What's Up at Texas A&M

Friday

TAMU CHESS CLUB: Meeting will be at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder Tower. Players of all levels of ability are welcome.

VIETNAMESE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Meeting to celebrate Tet Nguyen Dan will be at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, 200 College Main.

MSC BASEMENT: Jean Kilborn, a soft-rock,blues, singer-guitarist, will be performing at "Rumours" at 8 p.m. tonight and tomorrow night.

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Marty Ravenhorse will speak on Christian Community at 7:00 p.m. in 510 Rudder.

MOSLEM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: Quran Discussion Session at 7:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder Tower.

MSC AMATEUR RADIO COMMITTEE: Upcoming Semester Events, Swapfest will be discussed at 7:30 p.m. in 140 MSC.

TAU BETA PI ENGINEERING HONOR SOCIETY: Now accepting applications for membership from interested junior, senior and graduate engineering students. Applications and entrance requiements available in the dean's office, Room 204 Zachry. Deadline Monday, Feb. 1. An application must be completed in order to be considered for membership.

Saturday

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Sunday

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YOUNG LIFE: "Rising Son" will be in concert at 8:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

Quick-acting students disarm bomb at TCU

United Press International

FORT WORTH — A hooded man placed a small pipe bomb on the steps of a Texas Christian University dormitory early Thursday, but the device's crude fuse sputtered out and the bomb did not explode, police said.

The bomb, which bomb squad investigators said had the explosive force of a hand grenade, was dismantled by a group of students who arrived on the scene shortly after the suspect was scared away about 1 a.m.

A student returning from an outing with a female companion noticed the man, wearing a hooded sweat suit, trying to light the device in front of Tomlinson Hall. The suspect ran from the scene after the student yelled at him, bomb investigator H.B. Owens said.

The device was later dismantled by a group of students who also arrived at the scene, Owens said.

The device was encased inside a hollow metal container and used a crude paper fuse which frizzled out, investigators said. Owens said the bomb, though small, could have sent glass and shrapnel through the front doors of the dorm and sprayed a wide area with metal fragments.

Officials were distressed that the students had touched the device.

"If they (the students) would have left it lying there, it's possible we could have gotten some fingerprints off of it," Owens said. "They took a personal risk when they handled the thing in the first place."

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Negotiations with Ford still on

Auto union – GM talks break down

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DETROIT — Early contract talks aimed at pulling the auto industry out of its worst slump since the Depression broke down between General Motors and the United Auto Workers, but the union said it still hoped for an agreement with Ford Motor Co.

"We gave it one more try to break the logjam, and were unable to do so," a dejected UAW President Douglas Fraser said Wednesday, after he broke off negotiations at GM. "So we just made a decision that there's no point in sitting here any longer."

He indicated talks with GM would not resume until their regular time this summer to replace the contract expiring in September.

GM chief bargainer Alfred Warren said he didn't think the industry could wait until July for relief from the high labor which costs automakers claim have put them at a $1,500 to $1,800 disadvantage per car with Japanese firms.

"We regret this (impasse) very much," Warren said, "not only for the employees of General Motors, but for our customers and the nation as a whole."

The problems at GM centered on determining union concessions on economic issues like cost-of-living allowances, health care and other benefits. Other problems include GM's practice of delegating work to foreign and non-union domestic sources — a major sore point for the union. The union also wanted guaranteed jobs for layoff-weary members.

Another thorn in the side of the union was a remark made by GM Chairman Roger Smith during an optimistic time in the talks. Tuesday he threatened further plant closings if workers didn't grant extensive concessions.

Despite the breakdown in GM talks, UAW Vice President Donald Ephlin said the union "would like the opportunity to come back and do some bargaining" at Ford following Saturday's meeting of the UAW's Ford and GM bargaining councils in Washington.

Peter Pestillo, Ford vice president for labor relations, said he was heartened by Ephlin's desire to continue talks and said this made a future settlement more likely.

The UAW and GM had gotten off to a quick start in the early talks Jan. 11. The next day they unveiled a revolutionary framework for bargaining described as the beginning of a new spirit of cooperation between the company and labor.

Fraser said the union was disappointed the novel proposal — which called for contract concessions to be passed on to consumers in the form of car price cuts — didn't work.

Ford was caught off guard by the plan and refused to embrace it. Talks with Ford have been on hold this week as bargainers waited for progress at GM.

Fraser said each council will have to decide the future course of talks at each company independently.

Polish sailors seek U.S. political asylum

United Press International

HOUSTON — Seven Polish sailors, members of the Solidarity Union, walked off a Polish freighter docked in the the Houston Ship Channel, seeking political asylum in the United States.

Seven other Polish refugees are also seeking asylum, but have been in Houston several weeks, said Stanley Garczynski, head of the Texas Polish American Congress on Wednesday.

The refugees were scheduled to meet with immigration officials Thursday. Officials said they probably will be granted asylym, said Houston City Councilman Dale Gorczynski, who met with the group Wednesday night.

Garczynski said the sailors — two of them women and wives of male sailors — walked off the freighter Zabrze in the Port of Houston Wednesday. The ship, owned by the Gdynia American Line, had docked at the port last Friday and was scheduled to sail back to Poland with food Wednesday night. A thick harbor fog delayed the trip.

Garczynski said he understood more sailors may have left the ship Wednesday night and still other refugees might be expected to arrive from Vienna, Austria, where he estimated 50,000 Polish refugees were awaiting emigration to other countries.

The refugees met in Polish restaurant, owned by Stanley Pawlowski, who fled Poland almost five years ago.

"People were afraid of doing this," Pawlowski said. "They don't know what will happen to their families. It was not easy to make the decision. They are worried about jail."

Collins would oppose tax-exemption denials

United Press International

LUBBOCK — Rep. Jim Collins, R-Texas, says he would work against legislation to deny tax-exempt status to schools that show racial discrimination. He does not believe racial discrimination exists in Texas, he says.

The conservative Dallas Republican was in Lubbock campaigning for the Republican nomination to unseat Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas.

Collins told reporters that he was unfamiliar with events leading to President Reagan's request for legislation denying tax exemptions for that show evidence of racial discrimination, but he added that he opposes such a bill.

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