

Local

What's Up

TUESDAY

HOUSTON OILERS VS. AGGIELAND ALLSTARS: This basketball game will begin at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

MSC BASEMENT: Meets at 7 p.m. in the Basement.

SILVER TAPS: Will be held at 10:30 p.m. in front of the Academic Building.

CLASS OF '84: Meets at 8 p.m. in 105 Heldenfels. Candid pictures from the ball may be purchased or ordered through Friday in Rudder lobby or the main hallway of MSC.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS: William Friedrich, Assistant Public Works Director from Houston, will speak on public works beginning at 7:30 p.m. in 121 Civil Engineering.

BIOCHEMISTRY SOCIETY: Meets to elect officers beginning at 7:30 p.m. in 113 Heep.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: Night Prayer will be said at 10 p.m. in St. Mary's Church.

TAMU HANG-GLIDING CLUB: Meets at 7:30 p.m. in 110 Military Science.

MARKETING SOCIETY: Meets at 7 p.m. in 220 Old Engineering.

WEDNESDAY

ROOMMATE SESSION: The Off Campus Center sponsors this meeting for all who need roommates and/or housing for the fall semester.

OFF CAMPUS AGGIES: Meet at 6:30 p.m. in 137 MSC.

MSC GREAT ISSUES: Presents "Compromising Ethics in College Sports," a panel discussion of issues and problems in college athletics. Dan Derrne, former athletic director at Notre Dame; Steve Morgan, NCAA representative; and Jack Gallagher, Houston Post sportswriter, will speak beginning at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

"SOUTH PACIFIC": The famous Rodgers and Hammerstein Broadway musical will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Theatre.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: Newman Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Student Center.

MARRIED STUDENTS' UNIVERSITY APARTMENT COUNCIL: Howard Vestal, Vice President of Business Affairs, will answer questions at this meeting beginning at 7 p.m. in 119-D Zachry.

TAMU SPORTS CAR CLUB: Meets at 7:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

THURSDAY

TAMU SAILING CLUB: Meets at 7 p.m. in 321 Physics.

HUMAN FACTORS SOCIETY: Carol Adams speaks on "Human Factors at IBM" beginning at 7 p.m. in 103 Zachry.

EMERGENCY CARE TEAM: Meets at 7:30 p.m. in 140 MSC.

CLASS OF '84 COUNCIL: Meets at 8 p.m. in 105 Heldenfels.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: Newsletter committee meets at 7 p.m. in St. Mary's Student Center. Night Prayer will be said at 10 p.m. in the church.

VICTORIA HOMETOWN CLUB: Meets to elect officers at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

MSC BASEMENT: The group Brave Combo, a nuclear polka band, will appear at 8 p.m. in 201 MSC. Tickets are on sale at MSC Box Office for \$1.

PARKER COUNTY HOMETOWN CLUB: Meets at 7:30 p.m. in 139 MSC.

KAPPA DELTA PI: Induction banquet for all fall and spring pledges will begin at 7 p.m. in 226 MSC.

"THE FINAL COUNTDOWN": The crew of the U.S.S. Nimitz is transported back in time to Pearl Harbor prior to December 7, 1941. 7:30 & 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Theatre.

Humor helped POW live

By COLETTE HUTCHINGS
Battalion Reporter

Humor is the shock absorber of life, a former prisoner of war told more than 200 participants in Texas A&M's Agricultural Convocation Monday night in Rudder Theatre.

Charlie Plumb spent nearly six years in a North Vietnamese prison camp after being shot down during his 75th combat mission. The author and lecturer said that we seem to have lost the ability to laugh at ourselves.

Plumb, a thin man, told how he remained strong and found some comfort throughout the six years of living in an 8-by-8 cell while being beaten by North Vietnamese for information.

As he was lying swollen and bleeding in the corner of his dirt-filled cell the day after being shot down, Plumb said he looked up and saw writing on his cell wall which said, "Smile, you're on candid camera."

"That fellow before me who wrote that came to grips with the problem, took a positive approach and even found some humor," Plumb said. Plumb said this positive approach to the situation gave him a philosophy to live by.

Plumb said the first communication he had with another American was by a piece of wire with a toilet-paper message attached.

"I received this piece of dirty toilet paper which said: memorize this code, then eat this note," Plumb said.

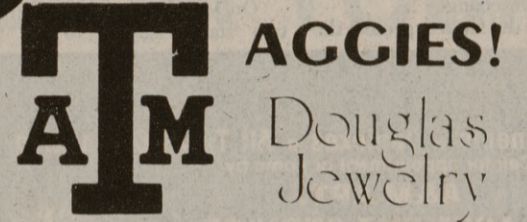
The note was from a lieutenant commander in the next cell who gave Plumb guidelines for surviving captivity.

