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OCA to discuss liquor policy, install officers

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Battalion Staff
The off-campus Aggies will install their new apartment council presidents and discuss the new College Station policy regarding liquor in area parks in tonight's meeting at 6:30 in 212 Memorial Student Center.

OCA represents students living off campus. OCA members will discuss upcoming events such as the OCA Square Dance, to be held Oct. 2, and will plan a street dance and Christmas formal, said Paul Bettencourt, president of Off-Campus Aggies.

Bettencourt said that the council presidents have three main functions. "They will represent their complex at all OCA meetings and will be a source of information to their fellow residents at each apartment," he said. "The new representatives will also become a sort of go-between for students

and apartment management. "Things seem to run better when the students and management are on good terms," Bettencourt said.

The apartment council presidents will also form their own council, which is basically social, to plan parties and activities at each apartment, he said.

The newly elected presidents are: Darryl Walton - Alamo apartments; Derreck Westrich - Arbor Square; and Jane Marie Sandel - Briarwood.

Also elected were: Lisa Webb and John Crimes - Casa Blanca; Kelly Lobb - Casa Del Sol; Trish Wieseppe - Cripple Creek; Mark Butler - Country Place; Terri Miller - Courtyard; and Robert Goodrich - Doux Chene; Frank Backman - Durango; Max Locher - Fairway; Anthony Saracco - Gardena; Patricia Linck - Glade East;

Annette Trosett - Hyde Park; James Polk - Monaco; Bill Metcalfe - Old College Main; J.C. Brady - Oak Forest; Ed Golub - Oakwood; and Jodith Allen - Parkway.

Margaret Lasek - Plantation Oaks; Barry Wilkinson and Chris Criesel - Redstone Apartments; Doug Adams - Scandia; Scott Elkins - Sevilla; Elva Rodriguez - Southwest Village; Marianne Harvey - Sundance; Liz Vanderbles - Tanglewood South; Kelly Kays - Taos; and Tom Inman - Triangle Bowl Duplex; Richard Glass - Travis House; Laurie Henney - Tree House; Tom Mongoven - Triangle Terrace; John Freeman and Terri Brinegar - Viking; Dan Reich - Villa West; Mary Hezel - Village Green; Brent Brevard - Village Oaks; Ann Reilly - Wild Oak Circle; David Wilkins - Willowick; Susan Cowan - Woodstock Condominiums; and David Webster - Woodsman apartments.



Dog-tired pooch

Staff photo by Brian Tate

A heavy class load must be having its effects on Missy as she relaxes with her owner, Lindy Woods, and his girlfriend, Carol Camp. Woods, a junior elementary education major, said Missy doesn't mind spending the day at school.

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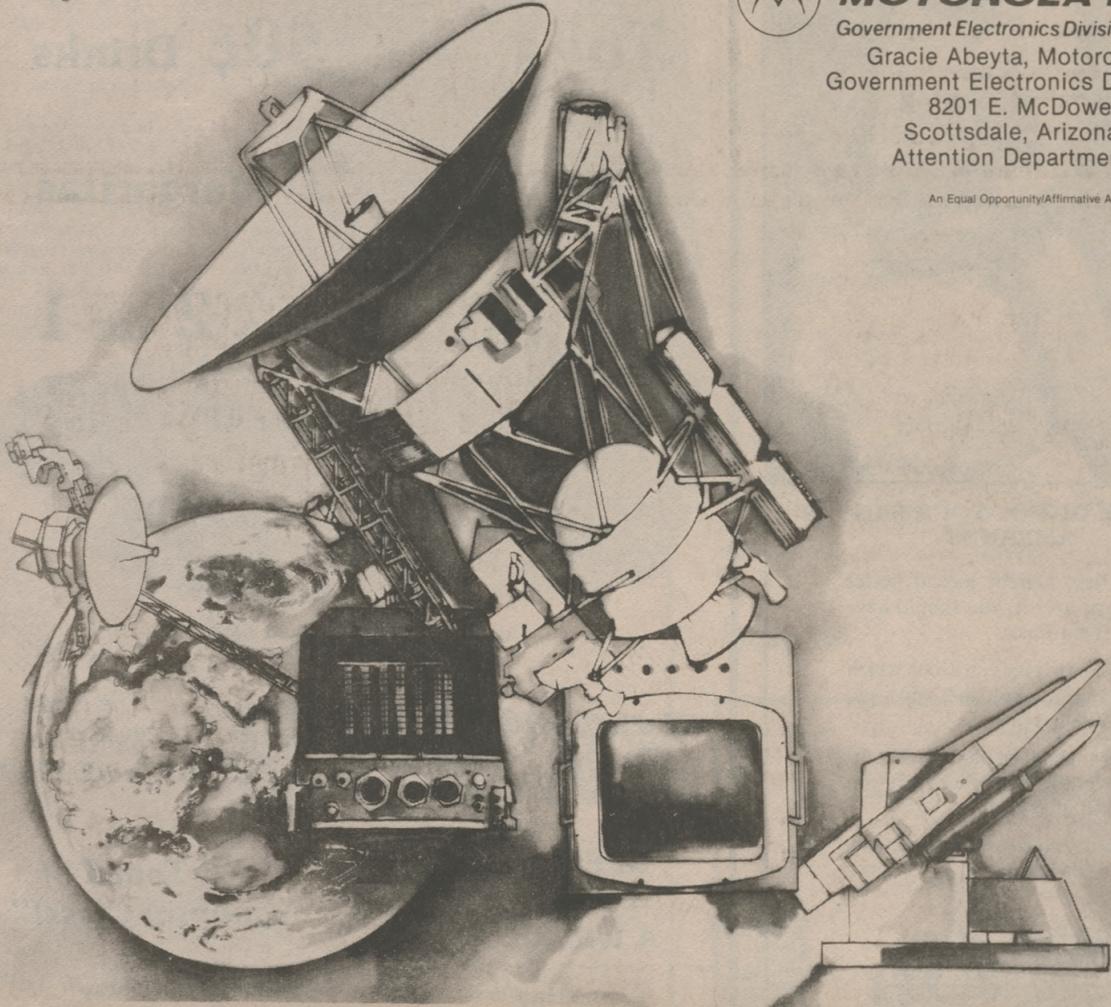


