# what's up at Texas A&M

# TUESDAY

MSC POLITICAL FORUM: Texas Attorney General Mark White will speak at 12:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder. Admission is free.

AMERICAN HUMANICS STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Will meet at 6 p.m. in 607 Rudder. Representatives from youth organizations will speak.

BRIDAL FAIR MARRIAGE SEMINAR: The topic "How to be a Student and Married" will be discussed at 12 p.m. in the MSC Basement Coffeehouse. At 5:30 p.m. the topic of "Theologians' View of Marriage and Sex"will be discussed. Admission is free.

RANGE CLUB: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Oceanography and Meteorology Bldg.

WILDLIFE SOCIETY: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

COLLEGIATE FFA: Will meet to elect officers at 7:30 p.m. in 105 Harrington. A door prize will be given.

ECONOMICS SOCIETY: Will meet to elect officers at 7 p.m. in 140A MSC. Charles Bankstrom from E. F. Hutton will talk about getting into the stock market.

PRE-MED/PRE-DENT SOCIETY: Dr. Ralph F. Coleman from the Wilcrst Emergency Medical Center in Houston will speak on "What You Should Know Before Entering Medical School" at 7:30

AGGIES AID TO SPECIAL KIDS: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 502

FINANCE ASSOCIATION: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 202 Francis Hall. Representatives from United Energy Resources' Financial Planning Group will speak. Elections, resumes and the spring barbecue will be discussed.

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS: Dr. Jerry Caton will speak about gas turbine research at General Motors at 7:30 p.m. in 203 Zachry Engineering Center.

METAPHYSICAL SOCIETY: Alan Holt, a NASA astrophysicist training supervisor, will present a program on "UFOs: A View of Future Physics?" at 7:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder. Admission for non-members will be 50 cents.

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION: Will meet to elect officers and vote on a new constitution at 7:30 p.m. in 201 Veterinary

UNIVERSITY APARTMENT COUNCIL: Will sponsor an Easter Feast and concert, with dinner at 6 p.m. and the concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the park area between buildings Y-2 and Y-3 of Hensel Apartments.

IEEE: Dr. G. D. Arndt of NASA will speak on the solar powered satellite at 7:30 p.m. in 103 Zachry Engineering Center.

ABILENE AREA HOMETOWN CLUB: Will meet to elect officers at 7:30 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

MSC CAMERA COMMITTEE: Will present Peter Gowland at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

AGGIE BLOOD DRIVE: Will continue through Thursday with stations set up at the MSC from 12-9 p.m. and at Zachry Engineering Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 115

## WEDNESDAY

OMELET RODEO: The National Agri-Marketing Association will sponsor an omelet breakfast from 7-10 a.m. in the Kleberg Atrium.

BRAZOS & A&M CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION: John Duncan, director of the Texas Civiliberties Union will speak at 7:30 p.m. in 601

LAMBDA SIGMA: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

TEXAS A&M SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB: Will meet to elect officers at 7 p.m. in 607 Rudder. A film will also be shown.

RUDDERS RANGERS: Will have an equipment turn-in at 7:30 p.m. in 315 Military Science Bldg.

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP: Registration for the April 17 workshop is taking place in the Student Activities Office, 221 MSC. There is a \$5 registration fee. For more information come by 221 MSC or call 845-1133.

SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS: Will meet at 7 p.m. in 103 Zachry Engineering Center.

ARCHAEOLOGY LECTURE: Frederick van Doorninck will speak at 12 p.m. in 350 MSC

UNIVERSITY LECTURE SERIES: John J. McKetta will speak at 2:30 p.m. in 102 Zachry Engineering Center.

**SHARE GROUP:** The Student Y sponsored group will meet at 9 p.m. in the Meditation Room of the All Faiths Chapel.

BRIDAL FAIR: MSC Free University will sponsor talk on "Family Planning" and a talk on "The Legal Aspects of Marriage" at 12 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. respectively in the MSC Basement Coffeehouse. Admission is free.

SOCIOLOGY CLUB: Will show part three of "Who Killed 4th Ward" at 7 p.m. in 106 Bolton Hall.

AGGIE SCOUTS: Will meet at 9 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

"Powered Hang Gliding" at 7 p.m. in 104A MSC. Plans for the year-end fly-in will also be discussed.

# Monkeys studied for clues to aging

United Press International CORVALLIS, Ore. — Scientists at Oregon State University's school of veterinary medicine are utilizing monkeys and computers to study the aging processes of the human brain.

Prof. Esturo Uemura says the space age technology gives his government-sponsored research a preciseness that was unavailable a few years ago in studying the processes that affect the nerve cells controlling human thought, feeling and action.

Subjects of the study are rhesus monkeys — small, brownish-colored, short-tailed primates native to India - that are housed at the University of Wisconsin's Primate Research Center in Madison.

