



Catching some z's in the MSC

staff photo by Eileen Manton

Jay Taff, an animal science sophomore from Tenaha, takes advantage of one of the many couches in the MSC to catch up on some sleep. Students need to get a lot of rest before Spring Break.

One-half million 1982 cars recalled by GM

United Press International
DETROIT—General Motors Corp. is recalling more than one-half million 1982 front-wheel drive cars—including all its newly introduced A-cars—to replace clamps that could corrode and cause fuel leaks. Dealers also will inspect the clutch cable on about 5,000 of the recalled cars, which are equipped with a four-speed manual transmission and power brakes. Out-of-place cables could eventually wear through the left front brake pipe.

GM said it has received no reports of accidents or injuries resulting from the defects and said it will fix the cars without charge. Involved in the recalls announced Wednesday are Chevrolet Celebrity, Citation and Cavalier; Pontiac 6000, Phoenix and J-2000; Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera, Omega and Firenza; Buick Century, Skylark and Skyhawk; and Cadillac Cimarron. The so-called X-cars with possible clutch cable problems include Citation, Phoenix,

Omega and Skylark. GM said clamps on the fuel and vent pipe hoses on 519,000 of the cars could break, resulting in fuel leakage during refueling. Fuel also could spill over while driving if the tank level is over three-quarters full. The automaker said the clamp problem was caused by corrosive stress due to salt. It added that the problem likely would be found on cars in cold climates where salt is used on roads.

Prof: Get loans in writing

United Press International
ITHACA, N.Y.—The tight money situation at banks and other traditional lending institutions is leading more people to borrow from friends or relatives.

Even the most casual arrangements should be put in writing to protect both the borrower and the lender, she said. Loans between individuals can be arranged with a simple promissory note, signed by both parties and notarized.

guide in drawing up your own Wiegand said. It should state clearly the amount of money involved, when and how it is to be repaid and what, if any, interest will be charged.

That has its hazards, says Professor Elizabeth Wiegand, a family financial management specialist for Cornell Cooperative Extension.

A blank promissory note form from a bank or other lending institution can serve as a

Co-signing a loan is an alternative. But co-signers should be aware that they become responsible for repayment if the original borrower defaults.

Amputee running 900 miles

United Press International
WALNUT CREEK, Calif.—Inspired by Canadian Terry Fox's "marathon of hope," Bart Van Housen, who has only one leg, plans to start a 900-mile run across California on Saturday to raise money for Easter Seals.

Van Housen, assistant director of school relations at St. Mary's College, says his fund-raising effort will be painful, difficult and frustrating. However, he said, it's the least he could do for Easter Seals, which helped him as a child growing up with one leg 3.5 inches shorter than the other.

"It's very painful, running," said Van Housen, 35, who had his severely deformed right leg amputated 12 years ago. "It's not easy. It's not fun. It's a pain in the butt."

But he says he'll be running 20 miles a day once he starts his marathon Saturday at the Oregon-California border. He expects to arrive at the Mexican border April 17.

Van Housen, a Wyoming native, has prepared for the run for five months and has covered as far as 6 miles a day in training.

Van Housen's right leg—a stump now—is covered with blisters and a large bump has formed on the right side of his knee.

He worries that the fissures behind his knee, the product of years of uncomfortable artificial legs, will get infected. But he's confident he can complete the 900-mile run.

After living out 22 years with a severely deformed right leg, Van Housen was able to raise the \$6,000 he needed to have the leg amputated below the knee.

Now he wears a \$2,200 kelly green leg.

"It isn't real so why does it have to look real?" he asks.

To keep the leg in place while he runs, Van Housen wears an

elastic belt around his waist and covers the artificial limb with a rubber sleeve.

marathon when Fox, who lost a leg to cancer, died last June. Fox had hoped to raise \$100,000 in a "marathon of

hope" for the American Cancer Society, but had to abandon the effort when the cancer spread to his lungs.

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More and more hydroelectricity is being produced on a modest scale—by private entrepreneurs buying and building small local dams and power plants.

The impetus for the boom in small-dam construction is the National Energy Act of 1978, in which Congress required utility companies to buy electricity from anyone with a hydroelectric dam that can be plugged into the regional supply grid. Profits for a single operator can reportedly reach hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The U.S. Corps of Engineers reports that there are close to 1,400 dams in the country, but government figures show an additional 65,000 unused dam sites, many of which might become hydroelectrically promising as energy costs go up.

Now You Know

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The last expulsion from the Senate was in 1862 when Sen. Jesse D. Bright of Indiana was thrown out for arranging an arms sale to the Confederacy.