

# Local / State

## What's Up TUESDAY

**WATER SKI CLUB:** Will meet to elect officers and plan the summer's activity at 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

**AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS:** Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 103 Zachry. Jim Massey, from Dow Chemical, will speak on process control engineering and polyethylene research.

## WEDNESDAY

**EUROPE CLUB:** Will meet to elect officers at 8:30 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's in College Station.

**LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT COUNCIL:** Will meet at 6 p.m. at Dr. Lute's house.

**RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCE ASSOCIATION:** Will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Alamo. Jennifer Berry will speak on "Environmental Issues of the 80s."

**FINANCE ASSOCIATION:** Will have their spring barbecue at 6:30 p.m. at Hensel Park.

**BETA BETA BETA:** Will meet to initiate new members at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder. Dr. James R. Wild will be the speaker.

**MATH CLUB:** Will sponsor a help session for students in Math 130, 150, 151, 152, 230, 253 and 308. The session will be held from 7-10 p.m. in 203 and 207 Academic. Admission is \$1.

**TAMU SAILING CLUB:** Will have a party at 7:30 p.m. in Treehouse Apartments party room.

**CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** The Newman Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.

**TEXAS A&M SPORTS CAR CLUB:** Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

**CANADIAN CLUB:** Will meet at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

## THURSDAY

**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Will meet for dinner at 6:15 p.m. at the A&M Presbyterian Church.

**MANAGEMENT SOCIETY:** Will have a party at 7:30 p.m. at 901 Munson.

**CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** Will have a night prayer service at 10 p.m. at St. Mary's Church.

## FRIDAY

**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 145 MSC.

# Inmate searches lawbooks for way to win freedom

United Press International  
HUNTSVILLE — Ovide Joseph Dugas Jr., a former refinery worker convicted of killing a 2-year-old child, has become a jailhouse lawyer in his attempts to find a way to freedom from death row.

"We are allowed to order five lawbooks each day except Sunday, when the mail cart doesn't come around," Dugas said, adding he always orders the maximum.

Dugas, in his first interview since arriving at death row at the Ellis Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections 18 months ago, said during the weekend that he was having problems getting information from his court-appointed attorneys, so he has begun delving into the law himself. "People who depend on their lawyers can often get shafted," he said. "If you have to depend on a

court-appointed attorney, you can get left in the dark. I go through every case, read every opinion to see if there's something there I can use in my case."

Dugas, 34, is on death row for the 1978 death of Jason Phillips of Woodward, Okla. Murder charges still are pending against him in the deaths of four other members of the Bishop Phillips family.

He said he currently is waiting for his lawyer to file an appeal of his 1979 conviction.

Last week, he filed a writ of mandamus to force Jefferson County officials to either drop the four other murder charges or bring him to trial.

"They're holding them over my head in case I get off on appeal."

The Phillips, including three Oklahoma family members visiting during the Fourth of July weekend, were abducted from a farmhouse outside Winnie, Texas, bound, shot in the head and buried in a mass grave 10 miles away. Dugas had been married to Phillips' daughter, Mary.

Also convicted in the case was Linda May Burnett, 33, of Neder-

land, Dugas' lover. He claimed he only intended to scare the family but Burnett forced him to kill the child while she shot the four other people. Burnett claimed she was an innocent pawn in Dugas' attempts to get revenge on his former in-laws.

In the meantime, he is trying to learn law and helping fellow inmates with their legal problems. He estimated about half of the death row inmates study law and most are unhappy with their attorneys, particularly those who fought charges with court-appointed attorneys.

During his trial, Dugas claimed he was drugged and beaten while in the Chambers County Jail, and his confession was coerced. He filed a nearly \$2.1 million civil rights lawsuit last July against five law enforcement officers in Chambers and Jefferson counties. He contends he was denied his civil rights and signed a confession "under great fear for his life."

He said three of those named in the suit punched him in the stomach, elbowed his head and neck and "slapped me up the side of the head" during his interrogation.

# Mark White to address honor society banquet

Texas Attorney General Mark White will discuss education and the law tonight at a banquet at the Memorial Student Center.

Phi Kappa Phi, Texas A&M University's most prestigious honor society, will initiate 350 new members at the banquet. The society will also name the outstanding junior for the University. Each year one stu-

dent is selected from among 10 students already named the outstanding junior in each of the University's colleges, including Moody College.

