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**This week at the 'C':**

The American economy and the space shuttle are the focus of afternoon discussions presented by the Memorial Student Center Great Issues committee this week.

Dr. John Reynolds, management professor at Texas A&M University, will speak on declining American productivity Tuesday at 12:30 by Rudder Fountain.

Reynolds' talk, the second in a series of four on American economic problems, will consider declining productivity as a reason for the economic slump.

On Thursday, NASA spokesman Lawrence Hill will speak on commercial and research applications of the space shuttle program at 12:30 in Rudder Forum.

Hill is from the Office of Test and Ground Operations at Johnson Space Center.

**Student Ags talk Tuesday to A&M club**

Three Texas A&M University student leaders will be guest speakers for the Brazos County A&M Club's September meeting to be held Tuesday at the Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse on Texas Avenue.

Mollie White, director for public relations of the Memorial Student Center Directorate; David Collins, student government vice president for external affairs and Head Yell Leader Mark Outlaw will speak at the event, which includes a social hour at 6:30 p.m. and supper at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$1 per person, plus the cost of supper using line service at the steakhouse. Reservations may be made by calling 845-7514 no later than 5 p.m. Monday.

**How to choose the right puppy**

**United Press International**  
NEW YORK — Animal psychologist Dr. Daniel Tortora guides pet owners to their ideal animals in his new book, "The Right Dog for You."

—Indoor-outdoor activity level: a fragile Chihuahua will have less impact on its owner's life outdoors than an active Old English Sheepdog. People of high normal activity should choose a relatively inactive pet and vice versa.

—Behavioral vigor: vigorous breeds tend to do things with excessive force. Are you strong enough to handle a German Shepherd, or would you prefer a gentle Maltese?

— Behavioral constancy: if you are impulsive, you may prefer a dog of variable behavior — a Toy Poodle. If you want a predictable dog, try a Schnauzer.

—Dominance: Dogs with dominant personalities try to dominate people in whom they perceive submissive behavior. If you want a dog as boss, try a Bull Terrier, not a Doberman Pinscher.

—Emotional stability: Can you cope with a high-strung dog such as a Cocker Spaniel? Would you prefer a stable dog like the Basset Hound?

—Sociability: some dogs love people and other dogs. Other dogs are friendly to adults and not to children. This is a complex area and can depend on the dog's sex. A Pekingese is a solitary pet who prefers a solitary master. The American Fox Terrier is at the opposite end of the scale.

—Learning abilities: very important in whether a dog is trainable is his ability to form mental associations rapidly.

—Watchdog and guard-dog: the majority of breeds are alert watchdogs but not all are aggressive enough to make good guards. The Bull Mastiff and Chow Chow rank high as guard dogs. The Irish Setter and Shetland Sheepdog are unsuitable.

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**Children's cancer less a threat**

achievement in the entire field of cancer therapy," said Dr. Denman Hammond of the University of Southern California, who is chairman of the Children's Cancer Study Group in Los Angeles.

He credited much of the success to the development of powerful chemicals used in combination to kill malignant cancer cells. In addition, Hammond said surgical and radiation treatment have improved dramatically in the past decade.

Studies now under way will show that more than half of children being treated today eventually will be considered cured, he said.

Cancers of children differ significantly from adult malignancies. The common cancers of older people — in such areas as the lung, breast, colon and reproductive system — are rare in children.

The most common malignancy in children is acute lymphocytic leukemia, a blood cancer that accounts for 34 percent of all childhood cancer. Other cancers of children involve the nervous system, muscles, bones and kidneys.

"The cancers of children, fortunately,

are generally responsive to treatment and, therefore, the clinical outcomes to treatment of children's cancers are much more favorable at present than for cancers of adults," Hammond said.

Despite the improved outlook for most forms of cancer in youngsters, Hammond said major problems remain with cancers of the nervous system and malignant brain tumors.

These two cancer types account for 18 percent of all childhood cancers and Hammond said only about 40 percent of youngsters with them are living two years after the disease was detected. Longer periods are considerably rarer.

Hammond said a major reason for the improvement of the childhood cancer is the fact that cancer centers by teaming most familiar with various treatments.

"This is an evolution that places primarily within the decade, and has undoubtedly been responsible for some of the successes in pediatric management," Hammond said.

**Rock climbing risky adventure**

**United Press International**  
CATAWBA, Va. — Rock climbers are upward mobility people. Their world differs from that of most weekend sportsmen. When they perform, hawks and eagles are their likely audience, the wind their companion, adrenalin their fuel.

It's also a world of 150-foot blue, red, yellow, green or purple ropes, shiny D-shaped metal rings, inch-wide nylon webbing, hexagonal-shaped chocks from the size of dimes to fists.

A climber's challenge is a 100-foot wall of gray granite with little more than tiny cracks, good to jam those chocks in as anchors, or cracker-thin flakes of rock, good for gripping with fingertips or clenching with booted tiptoes.

There's no official estimate available of the number of climbers, but nearly every weekend thousands of them are likely to be practicing at such places as Dragon's Tooth, Raven's Roost, Belle Corney, Seneca Rocks, Willis Mountain. These obscure places are unknown to most of the general public.

But climbers use these places to practice for assaults on the more familiar peaks that symbolize achievements in vertical adventure — Mt. Everest, Mt. Ranier, Mt. McKinley, the Eiger, the Grand Teton, el Capitan, Half Dome.

The idea is to learn and refine skills — and judgment — on the little rocks and mountains first, then go for the bigger ones.

For perspective, most people can walk a mile in about 20 minutes. Big climbs, however, can require days to advance 5,280 feet, or even one-tenth that. Most climbers never get to the big ones, or even the in-between ones. By choice.

"Most people who go through one-

day courses climb for a while give it up," said Bob Striker by Salem, a veteran climber, instructor and professional outfitter.

"The majority aren't interested in taking it beyond the beginner's level," said John Connelly, a Richmond fitter. "Many people try it because they're looking for something different, exciting, some adrenaline. Some try it maybe to help feel some macho feelings or whatever for many outdoor types, it's a sign of their skills," he said.

It takes time to acquire the skills. Beginners should read the sport first, then find a leader, outfitter, outdoors club or cue group that might offer lessons.

Veterans emphasize two things, however, for potential climbers: sport is obviously risky, and the seasoned, patient, skilled climber can be a problem.

"The problem is finding one who knows what they're doing," said Dana Lyons, a former instructor. He recently started an eight-year teaching career in another part of the country.

"If you're taking tennis lessons the teacher doesn't know what he's doing, it doesn't make much sense. All you've done is waste money. Climbing is a little different. There's no criteria to know of that a layman can evaluate whether someone is teaching him the ultimate in safety."

"There are ways that you can do it. There are ways that you can do it. I've seen it time and time again where you see somebody do something, wrong, and the way you could get them to do it right."

**Baby Miss America official investigated**

**United Press International**  
METAIRIE, La. — A Louisiana woman who operates beauty pageants for young girls and boys may be banned from at least one state where she has scheduled events, officials say.

Sammie M. Savoie, founder and president of Baby Miss America Pageant Productions and the object of local and federal investigations two years ago, was supposed to have a contest Aug. 7 in Kansas City to find the most attractive children in Kansas and Missouri.

But the pageant was one of eight she had to cancel because her ex-

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