Since most of the monkeys are born and raised at the Wisconsin center, Uemura said their complete histories are known including medical problems they may have had and what medications have been admi-

"With humans, you never know for sure what type of medical problems there were, what the medical histories were," he said. Uemura said another reason for

using rhesus monkeys is the absence of "neuro-fibrillary tangles" and senile plaque in the primates' brain

The tangles and plaques are lesions, disease or injury caused alterations of nerve cells, that often are found in old human brain tissue and also in the brain tissue of persons suffering from dementia, where the intellectual faculties have deterio-

"It has been hypothesized that some of the aging changes we see in humans are associated with those lesions," he said. "But I can see the same type of aging changes in the rhesus monkey which has an absence

of these lesions. That seems to indicate the neuro-fibrillary tangles have change that occurs in the ribonucleic acid, or RNA, as nothing to do with the aging process, but rather are a byproduct unique to

the aging human brain."
"What I'm interested in," he adds, are the neuronal processes and how these processes change as we get older. A brain's neuron (the nerve cell) is like a tree, with branches going up and roots descending down. It has been clearly established that these

neurons, like a tree, continue to branch out and down as we mature. "But what happens when we reach our 70s and 80s?

"My study indicates the rhesus brain continues to maintain its neuronal processes during adult-hood but the shortening and debranching of neuronal processes appears to be an inevitable phenomenon for those older monkeys over 28, which s equivalent of a human 84 years

Uemura also is interested in the

gets older. RNA is responsible the protein synthesis in cells

'In humans, we've found t drastic decrease — about 20 — in the amount of RNA presetue the brain as we get older, part ly in persons over 60. We've the same thing happening monkeys, which indicate metabolic change occurring

"The problem with using a scope as your primary tools we miss very minute changes," 'It's a difficult process, even for the

highly trained pathologist. "But with a computerized ins Lib scope, we can detect minuted e, some of neuronal processes and comeon the quantity of RNA. I can rated fi single nerve cell from a specificeveral s and I know where that neuron quality of RNA is there."

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CRAFT FAIR: The MSC Arts Committee will sponsor the fair from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Rudder Fountain.

TEXAS A&M HANG GLIDING CLUB: Paul Schaffer will speak on

# Gasohol tax write-off may be phony ripoff

shelter promoters are hopping on the gasohol bandwagon and may be reaping a golden harvest by selling phony shelter schemes to gullible in-Brennan Reports

William G. Brennan, the John-stown, Pa., tax shelter expert, published a denunciation of gasohol manufacturing tax shelter schemes in a recent edition of Brennan Re-

Dr. Alfred Globus, head of Guardian Chemical Corp., of Haup-pauge, N.Y., a pioneer advocate of alcohol-gasoline fuel mixtures, told UPI he gets scores of inquiries from persons asking his advice about investing in tax sheltered schemes based on manufacturing gasohol.

He said not one legitimate shelter has come to his attention.

here is considerable debate in fuel business Washington over whether some legitimate tax shelter should be autho- is skimpy rized to encourage the rapid increase of ethanol alcohol for gasohol but nothing concrete has developed.

Globus manufactures a catalyst for an alcohol-gasoline fuel mixture which presently is being mixed and sold in 18 locations around the

Globus also said some farmers who want to make alcohol on the farm and mix it with gasoline or diesel fuel have come to him for advice and he fears many of these are doomed to make serious mistakes.

"The kind of distilling equipment many of these farmers can afford to buy or build simply won't make alcohol of high enough proof to mix with gasoline or diesel oil," he said. While it is possible for a farm oper-ation to produce 200-proof any-

hdrous alcohol to be mixed with NEW YORK — The fast-buck tax gasoline without a catalyst, or 190elter promoters are hopping on proof alcohol, to be used with a catalyst, Globus stressed it will not

> Brennan Reports criticized newspapers which carry classified advertisements for gasohol tax shelter promotions which, he said, appeared not to have been registered with the Securities & Exchange Commission.

He said the schemes usually involve building a plant and the use of a "secret," sometimes patented, process for conversion of various substances into alcohol.

Rarely, Brennan said, is a specific site for the proposed plant given.
Among other indications that a scheme may be fraudulent, he listed the following:

— The general partner has little or no experience in the alcohol or motor

The patent protection claimed

the possible infringement of other

- When franchise fees are involved, no real basis is provided for valuing the franchises.

No financing is available for building the proposed plant.

— Government aid commitments are claimed but the claims are not

- Investors have to sign recourse notes due 20 years hence to get the tax writeoffs. There is no assurance

these notes will not be called. But, Brennan said, on second thought, the recourse notes are no real problem since the promoter no

doubt will disappear. Often, Brennan said, "there is a gimmick to permit conversion of this debt to nonrecourse notes which the

investor doesn't have to pay off.
But, he commented, the IRS just won't buy non-recourse debt as a tax





No studies have been made on MSC AGGIE CINEMA



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A&M to a contest to determine which
school can donate more blood as a percent of the student body. We've beaten
them in the past, LET'S DO IT
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# ATTENTION HORT/FLOR Majors:

Mr. Charlie Schnabel of the Texas Rehabilitation Commission will be speaking on Job Opportunities in Horticultural Therapy, Tuesday, April 8 at 8:00 p.m. in 113 PSB. Everyone is welcome.

He will be interviewing for state positions Wednesday morning at the Job Placement Center. Please turn in your resumes to the Center before then.

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