

what's up

Thursday

POLITICAL FORUM: Bob Kupperman, a military scientist for the U.S. Arms and Disarmament Agency, will speak on "Putting a Leash On Terrorism" at 8 p.m. in Room 701, Rudder Tower.

TAMU HUMAN FACTORS CLUB: Barry Tillman, a Human Factors Analyst, will speak on "Human Factors in the Design of Military Vehicles" at 8 p.m. in Room 342, Zachry Engineering Center.

TAMU EMERGENCY CARE TEAM: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 504, Rudder Tower.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: Walter Bradley will speak on "Love, Sex and Dating" at 7 p.m. in Room 510, Rudder Tower. Everyone is welcome.

ROTRACT CLUB: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 308, Rudder Tower.

METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT: A study on charismatics will be held in Room 350, MSC, at 7 p.m.

TEXAS SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS: "Engineering registration" will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Room 103, Zachry.

BASKETBALL: The women's team will play Lamar University at 6 p.m. in Beaumont.

CEPHEID VARIABLE: "Them," in which James Arness battles giant ants that overrun the world, will be shown at 8 and 10:30 p.m. in the Basement Coffeehouse. Admission is 50 cents. (G)

PLACEMENT OFFICE: Graduating seniors who wish to interview for the following companies may begin signing up today for interviews on Feb. 22: Airesearch Manufacturing Co., Arizona Public Service Co., Conoco, Core Laboratories, Crawford Russell, Dowell, Moore Products Co., PPG Industries Inc., Price Waterhouse & Co., J.E. Sirrine Co., TRW Systems, Turner Collie & Braden, U.S. Navy, Wrangler Jeans.

TEXAS ENERGY EXTENSION SERVICE: Will host Dr. Gary Sorenson speaking on "Passive Solar Energy in the Home" at A&M Consolidated High School, Room 109 from 7-9 p.m.

Friday

DEADLINE: For applying for degrees to be awarded in May is today. The \$8 fee is to be paid in the Fiscal Office, Coke Building.

SWIM TEAM: The women's team will swim against the University of Arizona and LSU here at 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM: The team is hosting the Texas region all-star match featuring the best players in Texas Volleyball. Warm ups—

start at 7:30 p.m. and the game starts at 8:30 p.m. in Deware Field House.

AGGIE CINEMA: "Three Days of the Condor," a high tension thriller concerning the C.I.A. and international conspiracy, starring Robert Redford and Faye Dunaway, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. (R)

MIDNIGHT MOVIE: "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," about two bank robbers caught out of their element when the Old West closes at the turn of the century, starring Paul Newman, Robert Redford, and Katharine Ross, will be shown in Rudder Theater. (PG)

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BASEMENT COFFEEHOUSE: Will feature singer-songwriter James Durst from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday

STUDENT 'Y: There will be a fish camp reunion party at the Quonset Huts at 2 p.m. Tickets are available in Room 216, MSC.

BASKETBALL: The men's team will play Texas Tech in Lubbock.

GYMNASTICS: The Air Force Academy, SWT, TCU, ORU, LSU and TAMU will compete in the 3rd A&M Invitational at 3 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

TENNIS: The tennis team will play against St. Edwards at 1:30 p.m. at Briarcrest Country Club in Bryan.

TAMU RUGBY CLUB: Marcon Side vs. Stephen F. Austin R.F.C. will begin at noon and Whist Side vs. Galveston R.F.C. will begin at 2 p.m. on the drill field.

SWIM TEAM: The men's team will swim against the University of Arizona and TCU here at 2 p.m.

AGGIE CINEMA: "The Sting," starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford in this comedy about two slick con artists who join forces to pull off the perfect job, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. (PG)

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Russians, Americans swap flu information

By JULIE SMILEY
Battalion Reporter

Two heads are better than one, so Russian and American scientists compared solutions to combat a common enemy — the flu.

Their conclusions come from a study conducted in early 1978 which tested the effectiveness of two drugs, Amantadine and Rimantadine, in preventing the flu. This is the same test as the Russian flu vaccine field trial now in progress at Texas A&M University.

Russian and American scientists compared data on the two drugs at an information exchange at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Dr. John M. Quarles, assistant professor of medicine at Texas A&M, said the two drugs "are both pretty effective in the prevention of influenza and of some value in treating (influenza) if given early in an infection.

Quarles said Amantadine was found about 70 percent effective and Rimantadine about 30 to 40 percent effective in preventing the flu.

He said the drugs were tested over an eight week period in January and February 1978 at Texas A&M. Amantadine, Rimantadine or a dummy drug were given to 454 students for six weeks. No one took medication the last two weeks of the test.

Students were paid a small sum for returning health report cards and at the end of the test, students were told whether they received a dummy drug or a dummy.

Amantadine is a licensed prescription drug in the United States and is fairly widely used, Quarles said.

So far, Rimantadine is not licensed as a prescription drug in

the U.S.

"Russians have used both drugs quite widely for years," said Quarles. "They like the Rimantadine even better."

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Results of the vaccine trial at Texas A&M will not be known for at least another month, Quarles said.



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