

What's Up

Tuesday

MU CO-OP STUDENT ASSOCIATION: There will be a pizza party — all you can eat for \$2.09 at 6 p.m. at the Pizza Inn.
STERSKI CLUB: Anyone interested is invited to a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 305 Rudder.
YOUNG CONSERVATIVES OF TEXAS: Dr. Steve Pejovich will discuss various topics concerning free enterprise at 7:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

Wednesday

SCUBA CLUB: A general meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder.
SCUBA CLUB: Possible dive trips will be discussed in a meeting at 8 p.m. in 402 Rudder.
SCUBA HOCKEY: Bring mask, fins, snorkel, suit and towel to the meeting (Scuba Club-sponsored) at 8 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

College president finds text in vault

Book may revise Jewish history

United Press International
PHILADELPHIA — The president of Dropsie College has found a rare, handwritten book he says could be one of the most significant discoveries ever in Judaic literature, revising hundreds of years of Jewish history. Dropsie president, David Goldenberg, was searching the rare book vault for a different volume when he found the 1-inch thick book buried beneath microfilm and manuscripts. "When I pulled it out and started to read it, I couldn't believe it," he said. "I knew what it was."

The discovery is a long-lost handwritten manuscript that Jewish history scholars believe is the most complete record of rabbinic sermons delivered in Palestine during Jewish holy days more than 1,500 years ago.

The find has tremendous importance, he said.

"This presents us with an incredible picture of a slice of life — the cultural, political and economic life of this period," he said. "From a historical point of view, it tells us about Roman campaigns through Palestine, the architectural forms of syna-

gogues — things just dropped in passing to fill in gaps in our historical background."

Only two handwritten copies of the manuscript had been known to exist and both, in universities in Italy, were adulterated and incomplete, Goldenberg said.

"There was no third manuscript as far as I knew — as far as the whole world knew," he said, recalling the discovery.

The version, he said, "is 100 percent complete and seems to preserve the original sermons."

Goldenberg found a notation in the minutes of a long-ago

meeting of the school's board of directors which said the volume was presented to Dropsie in 1920 by its owner in London.

The manuscript is called the Pesiqta Rabbati, an Aramaic-language title that translates to "The Great Chapters of Sermons."

Columbia crew conducts military, drug experiments

United Press International
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The pilots of the shuttle Columbia collected a sample Monday from a machine that may lead to space drug factories, but apparently had trouble with one of the secret military experiments conducted for the first time in orbit.

Thomas "Ken" Mattingly and Henry Hartsfield also attempted to photograph a mysterious glow on the "windward" side of the spacecraft that had showed up in pictures from the shuttle's third flight in March.

The astronauts were showing no signs of the space sickness that afflicted the last space shuttle crew.

The pilots opened a new era in the United States Sunday by working with the Defense Department experiment package consisting primarily of an instrument testing ways to spot airplane and missile exhaust from orbit.

Early problems with the shuttle forced the astronauts to get some trouble-shooting advice by radio from an Air Force control center in California. Defense Department officials had hoped to avoid public

discussion of the payload operation.

Mattingly was contacted by an anonymous controller in the military center again Monday. It was a cryptic conversation, obviously designed to avoid disclosing operation of the secret payload, but the astronaut was told to remove covers and look for one experiment operating in the cargo bay behind the cockpit.

He followed the instructions but told mission control at 10:20 a.m. EDT, "So far, I've had no joy."

The space medicine job involved an experimental device designed to take advantage of the lack of gravity in orbit to concentrate and purify valuable biological materials useful in fighting disease and overcoming biological deficiencies.

Mattingly and Hartsfield had two soupy substances to work with. One was an attempt to separate complex proteins called albumins from a mixture. The contents of the other sample was a commercial secret.

After collecting the first of six samples from the drug processor, Hartsfield reported seeing "very small bubbles" in the specimen collection tube. But he said

he could see the substances separating.

When Hartsfield first turned on the machine, he reported hearing "an awful clatter" in one of the fans in the device.

"It sounded like a screw was loose in there bouncing along in the fan," he said. He turned it off and then on again and it worked normally.

The astronauts sounded chipper when they started their day Monday.

"We're ready to go to work," Mattingly told mission control at 4:55 a.m. EDT as the Columbia cruised around the Earth on the 13th orbit of the planned 112-orbit voyage — its fourth flight in 15 months.

Houston control had radioed up a few strains of "Up, Up and Away" to wake the spacemen, but they already were up and about the spaceship.

Mission controllers reported Monday all systems were operating normally.

The Columbia is flying higher, at 185 miles, than it has before and it is heavier, at 114 tons.

The prime objective of the seven-day mission is to clear the way for operational missions beginning in November when Columbia is to launch two communications satellites for its first paying customers.

The military instruments aboard the shuttle prompted the first radio communications between the shuttle and an Air Force satellite control center located at Sunnyvale, Calif.

It was an unplanned session made necessary late Sunday when Mattingly encountered problems in activating the hush-hush payload. The mission commander, a Navy captain, twice held a cryptic conversation with an Air Force controller.

Neither the Air Force nor the civilian space agency will discuss the military payload, but both agreed before launch to make all radio communications public, even if it involved discussion of the Air Force instruments.

Although the Air Force experiments are classified "secret," they once were not classified and have been discussed in public documents.

Chemical plant explodes, burns

United Press International
PASADENA — More than a billion dollars in damage occurred at the Ethyl Corp. plant Monday where an aluminum alkyl unit was hit by lightning, exploded and then burned for 15 hours, a company official said Monday.

Bob Maeser, spokesman at Ethyl Corp., said the fire finally was put out about 10:15 a.m. Monday.

The plant, on the Houston Ship Channel, manufactures aluminum alkyls, a reactive chemical used as a catalyst to make other chemicals. Maeser said the unit which exploded "was destroyed, along with some piping and wiring in the area."

He said: "We don't know yet how much damage was done, but we're talking about over a billion dollars."

Fifteen employees working near the unit Saturday night safely fled.

The blaze started at 7 p.m. Saturday, probably from a lightning strike. It exploded about two hours later as firefighters

from at least 10 surrounding suburbs attempted to put out the blaze.

He said the plant does not plan to close down, and the damaged unit will be repaired quickly.

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