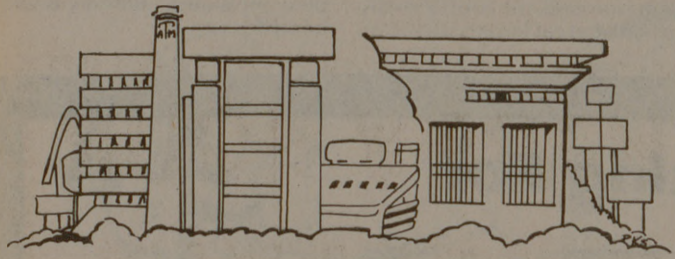


Around town



Parade deadline approaches

The deadline for applying to be a part of the **Bryan-College Station Holiday Parade** to be held Nov. 21 has been extended to Friday, Oct. 15. Rodger Lewis, parade chairman, says only three Texas A&M groups have entered, not counting the Aggie Band and the Ross Volunteers. Parade entries are open to all school organizations, clubs, civic groups and merchants, but all entries are subject to the approval by the parade committee. All entries are eligible for prizes.

St. Mary's Church plans festival

**St. Mary's Catholic Church** will host its annual Fall Festival on Sunday with lots of games, entertainment, fellowship and a barbecue meal. The students of Texas A&M, as well as everyone in Brazos and the surrounding counties, are invited to attend to festival. Activities will get under way at 11:30 a.m. and will continue until 6 p.m. A barbecue beef and sausage meal and all the trimmings will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 10. Festivities planned for the day include an auction, a raffle, a cake walk and an arts and crafts store. There will also be many children's booths. St. Mary's Catholic Church is located at 103 Nagle across from the University.

Instant editor course to be held

A short course to acquaint first-time editors with the steps involved in producing brochures, leaflets, bulletins and other types of printed communication will be held Saturday, Oct. 30 in Rudder Tower. The short course, sponsored by the **Department of Communications** at Texas A&M University and the Brazos Valley Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators, will run from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Room 401 Rudder Center. Topics will range from copy writing, editing and graphic design as well as how to identify your audience, where to get your job printed and distributing your final product. The cost is \$10 for faculty and staff members and \$5 for students. Enrollment is limited to the first 50 registrants. For more information contact Ellen McDaniel in the Department of English.

Outdoor institute to hold workshops

The **Texas A&M Outdoor Education Institute** has announced two fall workshops. The first, called "**A Black Powder & Muzzleloading Experience**" will be held Saturday, Oct. 30, 9:30-4:00 p.m. The purpose of the workshop is to learn the history of firearms and "the excitement of shooting black powder mountain rifles." The workshop fee is \$12 and anyone over 12 years of age is invited to attend. The workshop is limited to 20 persons, and will meet at Room 119A G. Rollie White Coliseum at 9:30 on Oct. 30. It will later move to the Annex Rifle Range. The second workshop sponsored by the Outdoor Institute is a **ski class** and is offered at three levels. Level one is for people who have never skied before and covers boot fitting, understanding of the modern boot ski and pole function, falling and recovery, kick turn, herringbone, side step and snowplow. Level two, for people who have skied once or twice, reviews level one and covers skills such as parallel to a stop, traverses, uphill turns, downhill turns and side slips. The most advanced class (for those who have skied at least 4 times) covers all of level two and hop christies, skidded turns and carved turns. The dates for the classes are: Level one - Saturday, November 6 (1-5 p.m.) Level two - Sunday, Nov. 7 (1-5 p.m.) and Level three - Sunday, Nov. 21 (1-5 p.m.). The fee is \$12 for each session. There is no maximum age limit, but children must be at least seven years old to attend. The workshop will be held at the Mt. Aggie ski slope across the street and east of Kyle field. Those interested in registering for either class should send a check (made payable to TAMU Outdoor Education Workshop) and a card with name, mailing address, phone number and desired class to Dr. Mickey Little, Outdoor Education Institute, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843 or phone 845-3458.

If you have an announcement or interesting item to submit for this column, come by The Battalion office in Room 216 Reed McDonald or call Tracey Taylor at 845-2611.

