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What's up at Texas A&M

Friday

Saturday

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Will hold Night Prayer at 10 p.m. in St. Mary's Church.
CANTERBURY ASSOCIATION: Will hold Communion Service at 6 a.m. in the Episcopal Student Center.
TURKISH STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Will hold the first meeting of the semester at 6 p.m. in Room 231, MSC.
AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: Will have their first special dance from 8-11 p.m. in Room 225, MSC. Sparks Dorris will be the caller. All square dancers are welcome.
INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: The Reverend Al LaCour of Westminster Presbyterian Church will speak at 7 p.m. in Room 402, Rudder Tower.

PAKISTAN CLUB: Will hold their first meeting to make plans for the fall semester at 6 p.m. in Room 504, Rudder Tower.

Sunday

TEXAS A&M SPORTS CAR CLUB: Will hold an auto cross at Zachry parking lot. Registration will be held from 9 a.m. until noon.
GUATEMALAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Will hold an organizational meeting at 6 p.m. in Room 140, MSC. All new Guatemaltecos are welcome.

Nicaraguan arrested in dope bust

United Press International
HOUSTON — The former consul general of Nicaragua, Jose Esteban McEwan, who lives in Houston was taken into custody late Wednesday following the delivery of an estimated \$70,000 worth of cocaine to an undercover police officer.
 McEwan, 46, was arrested along with a 29-year-old woman, Carmen Smith, narcotics detectives said.
 Police said undercover detectives received 17 ounces of cocaine during a street drug deal about midnight Wednesday.
 No charges have been filed and the case was expected to be referred to a state grand jury.
 McEwan was sentenced to 10 years probation earlier this year after pleading no contest to a charge of possession of cocaine, involving the April 1980 discovery of cocaine traces in his Rolls Royce and a pound of cocaine in his home, police said.

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Ford sued for deaths of 3 youths

United Press International
BROWNSVILLE — Three Texas men died a fiery death in a rear-end collision because Ford Motor Co. did not want to pay an extra \$8 to fix each of the Mustang gas tanks it knew were unsafe, attorneys charge.
 Ford knew there was a reasonably safe alternative, but they didn't want to use it because of cost, said Houston attorney Larry Watts.
 Watts, presenting opening arguments Wednesday in a \$113.8 million federal civil lawsuit against Ford, said the auto manufacturer knew the fuel tank design for the 1965 Mustang was unsafe. The suit has been recessed until next Tuesday.
 Carlos Garcia and Hector Arizmendi, who burned almost in each other's arms in this car, didn't have to be sacrificed for that \$8 per car, he said.

"They (Ford) spent the lives of these boys."
 The families of the three youths killed in the March 12, 1978, two-car collision, and a young woman who survived it, claim Ford knew of nine safety defects in the company's popular 1965 Mustang model.
 But William Slusser of Houston, an attorney representing the auto manufacturer, told the four-man, two-woman jury the accident and resulting gas tank explosion and fire was not the fault of Ford. He said the car that rear-ended the Mustang was traveling at a high enough speed to rupture any gas tank.
 "Ford was a pioneer in safety," Slusser said.
 The lawsuit claims the 1965 Mustang driven by Robert C. Schach stopped along a county road near McAllen, Texas, to try to render aid to persons involved

in a two-vehicle accident. Schach got out of the car, but Arizmendi and Garcia, both 16, remained in the Mustang.
 The car was then hit from behind by a vehicle driven by David Lyssy, 20. Arizmendi and Garcia died at the accident scene and Lyssy later died in a county hospital.
 Katherine Flint, who was a passenger in Lyssy's car, suffered severe burns but survived the accident.
 Three witnesses to the accident testified Wednesday, including one who said Lyssy was going faster than 55 mph when he hit the Mustang.
 Andy Durbin, a 21-year-old oil-field roughneck, said Lyssy's car was traveling an "average highway speed" — greater than 55 mph — when it rear-ended the Mustang. He said Lyssy was on fire when he ran from the car.

"He was screaming and in pain," Durbin said. "He was burning from head to toe. Everything was melted on him."
 Schach, the Mustang's driver who now lives in Laredo, testified briefly Wednesday before the trial was recessed until next week.

