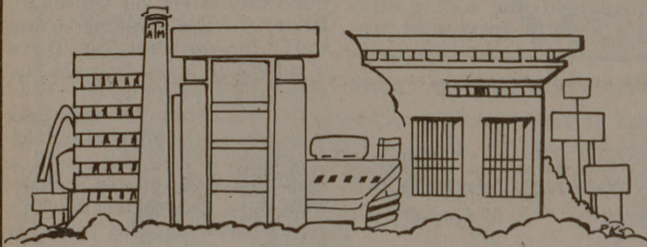


Around town



Leggett to sponsor fund raiser

Leggett Hall is selling Halloween tricks and treats to raise money for bonfire. The treats, (or tricks, as the case may be) will be delivered on the evenings of Oct. 26 to 28. They are offering "Dear John" and secret admirer letters for 75 cents, as well as other fun and games.

Tables will be set up Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the MSC; Tuesday through Thursday from 11 to 2 in the Commons lobby; Wednesday through Friday from 11 to 2 under the arches in the Quad; and Tuesday through Thursday from 5 to 7 in Sbsa. They are taking on-campus orders only. The dorm had planned to sell squirt-gun "hits" and trick pies but had to cancel them.

SDHPT to offer short course

The use of variable message signs on urban freeways and the effects of trucks on rural highways are just a few of the topics to be discussed today through Thursday at the yearly workshop for the state's highway builders, private contractors, suppliers and city traffic managers.

The keynote speech for the 56th annual State Department of Highways and Public Transportation Short Course will be given by Robert Dedman, SDHPT Commission chairman, at 10 a.m. today in Rudder Auditorium.

In addition to the general session, workshop participants may attend any of the other 16 meetings ranging in topic from right-of-way, road maintenance, materials and construction to road design, variable message signs and aspects of mass transit.

Moore named to extension post

Doyle L. Moore has been named associate director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. He will assume the position Dec. 1.

Moore started his career in Washington County, but for the past 11 years he has been district director for the Southwest Texas region with headquarters at Uvalde.

Sailing team takes first in regatta

The Texas A&M Sailing Team placed first in a regatta hosted by Baylor University on Saturday. Other schools participating included: the University of Texas, Southern Methodist University, Moody College at Galveston and two teams from Baylor.

Contributing to the first place finish for Texas A&M was Billy Worsham, who took first in the A division. Stephanie Selber and Nenita Farmer crewed for him. Bill Correll competed in the B division and also took first. Crewing for him was Amy Riviera.

The sailing team will participate in a regatta hosted by Tulane University in New Orleans the first weekend in November.

Prof to discuss endangered species

MSC Outdoor Recreation is sponsoring a speech on endangered Texas wildlife, Wednesday in 501 Rudder at 7 p.m. Dr. Richard Slack, a wildlife and fisheries professor at Texas A&M, will lecture on the whooping crane and other coastal fowl.

Yearbook pictures to be taken

Pictures are now being taken of juniors and seniors for the 1982-83 Aggieland. If you want your picture in the yearbook, go now while there are no lines to Yearbook Associates (9700 Puryear) and have it taken. No appointment is necessary. For more information call 693-6756.

Pageant deadline approaches

For those interested in being named the most beautiful girl on campus, there will be an informational meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in 308 Rudder for the 1983 Miss Texas A&M Scholarship pageant.

Applications for the pageant are now available in 216 MSC at the Hospitality Cubicle. The application deadline is 5 p.m. Nov. 5.

Cubicle space available to groups

Recognized student organizations who wish to apply for one of the cubicle spaces available in the new registration center must turn in applications by Oct. 29. For more information, contact the Student Activities Office at 845-1133.

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

Ralph Nader speaks tonight

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader will speak tonight in a program called "Regulation, De-regulation, and Re-regulation."

From automobiles to prescription drugs, from airline tickets to food preservatives and from pesticides to nuclear power, Nader has attacked the corporate sector. He has criticized that sector for what he calls being indifferent toward public health and too profit-oriented.

Nader is credited with launching the "consumerism" movement.

He also has formed a number of Washington-based lobbying groups and tax-exempt foundations which have published numerous studies challenging health policies, energy regulation, corporate rulings and the effectiveness of Congress.

The program, sponsored by MSC Great Issues, will begin at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Stolen antiques object of hunt

Sometime after 5:30 p.m. Aug. 12, someone broke into the house at 810 N. Rosemary in Bryan. The burglar was in the

house for about an hour and removed a truck-load of antique furniture valued at \$5,000.

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Science, folklore forecast weather

by Kelley Smith
Battalion Reporter

Although the first day of winter is not until Dec. 22, people already are using scientific methods and folklore to predict what it will be like.

