

Around town

International math symposium here

During the week of January 10-14, the **Center for Numerical Analysis**, Department of Mathematics, will be hosting an international symposium on the Approximation Theory.

The conference will be attended by over 100 mathematicians from over 20 countries. The conference begins Jan. 10 at 9:30 a.m. in Rudder Tower.

The approximation theory is an important part of applied mathematics, and includes both practical and theoretical methods for solving a variety of real-world problems, often with the help of computers. The conference program will include approximately 100 lectures by leading experts in the field.

Gifts benefit mental health authority

The Texas A&M chapter of the **Texas Public Employees Association** is hosting a Christmas program tonight at 7 p.m. in the MSC Lounge. The Association will present the Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority of Brazos Valley with gifts collected during its second annual Christmas Gift Drive.

Texas A&M employees and students are invited to attend and bring a gift to put under the tree. Clients residing at Mary Lake Halfway House and the Family Tree, two residential facilities operated by the MHMRA, will provide Christmas music for the program.

Alpha Zeta sponsors turkey sale

Alpha Zeta, the Agricultural Honor Society, is selling smoked turkeys from now until the end of the semester.

Proceeds from the sale go to finance scholarships, sponsor trips to Agricultural Convocation, and to fund campus service projects. The price for a 9-pound turkey is \$15. An 11-pound turkey costs \$18.

Persons interested in ordering a turkey for Christmas should contact any Alpha Zeta member or call 846-4539 or 846-9238.

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.

Care team to get new equipment

by Kordell Reid

Battalion Reporter
The Texas A&M Emergency Care Team soon may get new radio equipment. The proposal is in its final stages and is waiting for approval by Texas A&M University President Frank E. Vandiver.

Vance Riley, chief of ambulance operations for the care team, said the proposed equipment would operate on an ultra high frequency to allow the ambulance crew to communicate directly with St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan and the A.P. Beutel Health Center at Texas A&M.

Riley said the UHF telemetry equipment is just starting to come to the Brazos County area. Unlike the existing equipment, it is capable of transmitting information to other emergency units throughout the county.

"Everyone can transmit to area hospitals when they get the proper equipment," he said. "But the neat thing about it is the equipment is capable of transmitting and monitoring heart activity from the ambulance to the hospital."

The existing equipment, which operates on a very high frequency has a tendency to break down, he said, and frequently is in for repairs.

When the VHF equipment was bought three years ago, the ambulance unit was made portable in case the care team needed to communicate with the hospital from outside the ambulance, Riley said.

"It was a good idea then because we didn't expect the team to be very busy," he said. "But we have been very busy this year, and I think the frequent moving of the unit in and out of the ambulance has caused it to break down a lot."

Riley said the demand for their service this year has doubled over last year. During September, they transported 93 patients. About 60 percent of those cases were actual emergencies, he said.

"I don't know why we've had such an increase," Riley said. "It just got busy."

He said the health center is getting a second ambulance in January because of the increased need for ambulance service. If the care team gets the new equipment in the ambulances, service will be very efficient, he said.



Vance Riley, chief of ambulance operations for the emergency care team, demonstrates some of the ambulance equipment.

Riley, who handles mostly administrative duties of the care team, said there are other members who help.

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1982-83 Who's Who candidates announced

by Patti Schwierske

Battalion Staff
The Office of Student Affairs announced Texas A&M University Who's Who candidates for the 1982-1983 school year.

Nominations for who's who are made in the fall, then each nominated student who meets the requirements is sent an information sheet to complete. After this sheet has been filled out, it is returned to the selection committee to be considered.

The list is then sent to the central office in New Jersey and approved. After the list is approved, it is posted at the University and the candidates are informed of their nomination.

The 1982-1983 candidates are as follows:

Shirley Elaine Altenhof, New Braunfels

Jeffrey Glen Anthony, DeSoto

Katherine Diane Bartholomew, Amarillo

Gregory Gordon Bates, Houston

Lynda Diane Beard, Bryan

Jeffrey David Bissey, Katy

James William Boenig, Converse

George Theodore Boozalis, Lake Jackson

Katherine Lynn Bruinooge, Houston

Jill Ann Bullard, Bellaire

Jon Griffin Burt, Rosser

Michael S. Carson, Spring

Martha Beth Castenson, Bryan

Christine Emilee Cleveland, Houston

Dale Lynn Collins, Amali, Virgin Islands

Howard Kirk Esmond, Beaumont

Ronald Joseph Gajdica, Plano

David Karl Gillespie, Bryan

Stacy Lane Graf, Vernon

Scott Alan Hall, Fort Worth

James William Harris, Beeville

Sue Catherine Harry, Sweeny

Alan David Hegarty, Nevada

Phyllis Terry Heister, Grand Prairie

Cynthia Ann Heister, Abilene

Michael Wilson, Beaumont

Robert Keith, Dallas

Joseph Jay, Dallas

John Christopher, Dallas

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Keesey Renfro, Dallas

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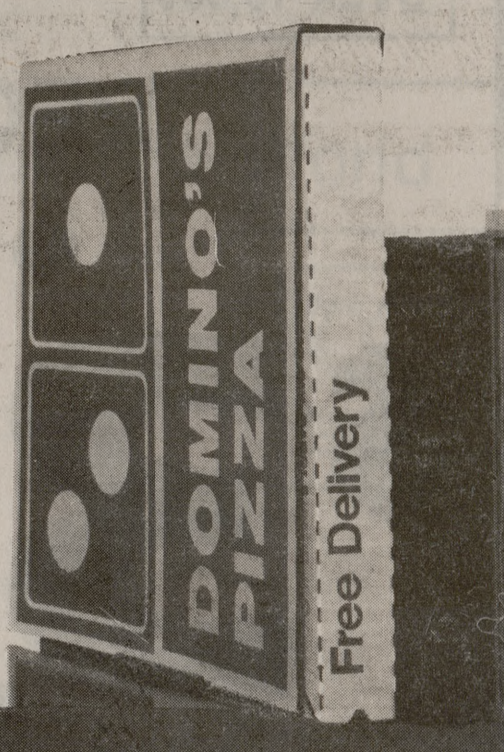
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