

what's up at A&M

Monday

MSC ARTS COMMITTEE: "Kind Hearts and Coronets," a sophisticated black comedy starring Alec Guinness as a young Duke awaiting execution not for the murders he did commit, but for one of which he is innocent. Rudder Theater at 8 p.m. (PG)

HOUSEPLANT SALE: The Floriculture Ornamental Horticulture Club will have a sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Floriculture Greenhouse.

CLASS OF '82: T-shirts will be on sale today through Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the MSC main hall.

OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES: A chairman and treasurer will be elected at 6:30 p.m. in Room 108, HECC.

T-STAR: Will hold a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Room 502, Rudder.

SCSA: Dr. Wilding will speak on tropical soils at 7 p.m. in Room 103, SCSE.

Tuesday

"CAPTAIN BLOOD": Errol Flynn, Basil Rathbone and Olivia de Havilland star in this swashbuckler full of swordfights, action and romance. Will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. (G)

ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS: Will have a film on interviewing at 7:30 p.m. in Auditorium C, Architecture Building.

DEADLINE: Anyone living in University married student apartments may apply to run for office on the University Apartment Council through today. Contact Gus Wilson at 696-2604.

ORIENTEERING CLUB: The meet in Houston on Oct. 6-7 will be discussed at 7:30 p.m. in Room 315, Military Science Bldg.

ROADRUNNERS: Will hold their first meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Room 701, Rudder. The film "National Joggers Week" will be shown. Also, they will meet for their weekly Fun Run at 8 p.m. in front of G. Rollie White. Anyone interested in running is encouraged to come, and pick the distance to run.

FENCING DEMONSTRATION: The A&M Fencing Club will present a demonstration from noon to 3 p.m. at Rudder Fountain (in the MSC if it rains). Everyone is invited to attend.

Wednesday

MSC POLITICAL FORUM: The chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission will speak on "Energy: Shedding a Light on a Difficult Problem" at 8 p.m. in Room 701, Rudder.

CAREER PLANNING WORKSHOP: The Academic Counseling Center will present several topics, including career decision-making and occupational information, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 209, Harrington.

MSC BASEMENT COMMITTEE: Will be holding local talent auditions to recruit Coffeehouse performers from 6-10 p.m. in the Basement Coffeehouse.

MSC CRAFTS AND ARTS FAIR: Today and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Rudder Fountain.

WET T-SHIRT CONTEST: MSC Town Hall will hold the "Mr. Beach Boy" wet T-shirt contest from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rudder Fountain.

INTERVIEWING SEMINAR: Sponsored by the Business Student Council. Will be held from 7-10 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

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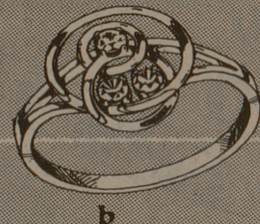
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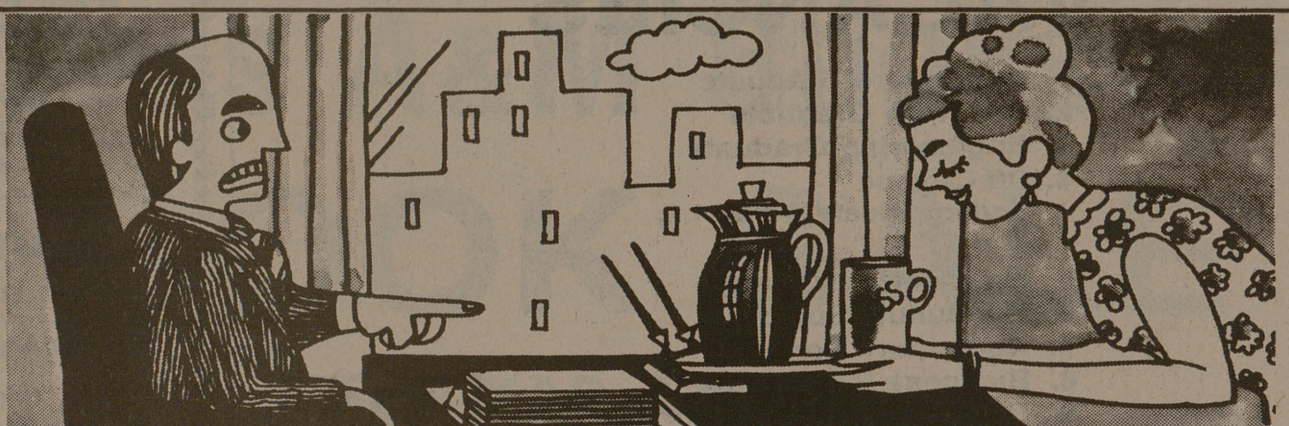
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The Navy Officer Recruiting team will be in the Student Center from 9-3 September 18, 19 and 20.