To be eligible for membership, juniors must have a 3.75 grade point ratio and be in the upper 5 percent of their college class. Seniors must have a 3.5 GPR and be in the upper 10 percent of their college class.

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## 'Lovers' presented tonight

The Aggie Players will present the comedy, "Lovers and Other Strangers," tonight at 7:30 in the Rudder Forum.

The play, written by Renee Taylor and Joseph Bologna, is a series of five scenarios about the problems that can happen when two people in love don't communicate with each other.

Tickets for the show, available at the door and at the Rudder Box Office, are \$2 for Texas A&M University students and \$3 for non-students.



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## Theater Arts to stage free one-act plays

Students in the Texas A&M University Theater Arts Department will present a series of one-act plays beginning tonight and continuing through Friday night. Each evening the play will begin at 7:30 in Rudder Forum.

Sixteen students in a theater arts directing class will be directing their second play in the project which is meant basically for educational purposes, class instructor Richard Soddors said.

Class members study such things as staging, play analysis and relations with characters as well as the coordination of all aspects of play production, he said.

Soddors chose not to publicize the titles and plots of the plays in order to avoid royalty payments but said a variety of plays will be presented.

"Some will be serious, some will be light, some modern and some not so modern," he said. "Admission is free."

## State Senate turns down bill on wills

United Press International  
AUSTIN — The Senate refused Monday to consider a bill that would have provided for all property of a husband or wife who died in Texas without a will to be inherited by the spouse.

Current state law provides that in such cases, one-half the property belonging to the deceased goes to the surviving spouse, and the other half to the children.

Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, said the probate section of the State Bar had proposed the change, but it ran into strong opposition in the Senate. Doggett's motion to have it debated failed 11-20, receiving only half the 21 votes needed for consideration.

Sen. Tati Santiesteban, D-El Paso, led the opposition to the bill, arguing the proposal would allow a surviving spouse "to do whatever he wants with the property that for years and years has belonged to the children."

"With your bill, a husband can die and his wife can remarry somebody else who can influence her to sell the property, and the surviving minor children will be left with nothing," Santiesteban said.

Sen. E.L. Short, D-Tahoka, suggested Doggett's bill was an attempt by lawyers to force all Texans to have written wills.

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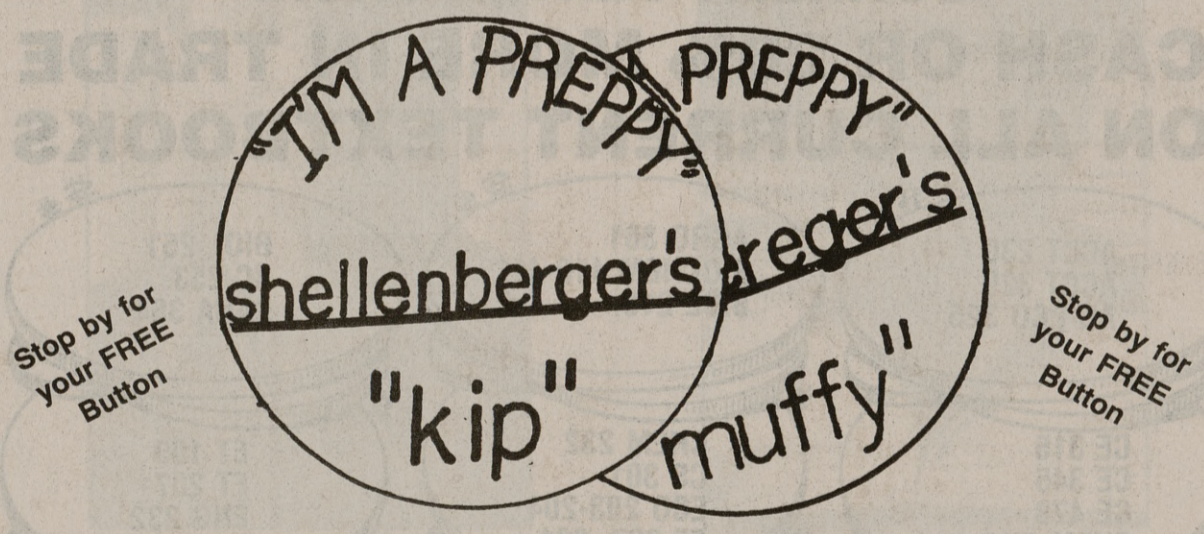
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