

what's up at A&M

Thursday

HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP: More than 300 students and advisers will attend sessions in photography, newspaper and yearbook publication in the annual communications workshop which ends today. There will be a meeting at 8 a.m. on the sixth floor of Rudder Tower.

CALENDAR: Any person, group or organization who would like to have something printed in the what's up column should fill out a form provided in Room 216, Reed McDonald. The name, date and purpose of the event should be included.

BRAZOS VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED: Will meet to exchange information on books, newspaper articles and personal experiences at 7 p.m. at the First National Bank of Bryan. All interested persons are urged to attend.

MOVIE: "Dr. Strangelove," starring Peter Sellers and George C. Scott, will be shown at 8:45 p.m. in the Grove Theater.

THEATER: "Ready When You Are, C.B.," a comedy by Susan Slade, will be performed tonight through Saturday night in the Rudder Forum. The show, sponsored by the Texas A&M Theater Arts Program, will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$1 for students and \$2 for non-students and can be purchased at the MSC Box Office.

CORPS ORIENTATION PROGRAM: Will be held at 1 p.m. in Room 206, MSC.

Friday

MOVIE: "The Spy Who Loved Me," starring Roger Moore and Barbara Bach, will be shown at 8:45 p.m. in the Grove Theater. (PG).

MIDNIGHT MOVIE: "Live and Let Die," starring Roger Moore, will be shown in the Grove Theater. (PG).

TAMU SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB: Will meet at 6 p.m. in Room 410, Rudder Tower.

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE BANQUET: Will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Room 224, Rudder Tower.

Saturday

MOVIE: "Thunderball," starring Sean Connery, will be shown at 8:45 p.m. in the Grove Theater. In case of rain, the movie will be shown in Room 601, Rudder Tower. (PG).

INTERVARSITY CLUB: Will meet at 11 a.m. in Room 305AB.

Sunday

MOVIE: "Sleeper," starring Woody Allen, will be shown at 8:45 p.m. in the Grove Theater. (PG).

MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Will meet at 8:30 a.m. in Room 404, Rudder Tower.

INTERVIEW WITH DR. MILLER: Will be aired on WBAP, 820 on the AM dial, at 9 a.m. President Miller will talk about all facets of Texas A&M today including some projections and plans he envisions for the future.

Present job market is good for graduates

By ROSEMARIE ROSE
Battalion Reporter

Graduates, take heart. Despite the inflationary predictions of the seers of doom and the less than certain economic future of the country, the present job market is very good.

According to Louis J. VanPelt, director of the Texas A&M University Placement Center, the demand for qualified graduates is "the best we've seen."

VanPelt said that everyone is uncertain about the future status of the job market because of forecasts of an economic downturn and double-digit inflation towards the end of the year.

However, Dr. Morgan O. Reynolds, associate professor of economics, said that the predictors have been wrong for two quarters in a row.

"We are in the midst of a classic inflation, and business is going like gangbusters," Reynolds said. As a hedge against inflation, businesses build up inventories, he said. Now, businesses are accumulating inventories of employees, so recruiting for jobs is going strong, he said.

"It doesn't cost much for a company to err in overhiring. If things get bad, the companies can dump employees, but attrition usually takes care of overhiring," Reynolds said.

One of the first effects of ending inflation, if inflation that were to end, Reynolds said, is to reduce employment.

If employment were to go down, VanPelt said, Texas A&M graduates stand to suffer less than most other graduates of institutions in Texas.

One of the main reasons for the good fortune of Aggies seeking jobs is the support of former students, who in many cases are involved in the hiring process of any large recruiters, VanPelt said.

Also, because of the performance of past Texas A&M graduates, companies who may reduce their recruiting efforts at some schools usually keep recruiting at Texas A&M. The "track record" of Aggies helps a lot, VanPelt said.

A third factor that serves to protect A&M from a decrease of recruiting on campus is the strong

concentration of graduates in professional and vocational oriented curricula, VanPelt said.

The concentration in enrollment tends to follow the demand for graduates in certain fields in the job market. For instance, Reynolds said, enrollment in engineering and business is high because the demand for graduates in engineering and business is high, and the starting salaries in those fields are high.

Engineering and agriculture graduates are in great demand and students in engineering and agriculture constitute about one-half of the total student enrollment, Van Pelt said.

The demand for graduates holding specific degrees varies historically, VanPelt said.

In the early 70s the demand for engineers "fell out of bed," he said, because of cutbacks in government

contracts and other factors.

Now, Vanpelt said, the demand for engineers is very high, with specializations in petroleum, chemical, and mechanical engineering leading the way.

Other disciplines in demand include: computing science, accounting, finance, all business curricula, geography and geology, economics, and specific professional skills like industrial distribution and engineering technology.

In addition, the demand for graduates in agriculture is high, as well as for graduates in certain fields of education, Van Pelt said.

Actually no job market is slow, he said. However, it is often difficult to identify the market for graduates with unusual credentials or combinations of fields of study, he said.

In general, graduates not trained in technical, professional and vo-

calational skills are not in great demand, VanPelt said. The market place may be there but the placement office just doesn't know about it, he said.

The demand for liberal arts graduates is slow, he said, assuming that the person has no special work experience, alternate area of concentration, or special credentials such as the Co-op Program.

But, there is no such thing as the "average" liberal arts student, and each graduate has his own set of specifically oriented credentials' VanPelt said.

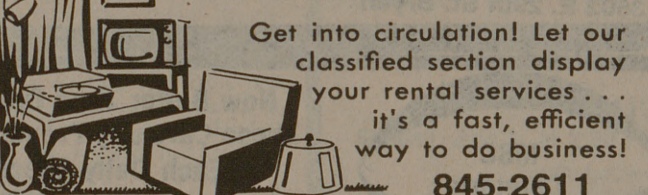
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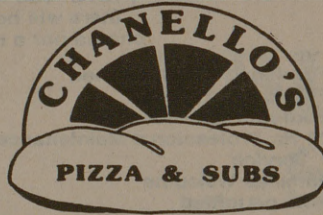
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