"He told me to have faith, commitment and pride," Plumb said. He said those three factors were more important to the prisoners than anything else.

Plumb said he thinks these guidelines apply to everyday living as well as wartime. "Each one of us will face our own imprisonment. We may lose a limb, our eyesight or a family member," he said. "If you have faith, pride and commitment, stitched with that good old American humor, you

can overcome anything," he said. Plumb said in the 2,013 days spent in captivity he thought a lot about America and why he volunteered to serve his country.

Plumb was in a truck, gagged, blindfolded and bound en route to another prison camp when he peered out from over his blindfold and saw the peasants. He said he thought, "I'm glad I'm free and live in a country where I can vote for my leaders and speak my views."



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35 Aggies to present research papers for Fellows program

By PAMELA EADES
Battalion Reporter

Thirty-five Texas A&M University students will soon present papers covering year-long research projects for the University Undergraduate Fellows Program, a part of the University Honors Program.

The projects will be presented both Wednesday and April 15 at 7 p.m.

The program, started six years ago by Dr. Melvin Friedman, a geology professor, gives seniors an opportunity to find out what graduate school is like by working on an intensive research project. Students work on their projects both semesters of their senior year, and they are allowed to substitute the research for six hours of classroom credit.

An average of 30 to 40 students participate in the program each year, but Friedman said enrollment is not limited and students need not have participated in the University Honors Program before.

One of the students, Laurence Ray Simar, said the research did not always turn out as expected.

Simar said he has just gotten his research results in the past week. One of the professors involved with the program suggested an

idea to Simar, and this led to his completion of a computer program on coronary circulation.

Simar said the idea came from another scholar's faculty adviser.

Faculty advisers act as supervisors and research advisers to the students in the program.

Friedman said these faculty advisers are "the true unsung heroes of the program."

He said students learn how to do research from their advisers, and the advisers usually spend more time on the project than they expected.

Simar's faculty adviser, Dr. Walter Kuklinski, is sponsoring two students this year. Kuklinski, a biomedical engineering professor, said he got involved in the program last year and likes to see as many people participate as possible.

In addition to supervising students, faculty advisers participate with their students in the Community of Scholars. The Community of Scholars is a series of meetings held during the year in which students discuss their research. The scholars are divided into several groups of about 10 to 15 people.

The program is open to all seniors with an overall 3.5 grade

point ratio. To be eligible, students must also attend school both semesters of their senior year. Students must submit a satisfactory research proposal to the University Honors Program Committee that selects the participants. Students must also get approval from their faculty adviser, department head and dean.

Students begin their research with a research proposal submitted during the spring semester of their junior year. If the proposal is accepted, students participate in the Community of Scholars and the symposium to present their final results. The research culminates in a senior honors thesis.

The communication of research through the presentations and theses is the most important phase of the program, Friedman said. Research that is not shared with others is "a selfish endeavor," he said.

After the symposium is over and the theses are written, students receive certificates for their participation, a notice in the commencement program and in their transcripts. In addition, the best theses writers are awarded special certificates, \$100 and a desk-pen set.

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Association of Former Students Spring Senior Induction Banquets

April 13 & 14, 1981
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All May and August graduates are invited to attend. Complimentary tickets will be available April 6-10 in the lobby of the Forsyth Alumni Center. Banquet is free — but you must have a ticket to attend.

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CAMPUSFEST TO BE HELD AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Coors Central of Bryan, along with Texas A&M University, Intramural Department, will sponsor a Campusfest April 8th at TAMU as part of the 1981 Texas Coors-Austin Natural Science Association Intramural Festival Program.

Campusfest will consist of a day-long series of games and activities to be conducted at the Polo Fields between Zachry parking and the golf course from 3:00 p.m. until.

The 1981 Coors-Austin Natural Science Association Intramural Festival is a precedent-setting activity of the Coors College Marketing Department to work with the colleges and universities in Texas to aid intramural programming. The Austin Natural Science Association was organized in 1960 to provide educational and recreational activities in the natural sciences through the operation and maintenance of a nature center. In doing so, it promotes understanding, protection and conservation of the environment.

From this local Campusfest, a co-ed team will be selected to represent Texas A&M at the Regional Intramural Festival on April 25th at Trinity University in San Antonio. The sponsors will provide up to \$200 in travel reimbursement for the Regional Festival team. Also, Texas A&M will receive a \$500 certificate for General Sportscraft equipment to be selected by the Intramural Department.

Coors Intramural Festivals were conducted at 11 locations in 1980 with 213 colleges and universities represented.

All prizes are given by the Austin Natural Science Association.

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