



Around town

Toastmasters Club forms at A&M

The **Toastmasters Club**, a club in which public speaking skills are practiced and sharpened, has organized on the Texas A&M campus and held its first meeting Wednesday.

Members of the club practice their speaking skills by presenting speeches and other public addresses to the members of the club. The other members then critique the performance.

Faculty, staff and students of Texas A&M are eligible to become members, but local membership is limited to 40 members. A waiting list will be established after that quota is met.

Dues are \$30 a semester and cover materials used by the members, the club charter and administration costs. This amount will change in the spring semester.

Toastmasters Clubs were started by Ralph C. Medley in Santa Ana, Calif. in October 1924. There are now 5000 clubs in 47 countries which make up Toastmasters International, a non-profit educational organization with its world headquarters in Santa Ana, Calif.

For more information about Toastmasters contact **Wes Volberding** at 845-1320.

Committee plans group airline fares

The **MSC Travel Committee** has arranged for group fares on Rio Airlines to Houston and Dallas for the Thanksgiving holidays. The flights will fly into DFW airport in Dallas and Intercontinental airport in Houston.

The cost for these roundtrip tickets will be \$39 to Houston and \$54 to Dallas. The planes leave **Nov. 24** and will return **Nov. 28**.

The deadline to sign-up for these trips is Nov. 9. For more information or to sign-up go by the Student Programs Office in Room 216 MSC.

Peace Corps to recruit on campus

Today is the last day that a **Peace Corps** recruiter will be on the Texas A&M campus to conduct interviews with **seniors** and **graduate students** interested in joining the Peace Corps. Persons who wish to sign up for an interview may do so in the Placement Center in Rudder Tower. A Peace Corps table will also be set up in the MSC to distribute literature concerning the various programs of the Peace Corps.

Grants for study abroad available

The **Centre Europeen D'echanges Universitaires** will offer a number of small grants to qualified students who wish to study at the **Universite de Paris** or at the **Universidad de Madrid**.

Students must enroll in either the Paris program or the Madrid program. An admissions committee will judge the qualifications and make the awards. The grants are paid in the currency of the country to students in good standing.

Application to only one country is allowed in any one semester, but a student competent in both French and Spanish may apply for one semester in Madrid and the next in Paris or vice versa. For Paris, an applicant must have completed his sophomore year or higher.

To apply: send two 20 cent stamps and a letter giving the following personal information: (1) full name; (2) current address; (3) college name and location; (4) year and major; (5) number of years of French or Spanish; to:

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P.O. Box 95
New Paltz, NY 12561

A&M student receives IEEE grant

Guylaine Pollock, a graduate student in computer science here, received a \$3000 grant from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers for her work with the Texas A&M chapter of IEEE. She is one of four students nationwide to receive the computer society scholarship.

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.

Cyanide suspect possibly in Fla.

United Press International
CHICAGO — Investigators say Kevin Masterson, an Illinois man wanted for questioning in the cyanide Tylenol deaths of seven people, left Kentucky and could be on his way to Florida. A Detroit teenager suffered cyanide poisoning after eating candy he bought Saturday.

An all-points bulletin was issued for Masterson, of suburban west Lombard, after investigators searched a room he rented in a boarding house, seized several unspecified items and conducted weekend interviews with acquaintances.

FBI investigators said they were doubtful Masterson is connected with the cyanide slayings, but they want to question him on a comment he made in relation to the deaths.

He is believed to be on his way to Florida — 750 miles from Murray, Ky., where he reportedly will be visiting friends.

Illinois investigators, who linked Masterson to multiple deaths, have refused to say what connection he might have to the case.

State task force members flew to Kentucky after the bulletin was issued, but returned Tues-

day after determining Masterson was no longer in the area.

Tests were conducted on substances taken from Masterson's room, but authorities found no traces of cyanide or other poisons.

Masterson's father said he did not believe his son had anything to do with the Tylenol killings.

"He's not a kook. He couldn't kill anyone," he said. "He told me two weeks ago that he was going to take a vacation. He's not running (from the law)."

Masterson has a history of mental illness and may be dangerous, police said. He was described as a white male with red hair and blue eyes, about 5 feet 10 inches and weighing 165 pounds.

Michigan authorities said a 15-year-old boy was in stable condition after eating cyanide-laced grape candy purchased from a store near his home.

Redford Township Police Chief Mike Manoog said the boy, whose name was not released, became violently ill after eating "Now and Later" grape-flavored hard candy.

"We were advised it was a confirmed cyanide poisoning," Manoog said. "We have no other reports (of poisonings) at this time."

Suspect James W. Lewis, a fugitive wanted on federal extortion charges, is still being sought by investigators. Lewis is accused of demanding \$1 mil-

lion from Johnson & Johnson owners of the company makes Tylenol, to stop the ings.

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