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## What's Up

Thursday

**ALPHA ZETA (AGRICULTURAL HONOR SOCIETY):** An initiates meeting will be held at 6:15 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

**TEXAS A&M SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB:** Nominations will close in a general meeting at 8 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

**INTRAMURAL - RECREATIONAL SPORTS:** A Divisional Swim Meet will be held at 7 p.m. at the P.L. Downs Pool.

**MBA/LAW DAY:** Tickets for MBA/Law Day, a program to inform students about graduate studies in law and business, will be on sale at the MSC Box Office Oct. 25 through Nov. 5 and at the A&A lobby from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 1 through Nov. 5. Program tickets are \$2 and BBQ-lunch tickets will be \$4.50.

**TEXAS A&M HOCKEY TEAM:** A New Orleans Trip will be discussed in a meeting at 8 p.m. in 204 Library. All those going must attend.

**AGGIE BLOOD DRIVE:** The blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the second floor of the MSC or in Lounge A of the Quad and mobile units will be located outside Sbis and the Academic and Agency Building from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES:** All recognized student organizations are invited to apply for cubicle space in the Renovated Pavilion. Deadline for applications is October 29. Come by 221 MSC for applications and more information.

**MSC HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:** A Halloween Children's Party will be held at 7 p.m. in 230 and 231 MSC. Faculty, staff and students children are welcome. Attention ladies! Anyone interested in competing in the 1983 Miss Texas A&M Scholarship Pageant should pick up applications available now in 216 MSC at the Hospitality cubicle. The deadline for all entries is Nov. 5 at 5 p.m.

**MSC OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Sign up in 216 MSC for Thanksgiving trips: backpacking - Caney Creek Wilderness, Ark. and rafting - Big Bend National Park. Also, sign up for the weekend canoe trip to the Neches River to be held Nov. 6 through Nov. 7.

**INDIA ASSOCIATION:** A celebration of Indian New Year will be held on Nov. 13. All members must get their Diwali tickets from executives before the end of this week. Just call one of them and reserve your tickets. No tickets will be sold after the deadline.

**EVENING PRAYER BREAK - CANTERBURY ASSOCIATION:** A prayer break open to all - a time to relax, pray, and share - will be held at 10 p.m. at the All Faiths Chapel Meditation room.

**YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF TEXAS A&M:** A party will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight at Bee Creek Park (on Southwest Parkway) to give the students of Texas A&M a chance to meet some of the local candidates for public office. Beer and lots of candidates will be there. Everyone is welcome!

**CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** A Leadership Training Class will be held at 8 p.m. in 115 Kleberg. NOTE: The time is 1/2 hour later than usual because of Yell Practice. Everyone is welcome!

**CIRCLE K:** All members please meet on the first floor of Rudder Tower at 7 p.m. before going to St. Joseph's Hospital to take our decorated pumpkins to the children there. Also, the candy is in so plans will be made for the candy sale.

**HURST-EULESS-BEDFORD HOMETOWN CLUB:** AggieLand photo session, originally scheduled for today, has been postponed until Dec. 2 at 8:30 p.m.

**NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEE:** A four point program for economic recovery, based on high-technology agricultural and industrial development, will be presented in a meeting at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder Tower.

**UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL:** The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the University Lutheran Chapel and then go to the Sherwood Nursing Home to sing and visit.

# Discovery may fight herpes

**United Press International**  
NEW YORK — Experts have confirmed that a cottonseed extract called gossypol shows activity against the virus that causes genital herpes, a sexually transmitted disease that has struck some 20 million Americans.

As a result of that test tube research in Helsinki, Finland, scientists have started investigating gossypol in humans as a possible weapon in the war on genital herpes.

The substance also appears to knock out the bacterium that causes gonorrhea, another sexually transmitted disease, work of the Helsinki scientists shows. Gonorrhea makes tens of thousands of young women sterile each year.

Dr. Sheldon J. Segal, head of population sciences studies at the Rockefeller Foundation, said he has seen enough about gossypol to fund two clinical trials. He did not say where the trials involving humans are going on.

Segal said the foundation has put well over \$1 million into gossypol studies.

Gossypol is the substance used experimentally in China as an oral male contraceptive. Over months, it stops the production

of sperm. Side effects, however, include reduced potassium levels in users.

Studies showing gossypol's killer effect on the virus that causes genital herpes and also against the microbe that causes gonorrhea were published in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, official publication of eight gynecological and obstetrical associations and societies.

How gossypol got into the genital herpes and gonorrhea picture is a saga of international cooperation on the research front.

The Ford Foundation based in New York and the United States Agency for International

Development, an arm of the State Department, provided financial support to the Helsinki scientists, Drs. Tapani Luukkainen, Karri Wichmann and Antti Vaheri.

They used gossypol supplied by Dr. C.C. Chang, of The Population Council, New York. The council is funded mainly by the Rockefeller Foundation.

Genital herpes virus used in the studies in Helsinki was provided by Dr. Fred Rapp of the Pennsylvania State University Medical School, Hershey, Pa.

Dr. Wayne Bardin, head of biomedical research at The Population Council, commenting on gossypol, said, "It seems to have a killing effect on genital

herpes and gonorrhea."

Dr. Linda Atkinson, population studies program officer at the Ford Foundation, said the Helsinki team investigating gossypol against the genital herpes virus and gonorrhea bug was funded by a grant her office oversees.

"We're pleased with the progress," she said. "And the developmental potential looks good."

Gossypol seems to knock out the gonorrhea bacterium, she said, and when used at the same concentration it kills sperm dead.

That points to the promising possibility, Dr. Atkinson said, and when used at the same concentration it kills sperm dead.

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