

What's Up

FRIDAY

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY: Peanut Butter Fellowship will begin at 11:30 a.m. at Rudder Fountain. Bible Study will begin at 6:30 p.m. in 145 MSC.

INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Andy Seidel will speak on "The Authority and Inerrancy of the Bible" at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

TAMU CZECH CLUB: "R. U. R. — Rossum's Universal Robots," a science fiction play, will be performed at 7 p.m. in 102 Zachry. Admission is \$2. Reception after play.

TAMU SAILING CLUB: Will hold a weekend outing at Lake Somerville-Welch Park.

MSC BASEMENT: The Skunks and Brave Combo will perform at the Grove at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 at the MSC Box Office. In case of rain, the concert will be held in DeWare Fieldhouse.

"THE BIG RED ONE": This World War II survival story will be shown at 7:30 & 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

"ROCK 'N' ROLL HIGH SCHOOL": Rebellious teens battle their militaristic principle and blow their high school to pieces, as the Ramones sing "She's the One" and "Teenage Lobotomy." Midnight in Rudder Auditorium.

TAMU WOMEN'S CHORUS: Will give their spring concert, "A Musical Variety," at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

CLASS OF '84: Today is the last day to pick up candid pictures in Rudder lobby or MSC main hallway.

SATURDAY

CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: A Hawaiian Luau with dinner and live entertainment will begin at 7 p.m. in St. Mary's Student Center. Admission is \$3.50.

FIFTH ANNUAL TEXAS A&M MARATHON: Will begin at 7 a.m. from G. Rollie White Coliseum. Entrants may run the Quarter Marathon (6.5 miles), Half Marathon (13.1 miles), or Full Marathon (26.2 miles). No entrants will be registered the day of

the race. Call Rusty Higham at 845-5924 for information.

TAMU VETERINARY STUDENT SPOUSE AUXILIARY: Will have a Rummage & Bake Sale from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Fannin Elementary School Gym on East 29th Street at Baker.

TAMU CZECH CLUB: "R. U. R. — Rossum's Universal Robots," a science fiction play, will be performed at 7 p.m. in 102 Zachry.

TAMU SPORTS CAR CLUB: Will travel to Temple Academy Dragstrip, leaving at 7 a.m. from Zachry Lot 50.

FIRST YEAR VETERINARY STUDENTS: Will bathe and dig dogs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. behind the Veterinary School. Cost is \$3 per dog. Bring your own leashes and towels. If it rains, the event is cancelled.

"THE BIG RED ONE": Will be shown at 7:30 & 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

"ROCK 'N' ROLL HIGH SCHOOL": Will be shown at midnight in Rudder Theatre.

FIRST ANNUAL AGGIE RUGBY TOURNAMENT: Teams from seven states will compete in this tournament, which begins at 8 a.m. on the Intramural Complex Fields. Admission is free.

SUNDAY

AGGIELAND STAGE RACE: This bicycle race will begin at 1 p.m. at the Main Drill Field.

FISH CAMP: Will have a mandatory counselor meeting at 6 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

"101 DALMATIANS": This Walt Disney classic cartoon will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: Easter Choir practices at 4 p.m. in the church.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY: Meets at 5:30 p.m. in the A&M Presbyterian Church for the Aggie Supper and meeting.

FIRST ANNUAL AGGIE RUGBY TOURNAMENT: Play will begin at 8 a.m. at the Intramural Complex Fields, with final rounds beginning at 2 p.m. on the Main Drill Field. Admission is free.

Corpus Christi grain blasts prompt union probe demand

United Press International
CORPUS CHRISTI — Port Authority engineer Nolan Rhodes wanted the safest grain elevator in the country and approved \$3.5 million in improvements to make Corpus Christi's public elevator a model for the nation.

It blew up anyway. "I just don't know what else we could have done," Rhodes said Thursday. "We thought — and we still believe — we had one of the safest elevators around."

"I don't know if there's any way to make it safer. I want to know if there is." The elevator, in a split-second series of explosions, hurled hundreds of pounds of concrete more than 100 yards Tuesday, causing \$30 million in structural damage, killing six men and injuring 33 others.

Two men, whose bodies have not been found, are presumed dead by port officials.

Eighteen workers remained hospitalized, seven in critical condition.

An AFL-CIO division president, Robert Harbrant, called for a thorough investigation of grain elevator explosions in Corpus Christi and Nebraska, saying safe methods of grain handling have been known for 60 years.

"That's a crock," Rhodes said. "We made this the safest around." Rhodes said grain dust, which

pound-for-pound is more explosive than dynamite, cannot be controlled any more effectively than by the system he had installed. AFL-CIO statistics show 44 explosions across the nation killed more than 100 workers last year.

The National Academy of Sciences says the only things needed to set off an explosion are proper atmospheric conditions and a spark.

Bill Kauffman, an NAS investigator who has analyzed 11 grain elevator explosions in the past three years and was on the scene, said it could take weeks or months to determine what sparked the series of Corpus Christi blasts.

Kauffman said the investigation could be a long one, involving lots of study. "We have found a couple of things that look interesting," he said, but refused to elaborate.

The impact of the explosions collapsed walls, splintered a concrete building and halted for at least a year operations of the elevator, which towered 214 feet above the Corpus Christi Ship Channel. Port officials said they expected to lose some \$100 million in revenue.

Workers in the midst of the

blasts said there was no warning and no time to escape. One man compared them to an atomic bomb.

The family of one of the victims filed a lawsuit Thursday against two Minneapolis engineering firms which built the new dust collection system, asking for unspecified damages. A judge also issued a temporary restraining order preventing removal, destruction or concealment of any debris or other material which could be considered evidence.

The suit was filed by Ronnie Canales, eldest son of Alfredo Canales, 52, who died moments after arrival at a Corpus Christi hospital. The suit named McKenzie-Hague-Gillis Co., and Axelson Engineering Inc.

The Canales family attorney, David Perry, said better dust collection systems were available, although port officials were not named in the suit because they believed they had purchased the most advanced available system.

"If that dust collection system had been doing what it was supposed to, Al Canales would be alive today," Perry said.

Congressman Bill Patman, D-

Texas, made a "fact-finding" tour of the grain elevator compound Thursday afternoon.

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