

## what's up

### Tuesday

**AGGIE PLAYERS:** Tryouts for "Three Penny Opera" will begin at 7 p.m. in Rudder Forum. The tryouts are open to everyone.

### Wednesday

**AGGIE CINEMA:** "The African Queen," starring Katherine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

**BASKETBALL:** The men's team will play Arkansas at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

**BASKETBALL:** The women's team will play Texas Southern University at 5:15 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

### Thursday

**FRESHMAN AG SOCIETY:** Will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 102, Zachry.

## He entered farming by chance

# Top cattleman feeds 'em indoors

**CHOKIO, Minn.** — Lauren Carlson, incoming president of the National Cattlemen's Association, hadn't planned to return to the farm after college.

He studied plants and soils at the University of Minnesota, got a doctorate in plant pathology, taught for awhile at the university and worked as a specialist at a nursery.

His studies included helping on the design of an indoor cattle fattening barn, something not done for beef animals, despite the cold weather in Minnesota.

But in the mid-1960s, Carlson returned to western Minnesota and decided to gamble on a cattle feeding venture near Chokio. Now at 42, he will assume the presidency of the 310,000-member cattlemen's group at its national convention Jan. 23-25 in Kansas City, Mo.

"I grew up in this area and liked the country life," Carlson said in an interview. "I never really figured on coming back to the farm."

Carlson and his wife, Barbara, have eight children, four boys ranging in age from 11 to 20, and four girls, aged 4 to 18.

All four boys, including one who attends a nearby college, help with managing a 375-head cattle feeding business and farming 320 acres. Carlson also has one hired hand.

Carlson has a total of eight quarters of land or 1,280 acres, but 960 acres are leased to other farmers and he receives crops in exchange for rent. He concentrates his energies on buying, selling and feeding

He doesn't talk much about his academic achievements. Instead, he prefers to speak about the family farm or ranch and cautions others that the financial risks are high.

"The only reason we are still in business is the inflated land values," Carlson said. "Borrowing on the inflated value of the land is probably the only way a lot of farmers can stay in business."

"The farmer definitely has to become more aware of risk management."

Carlson found that farming the land in western Minnesota in the mid-1960s failed to return the profits he hoped.

He decided to borrow on the value of the land, built silos and a confined cattle feeding barn to fatten cattle indoors, just as he had studied at the university.

Carlson had a degree to fall back on in case his cattle feeding venture failed. He could run a nursery.

"We didn't have much moral support from neighbors," Carlson said. "That's true."

While other farmers were counting the days until his bankruptcy, Carlson was making profits on his indoor cattle feeding business, and even opened a plant nursery in nearby Morris.

He said the indoor feeding has a lot of savings that are hard to prove on paper, but are obvious to the producer.

Time savings is one, he said. It takes only a few minutes each day to feed the cattle using mechanical and electrical equipment.



Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

By using echocardiography, the doctors say, they can detect alterations in "cardiac topography" by examination of patients with heart attacks. They can diagnose the possibility of such an enlargement, they said.

Dr. Bernadine H. Bulkeley, one of the researchers, said echocardiography is a tool now available which can measure the size and shape of the heart in two dimensions.

"It doesn't hurt," she said. "It's like an electrocardiogram in that respect. You don't have to cut, and it's harmless."

The process follows structural changes in the days and weeks after a heart attack, and allows the study of a patient's cardiac patterns.

Unfortunately, said Dr. Bulkeley, it does not encourage any treatment for an enlarged heart.

"Maybe someday we can get into therapy," she said.

## Citrusmen see Cuba as threat

**LAKELAND, Fla.** — The simple stroke of a pen poses a bigger threat to the future of the Florida citrus industry than any other one thing, including a killing freeze.

Florida citrus men usually spend the winter months worrying about the possibility of crop-damaging freezes. But this year they are concerned that President Carter may end the trade embargo imposed upon Cuba during the 1962 missile crisis.

"Lifting the embargo on Cuba is the biggest fear the industry has," said Don Farmer, the assistant general manager of the Florida Citrus Mutual. Wilson McGee, general manager of United Shippers and Growers, was even more specific.

"Resumption of trade with Cuba would kill us," he said.

Besides the threat of resumed trade with Cuba, only 90 miles off the Florida coast, the industry also faces the possibility of reduced tariffs on frozen concentrated orange juice from Brazil, now the world's second largest producer of oranges behind the United States.

Either governmental action hinges on moves within the Carter administration.

Lifting the Cuban embargo re-

quires only Carter's signature on an executive order. The reduction in tariffs would be a result of negotiations under way in Geneva. Florida's citrus organizations are lobbying hard against both.

Cuba's citrus plantings have increased tremendously during the years of the embargo, to the point where the island nation is about to overtake Japan as the third largest orange producer in the world. And, although President Fidel Castro has said the production is intended for Eastern European markets, Florida citrus men are leary.

If the embargo is lifted, regulations for the importation of citrus into this country from Cuba would revert back to pre-embargo standards which were set in 1902 and 1903 and would, in effect, mean no tariffs.

Both Farmer and Tom Osborne, Mutual's executive vice president, said lifting the embargo would open Florida to a wave of low priced citrus. But even worse, they said, would be the potential threat from pests and diseases.

"Every bug in the Caribbean is in Cuba," Osborne said. "Cuba has a tropical climate and Florida has a warm climate so pests and diseases there would feel right at home here."

### Blood Money

Students participating in a flu vaccine study being conducted on campus by Baylor College

of Medicine researchers Monday were swapping blood samples for up to \$13 each.

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## MD says c-note can weaken

MIAMI — A new study by a team of researchers at the University of Miami says that a technique called c-note may weaken muscles in the neck and shoulder area.

The study, which was published in the journal "Physical Therapy," found that the c-note technique, which involves a specific breathing exercise, can lead to muscle atrophy in the neck and shoulder girdle.

The researchers, led by Dr. James A. Grimmer, said that the c-note technique is often used by chiropractors to treat neck pain. However, their study found that the technique can actually cause the muscles in the neck and shoulder to become weaker over time.

Dr. Grimmer said that the study involved 10 subjects who were given a c-note treatment for neck pain. After the treatment, the researchers found that the muscles in the neck and shoulder had become weaker compared to before the treatment.

The researchers said that the c-note technique is a form of manual therapy that involves a specific breathing exercise. The exercise involves holding the breath in for a certain period of time, which is supposed to create a vacuum in the neck and pull the vertebrae together.

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## THE DALL

The Dallas Cowboys' Super Bowl run is over, and the team is looking for ways to improve for next year. The team's performance in the Super Bowl was disappointing, and the coaches and players are looking for ways to make changes.

The team's defense was a major weakness in the Super Bowl, and the coaches are looking for ways to improve it. The offensive line also needs to be strengthened, and the team is looking for ways to improve its running game.

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## NEW ORLEANS

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