

What's Up at Texas A&M

Tuesday

TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: A series of documentaries will be shown bi-weekly during the next semester. The first on Columbia — Venezuela will be shown tonight at 8 p.m. in 701 Rudder Tower.

PRE-VET SOCIETY: A brief meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wed., Nov. 17 in 321 Physics Building. The Aggeland picture will be taken afterwards.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT, STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE: A meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower. For more information, contact Katherine Hurt at 260-3055.

MSC OUTDOOR RECREATION: "99 Days to Survival" will be presented in a meeting at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

BETA BETA BETA (BIOLOGICAL HONOR SOCIETY): The group will meet at 6 p.m. in the MSC Main Lounge to have the Aggeland pictures taken.

SADDLE AND SIRLOIN CLUB: Jim Eller from the Granada Corporation will speak on Embryo Transplanting in a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.

BONFIRE '82: Bonfire Open House will be held from noon to 5 p.m. at Duncan Field.

HILLEL CLUB: Rabbi Ken Kanter presents an evening of songs composed by Jewish writers at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Student Center. The public is invited.

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION: Aggeland group pictures will be taken at 6:15 p.m. in the MSC Main Lounge.

MICROBIOLOGY SOCIETY: A meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in 113 Biological Sciences Building East (BSBE). The speaker will be announced in upcoming posters. Refreshments will be provided.

PI SIGMA ALPHA (POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY): Yearbook pictures will be taken and a party will be discussed in a meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Paul Giles will speak in a meeting at 7 p.m. in the All Faiths Chapel.

MSC VIDEO: A general membership meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in 352 MSC. Arrangements will be made for the weekends production.

PRE-MED — PRE-DENT SOCIETY: Texas A&M Emergency Care Team members will speak in a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 202 Francis Hall.

TAMU SAILING TEAM: A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 350-A MSC. Anyone interested in sailboat racing is invited to attend.

TEACHER EXCELLENCE AWARDS NOMINATIONS: Attention: Liberal Arts students! Nominations for teaching excellence awards will be accepted Nov. 15 through December 6. Nomination forms can be obtained at the Academic and A&A Buildings — 1st floor. Let your voice be heard!

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS: Juniors, Seniors Grad and Vet, Med students may have your pictures taken between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Yearbook Associates at 1700 Puryear Dr. For more information, call 693-6756 or 845-2611. The final deadline for pictures is Dec. 17. No make-ups will be allowed after this date.

THE MSC HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: The Annual Holiday Fashion Show will be held Wed., Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in 201 MSC Ballroom. Refreshments will be served and tickets will be 75 cents, sold at the door.

Death row convict set free — tells all

United Press International
MONETA, Va. — Clyde Near, 58, who had 19 appointments with Virginia's electric chair, says life behind bars is a nightmare that forces criminals to live with their guilt. Execution is an escape.

Near saw six fellow convicts enter the execution chamber and heard the deadly hum of the electric chair during the five years he spent on death row.

"I feel like I've been punished more than if they took my life," he said. "I had to live that cell and think about things."

A federal judge finally agreed that Near's murder trial was "tainted" and allowed the killer to trade a guilty plea for a life sentence. He was paroled in 1974 and has become a foe of capital punishment.

"Even if it is the law, it ain't nothing but plain murder," Near said. "It's not equal justice for all. A poor man doesn't stand a chance in court 'cause he can't afford a fancy lawyer," Near said.

"I don't see where the death penalty deters anything anyway. States that have it have just as much violent crime as those without it."

Near blames a quick temper, a free spirit and a habit of shirking responsibility for the bloody slaying of a youth counselor that landed him on death row.

He became friends with counselor Barry Chapman at a juvenile detention center. Then Chapman's wife left him.

"Next thing I know, he was accusing me of making her run off," Near said.

His denials made Chapman madder, and Chapman lunged for a shotgun.

"I was a little quicker, and I hit him with it," Near said.

The shotgun stock was shattered by repeated blows which police said crushed Chapman's skull and nearly severed his vocal cords.

Near stripped off his bloody clothes, took Chapman's wallet and car and fled. He was arrested 12 days later, Nov. 19, 1958.

After a brief trial, Near was convicted of first degree murder in May 1959 and sentenced to death at the Virginia State Penitentiary.

Death row was in the basement — a corridor which Near said was vermin-infested and reeked of sweat and urine. Inmates were kept in small isolation cells, unable to leave except for a weekly shower.