Some scientists say the average temperature this winter may dip a few degrees lower than last year. They say the increase of ash in the atmosphere from recent volcanic eruptions will cause a reduction of solar radiation in the atmosphere and on Earth.

Another theory is based on the surface temperature of the Pacific Ocean. Change in that temperature may indicate an overall temperature change.

Scientists also are studying

the annually changing number of sunspots, looking for a relationship between them and the weather.

Although weather prediction methods have improved, meteorologists are still a long way from accurately predicting seasonal outlooks.

Walter K. Henry, a professor of meteorology at Texas A&M University, said he cannot accurately predict seasonal weather conditions.

Dennis M. Driscoll, assistant professor of meteorology, said in reference to volcanic ash that if screening out the sun has any effect, it would affect the middle latitudes and perhaps the entire northern hemisphere.

"The mean monthly temperature might be cooler by a few degrees, but people are used to extremes, not means," Driscoll said. "Last January, temperatures got down to less than 10 degrees but the average might have been as normal."

Henry said, while one averages for an entire year may remain the same, some areas may experience more severe weather, but the year those same areas do have milder weather.

In contrast to the scientific approach, folklore, to which scientists rarely give credence, been used to predict the weather for centuries.

College involvement necessary, prof says

by Ann Ramsbottom
Battalion Reporter

Students who fail to become actively involved in college and college life may find their school career ending sooner than planned, a professor of higher education at the University of California said here Monday night.

"Every form of involvement relates to staying in college," said Dr. Alexander W. Astin, director of the higher education research institute at the university. "Dropping out is the ultimate in uninvolved."

Astin listed several factors that he attributed to keeping students in college: living on campus, having a job on campus, participating in extracurricular activities and involvement with the faculty.

"Things that you wouldn't think are relevant become relevant and often cause students to drop out," Astin said. "Park-

ing regulations are a good example. Students get tired of trying to find parking places and paying parking tickets."

People only have so much time to invest and the universities are competing with family, friff, jobs and time in keeping students in college, Astin said.

Astin has found in his research five ways to increase retention in college students: getting students to put in more effort, providing continuous feedback to students, insisting upon a rigorous program with greater challenge, showing genuine concern for students and giving students a sense of belonging.

"Students need rigor in order to become challenged," Astin said. "High expectations and greater demands cause a student to become more involved and more attached to what he is doing."

Astin emphasized the import-

ance of concern for the student and the need for students as if they belong.

Astin then focused on some of the problems involved in retention and administration.

"We are often conditioned to favor the assertive student," Astin said. "We overlook the passive students."

Astin added that some admissions into college are problems. He said some universities are so concerned with scores that only students who know everything are admitted. He said the challenge and responsibility is in educating the unprepared student.

The concern of the university shouldn't be the highest scores or the most Nobel winners, Astin said. His main concern at university should be working for the students.

Harrelson guilty, says witness in Wood case

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — A young rancher who accompanied convicted hit man Charles Harrelson on a gambling trip to Las

Vegas, Nev., says he immediately feared Harrelson was responsible for the death of Federal Judge John H. Wood Jr. in 1979.

Harrelson, 44, is accused of the murder.

Hampton Robinson, who began giving information about Harrelson to the FBI just two weeks after Wood's death, returned to the courtroom Monday for cross-examination from Harrelson's attorney, Tom Sharpe of Brownsville.

Sharpe last week forced Robinson to acknowledge that he has spent years fighting a heroin addiction and once served nine months in jail for criminally negligent homicide. But Robinson already had delivered the most damaging testimony yet against Harrelson.

The two were on their way to Las Vegas in April 1979 when they devised a "scam" to steal money from gambler Jimmy Chagra by offering to kill the men who murdered Chagra's brother Lee in a 1978 robbery in his El Paso office, Robinson said.

Harrelson and Chagra met in

Las Vegas, but Robinson the murder-for-hire offer was made as far as he knew.

Two weeks later, Harrelson asked Robinson to provide some "equipment" use at "400 to 500 yards."

Robinson took to mean that Wood was shot in the back. He was leaving his apartment work the morning of May 1979 — the day Jimmy Chagra originally had been scheduled for a drug smuggling trial in Wood's court.

Chagra feared the judge would send him to prison and confiscate his properties. He testified, so sentence was later imposed. Federal Judge William Sweeney is presiding at this trial.

Chagra is to be tried last charge of murder.

After Wood's death, Robinson said Harrelson commented to him that Wood committed suicide by the way sentenced people.

Then Robinson quoted friend as saying: "Killing me and getting away with it is a strong suit."

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