

What's Up at Texas A&M

Monday

ORPS PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Lounge B.

WHEELCHAIR RACQUETBALL: Participants will learn how and have a chance to play at 3 p.m. in East Kyle.

ISRAELI CLUB-INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Lecture and discussion on Israel National Security at 7:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

FORENSICS SOCIETY: Discuss upcoming tournaments and banquet at 7 p.m. in 203 A&A.

DEBATE SOCIETY: Discuss tournaments and banquet at 7 p.m. in 203 A&A.

TAMU SAILING CLUB: The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be giving an eight-week course on seamanship, the rules and regulations, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in 104B Zachry. Everyone is welcome.

THE NEW TAMU ONE-WHEELERS: A meeting for all people interested in unicycling will be at 4:30 p.m. in the Grove.

NIGHT-DAY SAINT STUDENT ASSOCIATION: A council meeting will be at noon at 100 Dexter in College Station.

LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT COUNCIL: Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 200 Harrington.

CARP: There will be a seminar on unification ideology from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in 421 of the Sterling C. Evans Library.

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL: There will be a study of the times between the old and the new testaments at 7 p.m. at the University Lutheran Chapel, 315 N. College Main.

ISRAELI CLUB: Yaacov Heichal will speak on Middle East peace negotiations at 7:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

HILLEL JEWISH STUDENT FOUNDATION: Israeli Army Officer Yucor Heichal will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the center. This is an International Student Association event at the University.

LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT COUNCIL: Meeting with the departmental club presidents at 7:30 p.m. in 200 Harrington.

AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: Class dance will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the A&M United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The experienced dancing will be 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

BETA BETA BETA: Dr. Chubbs, assistant professor at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center will speak at 7:30 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

Tuesday

MSC/OPAS: Beroff and Collaro, internationally acclaimed pianists, will perform at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

EXTRAMURAL SPORTS CLUBS: There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. in 164 E. Kyle.

CM-IEEEE/CS: Robert Glass from Boeing Aerospace will speak on computing projects that have failed at 7 p.m. in 102 Zachry.

CARP: Program on Marxism and the church (in Spanish) will be presented from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in 202 Harrington.

STUDENT DIETETICS ASSOCIATION: Discussion and planning of coming events at 6:30 p.m. in 126 Kleberg.

HIL ALPHA: Terry Tekyl will conduct a bible teaching at 7 p.m. at the All Faith's Chapel. Retreat transportation scheduling will also be discussed.

FOOD SCIENCE CLUB: Plans for the student section I.F.T. will be discussed at the meeting in 127 Kleberg at 7 p.m.

AGRONOMY SOCIETY: Meeting to discuss Cotton Pageant at 7:15 p.m. in 103 SCSE.

MSC AGGIE CINEMA: "What's Up, Tiger Lily?" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in 274 E. Kyle. Admission is \$1.00.

TAMU SAILING TEAM: Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

CLASS '82: Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

SADDLE & SIRLOIN CLUB: Business meeting at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.

AMERICAN HUMANICS STUDENT ASSOCIATION: A "New Games" Seminar will be presented from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in DeWare Field House Basketball Court to learn about activities to get youth active in organizations.

Wednesday

TEXAS AGGIE MOTORCYCLE CLUB: Joe Fisher will speak at the meeting in 110 Military Science Building at 8:30 p.m.

TAMU ROADRUNNERS: Dr. Duane Lagan, A&M Team Physician, will speak on "Common Runner's Injuries" at 7 p.m. in 267 G. Rollie White.

HILLEL JEWISH STUDENT FOUNDATION: Mrs. Radinsky will speak at Hillel on "The Orthodox Women in Modern Day Society" at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

WHEELCHAIR MAT WORK: Special guest Ann McGowan will speak at 3 p.m. in the Wrestling Room in G. Rollie White.

C.A.R.P.: Meeting in support of solidarity from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in 202 Harrington.

AGGIE SCOUTS: Meeting to discuss cookie booth sales and other activities.

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL: Candle service of meditation and communion at 10 p.m. in the University Lutheran Chapel.

MSC AGGIE CINEMA: "Aguirre, the Wrath of God" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Theatre.

11th Airborne to have reunion

Unsung heroes relive glory

United Press International
LOS ANGELES — They celebrate the anniversary each year with a few drinks and dinner at a small hotel, like so many old grads of a very tough school.

But when the sun rose over the South China Sea that February day in 1945, many of them thought it would be their last.

The paratroopers standing in the doors of the low-flying C47s, the American civilian prisoners only 400 feet below them staring at an ominous ditch outside the wire — many of them expected to be killed by the Japanese within hours, perhaps minutes.

Instead they played their roles in an amazing operation, cited by military textbooks to this day as an example of how to rescue civilians held prisoner by an enemy power.

The men of the 11th Airborne Division did what the would-be rescuers of American hostages in Iran, and the commandos who raided Son Tay in Vietnam failed to do a generation later.

They pulled it off. They rescued 2,146 civilians from a Japanese prison camp. They did it without a single casualty in the raid itself.

Some of them feel they never did get the recognition they deserved. The rescue coincided with the fall of Iwo Jima after an epic battle. The most famous photo of the war, showing Marines raising the flag on Mt. Suribachi, almost monopolized the front pages: Airborne 'angels.'

But for the men, women and children they rescued, there was never any chance they would be forgotten. They were, and remain, "the angels."

The men of the 11th Airborne, particularly those who took part in the rescue, have kept in touch since the war. So did many of the former prisoners. Starting several years ago, the two groups began holding a joint reunion.

This year, more than 100 of the 3,000 who were involved will

come from across the United States for a dinner at the Conestoga Inn in Anaheim, Calif., on Feb. 20.

"These guys are our heroes," said John Montessa of El Cerrito, Calif., a former prisoner. "They were willing to lay down their lives for us, and it's a thrilling experience for us to be able to meet them again after all these years."

The story of the dramatic rescue is recounted in interviews with a number of the rescuers and those they rescued with additional information from books, old newspaper clippings and unpublished diaries and manuscripts.

By Feb. 23, 1945, an average of five prisoners a day died of starvation in the crowded camp at Los Banos. The survivors scurried desperately for food, eating grass and bugs.

Some of the prisoners suspected they were about to be executed en masse. The Japanese had dug an ominous-looking

trench outside the wire. Machine guns had been placed in position to sweep the roll call area.

While Gen. Douglas MacArthur's troops were crushing the last Japanese opposition in Manila, Japanese troops were killing thousands of civilians there. The rumor was widespread among

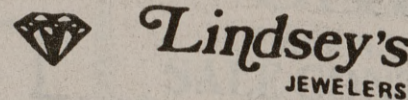
the internees that the Japanese guards planned to massacre them before retreating.

The prisoners were American and European civilians trapped by the Japanese conquest in 1942 and interned. Many of them were missionaries.

Shortly after dawn on the day of the rescue, they heard the

roar of approaching airplanes, probably American. But that was becoming common in those days. The guards had started beating those who looked up and waved.

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If you are interested in running for 1982 Class Agent, please come by the Association of Former Students Office, visit with Pam Behling and pick up an application. The formal election will be held during the Senior Induction Banquet, April 14 & 15, but applications must be picked up before Wednesday February 24, 1982.



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