be exposed to such areas of sea experience as basic seamanship, anchoring, rules of the waters, chartering compass points, electronics, navigation and weather detection. They will be directly involved in the ship's rigging and working the decks.

All interested students are asked to sign up after the Christmas holidays at the MSC Travel Committee booth.

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