

## what's up

### Friday

**MAGIC SHOW TICKETS:** Tickets for the Harry Blackstone Magic Show are currently on sale in the MSC Box Office in Rudder Tower. Blackstone will bring his magical entourage to Rudder Auditorium Feb. 7. MSC Box Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**AGGIE CINEMA:** "The End," in which Burt Reynolds stars as a dying man trying to hasten the inevitable along, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. (R).

**MIDNIGHT MOVIE:** "Shampoo," starring Warren Beatty, Julie Christie, and Goldie Hawn in a brilliant sexual farce about the frantic life of an ambitious Hollywood hardresser, will be shown in Rudder Theater. (R).

### Saturday

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

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

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**CHILI AND PIE SUPPER:** Will be served to the public at Bethel Lutheran Church 5-8 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church at East Lane and Texas Avenue in Bryan. Tickets may be purchased at the door — \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 10. All proceeds will go to purchase a van that will support church youth activities and members of the community.

### Sunday

**CHOIR PERFORMANCE:** The TAMU Baptist Student Union Choir will sing at the First Baptist Church in College Station at 7 p.m. in the church auditorium. The church is located at 200 College Main.

### Monday

**BASKETBALL:** The women's team will play The University of Texas at Austin at 5:15 p.m.

**BASKETBALL:** The men's team will play the University of Texas at Austin at 7:30 p.m.

**HASSLE-FREE:** Distribution will begin today. There will be a meeting and a party at 8 p.m.

**TAMU SCUBA CLUB:** Will discuss the upcoming film festival and All-University night at 7:30 p.m. in Room 404, Rudder Tower.

## Thousands of fire ants are being 'milked'

# A&M scientists working to cure sting

Texas A&M University researchers have begun milking venom from thousands of imported red fire ants in the first step toward developing an anti-venom against the sometimes killer ant.

A fire ant sting is painful and a single sting could mean death to a person allergic to the venom.

Dr. Brad Vinson, a Texas A&M entomologist, and Dr. Barry Paull, an immunologist who has conducted similar studies on honeybees at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., began their work by obtaining blood samples from allergic individuals and pure venom from the red imported fire ants.

The human volunteers simply give blood. Milking venom from a fire ant is a bit more involved.

Vinson explains each ant must be

## Counters fly to take sixth Soviet census

United Press International  
**MOSCOW** — Using helicopters to reach the remote parts of Russia, 600,000 census takers this week began the U.S.S.R.'s sixth census since the 1917 revolution.

The answer to how many people live in the Soviet Union — the present estimate is 261.2 million — will help central economic planners decide on everything from the supply of thumb tacks to the availability of schoolrooms in the nation with the world's largest land area.

The Soviet news agency Tass described the census as a "momentary snapshot" of Soviet society, with census takers using helicopters and planes to count people in many areas nearly inaccessible by road.

Politicians will be watching the results closely, since Soviet leaders are worried by a steady decline in population growth. The population increase in 1960 was 17.8 per thousand. But it fell to 9.2 per thousand in 1970, and to 8.5 per thousand by 1977.

Soviet leaders will also be observing the growth rate in the five Central Asian republics, which account for a quarter of the Soviet Union's population growth.

held in place by tweezers while a small tube is attached to the tip of its stinger and the venom "milked" from the ant.

"Literally thousands of milkings will have to be done to obtain enough pure venom for tests with human blood," says Vinson.

Paull, who has a private practice in the Bryan-College Station area, handles the human aspects of the study. He says volunteers are needed to undergo a blood test known as RAST, or radioallergosorbent test, to determine what allergens are in the allergic individual's

blood. Paull stresses that the volunteers are not directly exposed to fire ant stings, only their blood sample.

The scientists believe imported fire ant venom includes proteins that can send an allergic person into shock. The reaction is known as anaphylactic shock and can easily lead to death.

"They can die so quickly that often it is difficult to determine what the cause of death was," says Vinson. "Essentially, what we want to do is isolate and identify these proteins and hopefully produce an

anti-venom to reduce the severity of reaction.

"There are people walking around today who have no idea they are allergic to fire ants," he says. "The problem is, for some unknown rea-

son, a person's sensitivity will change from year to year. Persons may be so sensitive that a single sting could kill them today and yet the next year they may be immune."

## MANOR EAST 3

7:20-9:45



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## BRASS TARGET

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FRI.-SAT. MIDNIGHT: ROCKY HORROR

## Flood's former aide changes his testimony

United Press International  
**WASHINGTON** — The former aide to Rep. Daniel Flood, who conceded to a federal jury Thursday that he told House investigators last fall he passed a \$1,000 payoff to the congressman, although he actually kept it for himself.

Stephen Elko, the government's main witness at Flood's 4-day-old bribery trial, was questioned by defense lawyers trying to convince the jury Flood is being framed by his former assistant.

But asked by Kleiboemer if he had been telling the truth last fall,

Elko said: "I made a mistake." The former congressional aide, who frowned and appeared nervous, also said he destroyed some of Flood's files. That means there is no record of many of the telephone calls connected with the alleged payoffs Elko accepted.

Elko was convicted in 1977 of taking kickbacks in the West Coast scheme and was sentenced to three years in prison. His sentence was reduced to two years when he began cooperating with investigators probing alleged payoffs to Flood.

## Peace Lutheran Church



A&M Consolidated H.S. Cafeteria (F.M. 2518-enter Welch St. side)

9:30 Fellowship and Study  
10:45 Worship for all

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Friday January 19 8 p.m. Auditorium

Saturday January 20 8 & 10 p.m. Theater

Friday & Saturday January 19 & 20 Midnight Rudder Theater

Wednesday January 24 8 p.m. Rudder Theater