U.S. needs better civil defense

by **Brian Boyer**  
Battalion Reporter  
An American civil defense program would be an effective deterrent against a Soviet nuclear attack, a nuclear scientist said Wednesday. "It (a civil defense program) is our only way out in the long run," said Dr. Edward Teller, a member of the White House Science Council. "The answer is not disarmament." Teller, a former member of the World War II Manhattan Project team that pioneered the atom bomb, said that an effective civil defense would increase the number of American survivors in the event of a nuclear conflict. The Soviet Union will not risk a nuclear exchange unless it is sure it can win, he said. However, a Soviet victory is a possibility under current conditions, he said. "As it stands today, the Soviet nuclear power is at least three times as great as the American (nuclear power). They probably can destroy us." The Soviets have been pursuing a civil defense policy since World War II, Teller said. He estimated that 90% of the Soviet

population would survive an all-out nuclear exchange. Only about 50% of the American population would survive such a conflict, which the Soviet Union could recover from quickly and rule the world, he said. To even the odds, the United States needs to employ an "active defense" in addition to a civil defense, Teller said. An active defense would involve nuclear weapons designed to destroy attacking Soviet missiles. He said he could not elaborate on his work in the field of active defense weapons because the information was classified by the United States government. It is useless to classify such information since it is already in the hands of the Soviets, Teller said. Keeping ideas for active defense secret merely hinders research, he said. However, such obstacles can be overcome and the United States could have a strong civil defense in three years, he said. "If this (civil defense policy) catches on throughout the free world, I believe there is still time, but not much time, in which to save ourselves."



Dr. Edward Teller calls for civil defense, not disarmament.

Company dumps Soviet request

**United Press International**  
The developer of a patented coal-alcohol slurry fuel says his company turned down a request by the Soviet Union to buy the technology and he hopes Occidental Petroleum and Bechtel Corp. will do the same.

Leonard J. Keller, president of Methacal Corp. of Dallas, said Tuesday his company was approached in March by Italian businessmen who wanted to obtain the technologies for the Soviet Union. "Methacal discussed this

Soviet proposal with officials of the U.S. Department of Commerce, then unilaterally elected not to seek a license, at this time, to export these technologies," Keller said. "Doing so would have been opposed to the U.S. government policy regarding the export of technology to Soviet block countries, and to the spirit of the president's announced intentions regarding such exports," he said. "It is hoped that other companies will follow Methacal Corp.'s example of cooperation with government policy." Keller's statements followed news stories last week reporting Occidental Petroleum chairman Armand Hammer had discussed a coal-alcohol slurry pipeline project with Soviet officials. The reports said Hammer and two officials of Bechtel Corp. had discussed with Soviet Foreign Minister Nikolai Patolichev the possibility of con-

structing a major pipeline to carry liquefied coal from Siberia to the Moscow area. Keller said his company took the technology to Bechtel at the advice of the U.S. Office of Coal Research in 1973. He said the technology to produce a slurry made of about 60 percent powdered coal and 40 percent crude methanol belongs to his company and Bechtel was not licensed for it. Keller emphasized that he was not accusing Bechtel of violating any patent. In San Francisco, Bechtel spokesman Larry Thomas said the question of what kind of technology would be required in the project and who at Bechtel would provide it is "greatly premature." "Our involvement in this particular project began less than a month ago," Thomas said. "There have been no arrangements made between Bechtel and Occidental nor between Occidental and the Soviet Union."

Thomas said Bechtel sent two senior people to Moscow with Hammer only "to hear what the Soviets were seeking to do." "Bechtel would not become involved nor would the project proceed without the blessing of the U.S. government," Thomas said. Keller said the use of Methacal fuel in the Soviet Union would replace great quantities of fuel oil and petroleum and "allow the Soviets to become a major exporter of crude oil and petroleum products to Western Europe and other world markets." The coal-alcohol slurry fuel can be burned as recently through a pipeline or ocean-going tanker as a replacement for fuel oils in modified oil-fired boilers, furnaces and kilns, he said. It also can be separated to form a dry, powdered carbon fuel for burning in coal-fired facilities.

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