Shrub produces rubber

EL PASO — There's rubber growing experimentally in the flatlands here.

Known in scientific circles as guayule (wy-oo-lee), this dowdy little desert shrub that grows wild in the Southwest produces, once it is processed, a rubber chemically identical to that of the Asian rubber tree.

The problem is converting the plant from its current wild state to one that could be commercially produced in mass quantities. To that end, Texas A&M University guayule researcher Dr. Jimmy Tipton announced here Friday that the Southwest Border Regional Commission has agreed to fund \$61,000 in addition to an earlier grant of \$9,000 last year to establish experimental test plots of guayule at El Paso and Pecos.

Commission members include the governors of Texas, Arizona, California and New Mexico.

"We are only beginning to investigate this plant," said Tipton, a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientist headquartered at the Texas A&M Research Center at El Paso. "At this point we are simply conducting a horticultural experiment to establish optimal planting and germination times."

"We are still several years away from making any definite conclusions about full-scale production," he said.

Dr. Daniel Bragg of Texas A&M's Center for Strategic Technology said guayule has great economic potential for the arid areas of the southwest in addition to its rubber-making capabilities. Guayule is one of the few agricultural crops that is perfectly suited to a desert environment.

In fact, Tipton added, the plant will not grow well if it is too cold or if it gets too much water. "Based on the data from World War II experimental studies, we know that guayule will produce rubber very well at altitudes as little as 16 inches of water annually," he said.

Guayule was grown experimentally in California during World War II when the United States' rubber supplies were cut off.

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Texas A&M University received

its totaling nearly \$735,000 during

the month of August, the University

development office reported Tues-

day.

Fifty-eight separate contributions

ranging from \$2,000 to \$137,500

were received by the office. The

largest gift came from the Houston

livestock Show and Rodeo for a

scholarship fund.

The total compares with \$629,000

for the month of January. The two

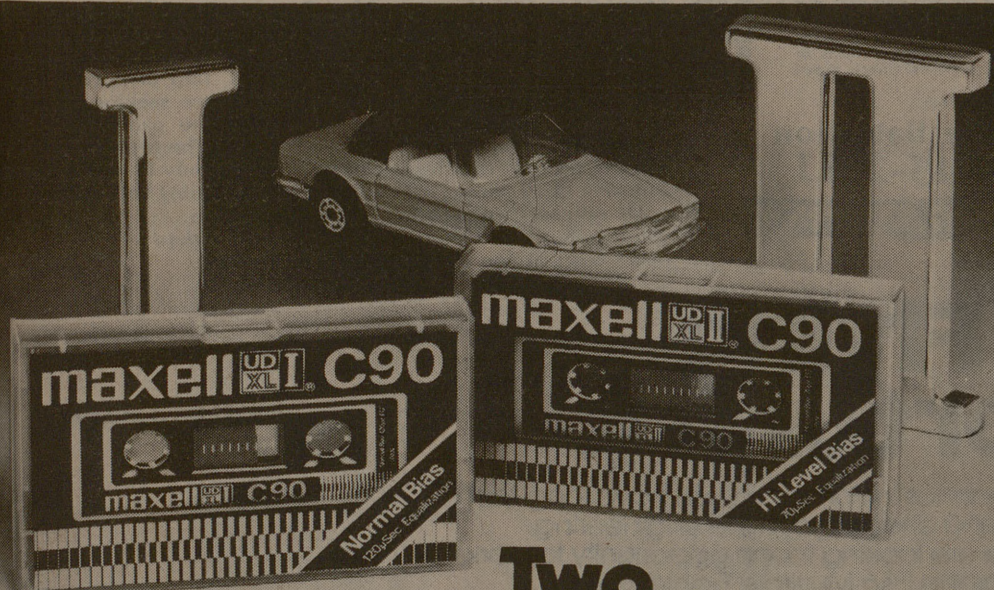
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