Toe becomes thumb for 4-year-old boy

United Press International
CLEVELAND — If 4-year-old Bryan Cavasas can give a thumbs-up sign to the Houston Oilers when they play the Cleveland Browns Sunday, he'll have Avrum I. Froimson to thank.
 Bryan, of Houston, was born without a thumb on his left hand.
 Froimson, head of the department of orthopedic surgery at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Cleveland, Tuesday took a small bone from the fourth toe of Bryan's left foot and put it where his thumb would be.
 "Half of these bone transplants grow and half don't," Froimson said. "In any event, he now has a thumb up to the first joint and I am very optimistic that the bone will grow."
 Bryan's parents, Gary and Carolyn Cavasas, decided on Mt. Sinai after Mrs. Cavasas' father, who lives in nearby Medina, read a similar operation at the hospital in a newspaper.
 "Bryan is our only child and he was born without a thumb and no middle or ring finger (on his left hand)," Mrs. Cavasas said. "I was in shock. After all, I wanted him to be perfect."
 She said doctors in Houston told her not to worry, that the problem could be corrected surgically when he grew older.
 "Well, his body rejected a bone

from the bone bank and it appeared to me that they made his middle finger too big," she said. "They told me nothing else could be done about his thumb, but I wasn't ready to give up."
 Froimson, who said the other fingers would be taken care of la-

ter, said Bryan's fourth toe would be about the same length as his fifth toe.
 "We took from the left foot because most people kick with the right foot and use the right foot for the brake and gas pedals," he said.

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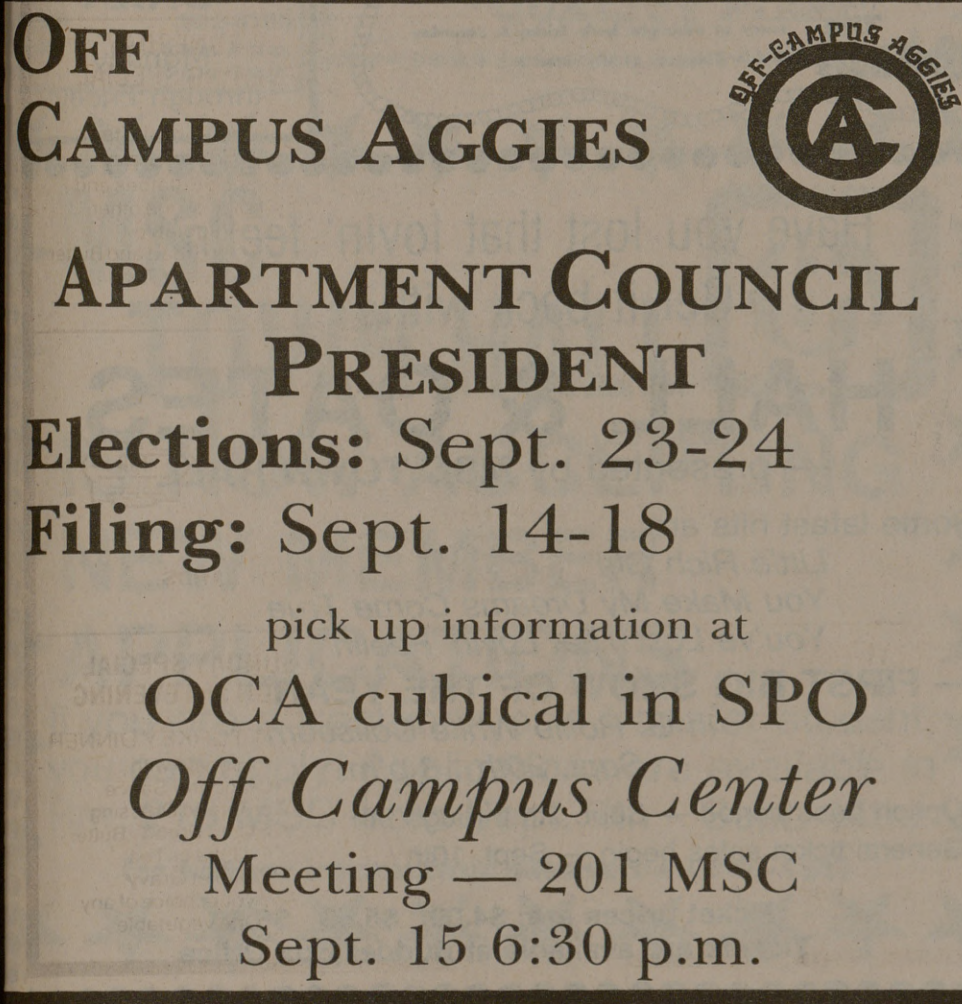
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