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Meeting set for Women in Communications Inc.

Women in Communications Inc. will hold an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. today in 301C Reed McDonald.

WICI is an international nonprofit professional organization open to women in journalism and communications. The organization's purpose is to further the

advancement of women in all branches of communications, including public relations and print and broadcast journalism.

Dr. Sandra Utt, associate professor of journalism, will serve as adviser for the Texas A&M chapter.

5th Circuit Court divides into two

NEW ORLEANS — The nation's largest federal appeals court, plagued in recent years by a continuing overload of cases, will be split into two sections Thursday.

The division of the 26-member 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals marks the first time in more than half a century that a new federal court has been carved from an existing one.

Supporters and opponents of the proposal to divide the New Orleans-based court, have been battling over the plan for two decades, but in 1980, President Carter ended the fight by signing into law a bill dividing the huge court into smaller appellate bodies in New Orleans and Atlanta.

The split will provide a more

efficient system for administering justice in the Deep South by enabling appeals to be processed more quickly, Circuit Executive Thomas Reese said.

The court in New Orleans will handle federal cases in Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and the Panama Canal Zone. The new 11th Circuit in Atlanta will preside over federal appeals in Alabama, Georgia and Florida. Under the plan, the new 5th Circuit will have 11 judges, while the 11th Circuit will have 12.

The split originally was opposed by some judges on the panel, aviation as well as civil rights groups who looked to the court as their bulwark against state and federal courts reluctant to accept desegregation in the turbulent 1960s. Legal historians attribute that to an overwhelming number of appeals filed with the 5th Circuit to police at the time of the Sun Belt control states.

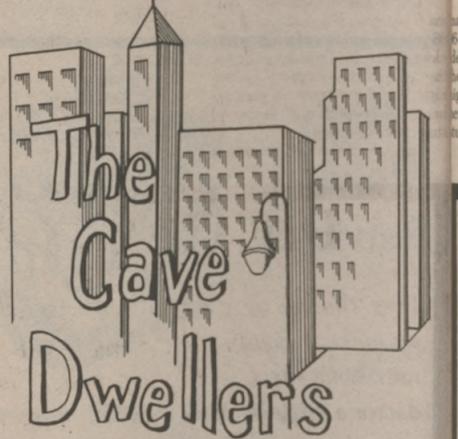
Scores of legal dignitaries from across the nation were expected to be on hand Thursday and Friday for ceremonies marking the split.

U.S. Solicitor General Rex Lee was among those accepting invitations to the ceremonies. Reese said U.S. Supreme Court Justice Warren E. Burger and Associate Justice Lewis Powell were also invited.

Officials also plan to outline a brief history of the court, which dates to the late 1890's.



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