A&M tour of Russia to go as scheduled

Campus Reporter
Afghanistan invasion and a possible Olympics boycott by the United States have not deterred Dr. Michal Barszap from planning a summer tour of Russia that will be

tourist sites of Moscow, Kiev and Leningrad; but will also include first hand visits to Siberia, where no tourist has ever been; Moslem areas one of the most extensive student of Russia; and the Black Sea resort of

tours the continent has ever seen.

Barszap's itinerary, scheduled playground of top Russian officials may 14-June 14, includes the usual including Leonid Brexhnev.

"It is my dream come true," said Barszap, a professor of modern language at Texas A&M University. "This is the one I have wanted to do since I began leading tours five years

For \$2,150 a student will spend 31 days in first class hotels and cover more that 8,400 miles of the communist country. "It is a lot of money," said Barszap, "but when you think in terms of what you pay

Barszap, who led a tour of Russia last summer with Texas A&M students, said that his tour offers much more than a standardized tour

"I plan the itinerary and what we see in each town," said Barszap, who

spent his first 16 years living in Russia and Poland," and the Soviet officials usually approve it." Barszap In fact, one student on a former was able to schedule at least one free

day in each city, where as standard tours tend to keep the participants in the move all the time. Barszap also The tour will also take in conducts most of the tours himself,

performances of the world famous Bolshoi Ballet and Moscow Circus, rather than Soviet officials, because knows the cities and the along with a visit to the world's deepest lake, Lake Baikal, in Barszap also said students should Barszap, who will be embarking have the chance to interact with the Russian people, so he scheduled a on his tenth trip to Russia in the past

five years, said the Soviets seem more eager for his group to come this year, than they have in the past. He said the Olympic troubles might have something to do with

subdued students who were fighting

35 degree temperatures on the

"It is totally unlike an embargo of

grain or an Olympic boycott," Duncan said. "(The draft) is a direct

interference in the lives of millions of

the Olympics, the Russians will have to find another way to bring in Amertour became such good friends with a ican dollars. But what ever happens Russian girl that he wanted to marry to the Olympics, it will not affect the trip, he said

He also said that the Russians will separate politics and human relations. "They lost image in a political sense when they invaded Afghanistan," he said. "Maybe they will show us they are not the war mongers we think they are, but that they are still friendly.

Barszap is eager to be leading a tour during what he calls a "hot" time. "I think it ill be very interesting for the students to hear what the Russian people have to say

Barszap. "We will have a com topic to talk about. It will make tour that much more interesting

As of now, 32 students are significant up including 20-25 Aggies. The ginal deadline date to sign up Feb. 1, but the Soviets have a tended that to March I, so up hi

students could sign up.
Anyone interested should a Dr. Barszap at 845-2124 or ath home 693-3754 or the MSC Tm Committee 845-1515.

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state

three-day trip on the Trans-Siberian

railroad. "By staying in hotels," said

Barszap, "you only see other tourists, but by living and traveling

on a train with the Russian people

AUSTIN - John Duncan, state

director of the American Civil Liber-

ties Union, has told a group of Uni-

versity of Texas students that a "real

public outery" is needed to oppose registration of 18-26 year-olds for

Duncan told an anti-draft rally

attended by about 250 people that

persons opposed to the draft must

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make their sentiments known to defeat a congressional bill calling for registration — a move initiated by The rally was sponsored by Students Against the Draft, a President Carter in response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan

campus' West Mall.

"We need a real public outcry against any registration. It is imperative that we defeat the registration bill," he told the mostly American Friends Service Committee, said the draft movement could be stopped if the petitioned public

> There is no concensus in Congress and no concensus in this country for war or registration," he "The best thing people could do is to refuse to register. There is no way the draft can work if people

draft-age men during the Vie War were never found or prosec

Service draft register on their 18th birthdays if the Uru Thompson, head of a titioned Women Take Back The National Register on their 18th birthdays organization, said America fighting the draft are those who drawing on their experiences for the anti-war era of the late 1960sa early 1970s. She said the Midd East situation was a serious one, it was one that could not be se

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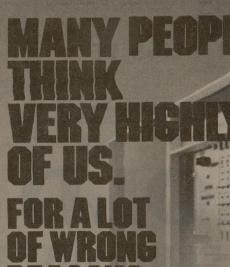
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Former Bandido ordered to testify

ACLU director opposes draft

SAN ANTONIO — A former member of the Bandidos Motorcycle Club, serving time for a federal firearms violation, has been ordered to testify in a grand jury's continuing investigation into the ambush of a federal prosecutor.

Timothy Kenneth Larson, also known as "Timken," received a subpoena to appear before a federal grand jury session scheduled for Wednesday

The heavily tatooed Larson, described by the FBI as a prime suspect in the attempted assassination of former assistant U.S. attorney James Kerr, will be transported by federal marshals from federal penitentiary at

Larson is serving a three-ye sentence imposed last year on a conviction for possessing a fireat despite a previous felony convictor

Nov. 21, 1978, when 19 bulk riddled his luxury automobile at intersection near his San Anto home. Larson later appeared in police line-up viewed by Kern

Kerr had an almost perfect reco for prosecuting narcotics trafficke in the Western District of Texas. was lead prosecutor in numer narcotics cases tried in the court U.S. District Judge John H. Woo Ir., assassinated outside his Antonio apartment May 29, 1979.

International Meditation Society

There will be a free introductory lecture on the Transcendertal Meditation Program on Tuesday the 5th of February at 7:30 P.M. in Room No. 502 of Rudder Tower. This lecture is for those just interested in the general knowledge or in learning the technique for expanding awareness and increasing enjoyment of all aspects of life.



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