The electric chair was 10 feet from Near's cell. He could hear guards polishing and testing it. He could watch the inmate's shaven head disappear down the corridor. And knew the instant of death.

"You can hear it when they give it to him," Near said. "You can hear that old chair hum."

The strain intensified when Near's execution approached. He was granted a record 19 stays — 15 by the governor and four by the courts — and twice he was within a day of his death before lawyers won him another delay.

"I'd dream about it, and it would be as real as if it were happening to me," Near said.

In 1963, after three appeals, the Virginia Supreme Court threw out the U.S. Supreme Court's decision that Near's conviction was unconstitutional. U.S. District Court Judge Lewis ruled that Near had won a fair trial.

Near pleaded guilty to change for a life sentence and won parole in 1974.

Today Near lives in Bedford County. He drives a truck, plays bingo, and goes on a bike on the back roads around his bungalow.

A burly man with a nose, he tries to avoid the Palestinian light. But he did go to Richmond, Va. In Beirut, he met a man named Gema.

Aug. 10 for Virginia's execution, turned-killer Frank Coppertrip to aid Near said he didn't know top aides were in meetings today.

It feels bad out here, but not as bad as it did in the prison.

he said.

Extra winter care needed

Right oil protects engine

United Press International
NEW YORK — Oil and winter don't mix.

When the temperature drops below zero, the oil in an engine's crankcase thickens to a molasses-like state and clings to engine parts, making it difficult for the starter motor to turn the engine over.

Consequently most car manufacturers recommend using a multi-viscosity oil like 10W-30 which remains thin enough in the coldest weather and yet has enough "body" to withstand high speeds when the engine warms up.

Viscosity is a numerical rating system established by the Society of Automotive Engineers to indicate an oil's resistance to flow. Thick oils have high viscosity.

For example, SAE 30 oil is a heavy oil recommended for summer driving. It retains its viscosity and weight even in hot environments.

For winter use, SAE 30 would be like putting glue in your crankcase: it's too heavy and too thick.

That's why car makers urge motorists to use 10W-30 or 10W-40 instead.

The "W" identifies oils whose viscosity was measured at zero degrees Fahrenheit.

Multi-viscosity oils change thickness when the temperature changes. They are light enough for easy starting in Arctic conditions, yet heavy enough to provide protection at high temperatures and turnpike speeds.

Whatever oil your carmaker recommends for winter, look

for the "SE" or "SF" code on the oil can. The code was introduced by the American Petroleum Institute to indicate an oil's quality and durability.

New cars require SF oil; 1978 cars and older, SE oil.

Inferior oil can break down and not provide proper lubrication for today's expensive, high-revolution engines.

Most drivers do not change the oil as often as experts recommend which is every four months or 7,500 miles, whichever comes first.

If you drive in a dusty climate or do much stop-and-go driving — and who doesn't — experts recommend an oil change every two months or 3,500 miles.

Also recommended is changing the oil filter with every oil change. The filter helps screen out engine-destroying dirt and sludge. It makes little sense to put new oil in a crankcase when the oil filter is plugged up.

A few words of caution if you are thinking of changing your own oil. First, if you are going to put your car on a ramp or jack it up to get under it, make certain the parking brake is engaged, the back wheels are blocked and that proper safety devices like jack stands are used.

Also, use the right wrench for the oil filler plug. Many backyard mechanics ruin the oil filler plug by using a loosefitting, adjustable wrench. Make sure your wrench fits snugly and that the threads on the end of the spark-plug mesh exactly with the threads in the engine block when you reinsert it.

A cross-threaded filler plug will lead to real problems: Oil leaks, dirt entering the crankcase and other nightmares.

The best time to change the

oil is when the engine is hot. This allows the maximum amount of dirt and pollutants to be held in suspension and float out, insuring a clean crankcase.

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Kenneth Kanter
Nov. 16
8 p.m.
B'nai B'rith
Hillel Foundation
800 Jersey
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Kenneth Aaron Kanter, Assistant Rabbi at the Temple Congregation Ohabai Shalom, in Nashville, Tennessee and author of The Jews on Tin Pan Alley, will be appearing at The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation on Nov. 16 in his musical production of the Jewish contribution to popular music. Rabbi Kanter presents the lives and times of such famous songwriters as Al Jolson, Irving Berlin and many more. This is sure to be an evening you won't want to miss.

No Admission Charge