

what's up

Wednesday

PARENTS' DAY PLANNING: The student government Parents' Day committee will place survey first floor of the MSC. Students are asked to stop by and fill them out today or Thursday.

ARTS COMMITTEE: The MSC Arts Executive Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Room 216, MSC. All officers must attend.

PRE-VET SOCIETY: There will be a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Room 226, MSC. Dr. Hanselka will speak on "Equine Surgery." New members are welcome.

HILLEL CLUB: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Foundation Bldg. at 800, Jersey, College Station.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT PARENT'S DAY COMMITTEE: Will have survey forms available on the 1st floor, MSC. Students should stop by and fill them out today and tomorrow.

BASKETBALL: The Aggies will meet Texas Christian University at 7 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

AUSTIN HOMETOWN: The Austin Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 402, Rudder Tower.

DANCE ARTS: The Dance Arts Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 267, G. Rollie White Coliseum. Modern jazz, ballet and a men's exercise and muscle movement class will be offered.

AGGIE CINEMA: Gene Kelly stars in the 1951 musical comedy, "An American in Paris," which concerns an ex-GI who wants to stay in Paris to pursue his career as an artist. Showtime is 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: Andre Kole, an illusionist, will present a free show at the A&M Consolidated High School auditorium at 8 p.m.

Thursday

TAMU EMERGENCY CARE TEAM: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 308, Rudder Tower.

MSC ARTS: New and old members are urged to attend a meeting at 8 p.m. in Room 140A, MSC. The meeting is open to the public.

METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT: Will have a general meeting and special topic study at 7 p.m. in Room 350, MSC.

TAMU HUMAN FACTORS CLUB: Andrew D. LeCocq from Texas Instruments will speak on "Product Development and Human Factors Data in Product Design" at 8 p.m. in Room 342, Zachry. All are welcome.

FRESHMAN AIDE POSITIONS OPEN: Those interested should apply for an interview in Room 216C, MSC.

TAMU MEN'S SOCCER TEAM: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 140, MSC.

CLASS OF '80: A final vote will be taken on the Class gift to the Junior Ball and other matters will be discussed at 7:30 p.m. in Room 607, Rudder Tower.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT POSITIONS OPEN: Senate vacancies are now open for College of Science at-large, College of Engineering, Jr., College of Geosciences at-large and Moody College.

CEPHEID VARIABLE: "House of Dark Shadows," in which Barnabas Collins, the 175-year-old resident of the Collinwood estate, searches for his lost bride in the continuation of the popular soap opera Dark Shadows, will be shown at 8 and 10:30 p.m. in the Basement Coffee-house. Admission will be 50 cents.

Friday

HILLEL CLUB: There will be a dinner at 6:35 p.m. at the Synagogue. For more information call Ben at 845-3070.

BASEMENT COFFEEHOUSE: Eric Taylor is featured with special guest Lyle Lovett. Performances will begin at 8 p.m.

SWIM TEAM: The men's and women's swim teams will play Rice University at 7:30 p.m.

AGGIE CINEMA: "Annie Hall," in which Woody Allen and Diane Keaton team up in this comedy about relationships in today's society, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. (PG).

MIDNIGHT MOVIE: "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sex But Were Afraid To Ask," a comedy in which Woody Allen dwells explicitly and probingly on the mysteries and anxieties of sex, will be shown in Rudder Theater. (R).

Texas feels extremes

1978 weather rare

By KURT ABRAHAM
Battalion Reporter

The year 1978 will be remembered for such events as the Camp David summit, the U.S. recognition of mainland China, and the triumph of the New York Yankees, but many Texans will remember 1978 for its many rare weather extremes.

A recent study of Texas weather in 1978 by the Texas Department of Water Resources confirms what many people already suspected: 1978 was not only severe, it was downright unusual.

George Bomar, a meteorologist with the Weather and Modification Technology section of the TDWR, said it wasn't so unusual to have some climatic extremes. What was unusual was the number and frequency with which they occurred.

"The last two years have been highly erratic, especially 1978," said Bomar. "First we had one of the snowiest winters in North Texas history, including a storm that left a foot of snow in the Panhandle in early May. This was accompanied by very cold temperatures that averaged as much as 13 degrees below normal in some areas."

One January day the temperature failed to rise above freezing in Houston, while residents in North Texas had to shovel 10 times the normal amount of snowfall from their driveways.

The TDWR study adds that the weather pendulum swung completely the other way as spring arrived. The most severe drought since the 1950's gripped almost all the state with East and North Central Texas being especially hardhit.

Along with the already dry conditions came one of the most intense summer heat spells of the 20th century. Temperatures over 100 degrees during a three-week period in July contributed to the deaths of 21 elderly residents in the Dallas-Fort

Worth area, medical authorities said.

"Last year's drought was only of moderate duration, although it was of moderate to severe intensity," said Bomar. "It was probably kept from getting any worse by the rainfall associated with Tropical Storm Amelia."

Amelia not only brought relief from the drought, she brought record rainfall amounts, as thousands of West Central Texas residents were flooded out of their homes. The storm dumped 29.05 inches of rain on the town of Albany on Aug. 4, the greatest amount measured at any of Texas's 598 National Weather Service observing stations.

Bomar said extreme weather spells usually occur every 20 to 22 years and usually last from three to five years.

He said the severe drought of the fifties lasted from 1950 to 1957.

"We're really due for another spell of some sort. Just what it will be, we

can't tell at this point."

The National Weather Service's extended forecast for 1979 predicts slightly above normal temperatures and precipitation through the end of February. Beyond that, Bomar said, certain trends can be foreseen, but nothing definite can be said about the weather. "We still don't have the technology needed to be accurate over a long period of time."

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