

Around town

Candidate will meet students in MSC

George M. Chamberlain, democratic candidate for House of Representatives will speak today (Thursday) at 4 p.m. in the main foyer of the Memorial Student Center.

Chamberlain, along with nine other people, is running against Phil Gramm in the Feb. 12 special election. Ex-Democrat Gramm gave up his congressional seat in order to re-run as a Republican.

MSC Travel announces Mardi Gras trip

The MSC Travel Committee has announced a Mardi Gras trip to New Orleans on Feb. 11-13. Total cost for the trip will be \$100, which includes the hotel and bus charter.

For further information or to sign up for the trip come by the Student Programs Office in Room 216 MSC, or call 845-1515.

Tickets on sale for Canadian Brass

The MSC Opera and Performing Arts Society will begin its concert series this semester with the Canadian Brass on Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

The Canadian Brass, called the "Marx Brothers of Brass" by the New York Times, is an internationally renowned quintet which has been heard in concerts across Canada and the U.S., as well as Europe, China, Japan, Saudi Arabia, and the Soviet Union. The group is composed of Frederic Mills and Ronald Romm on trumpet, Graeme Page on French horn, Eugene Watts on trombone, and Charles Daellenbach on tuba.

Tickets are available at the Rudder box office.

Texas A&M economists ranked high

Economists at Texas A&M University are among the most widely published writers in their field, according to a report by the American Economic Review.

The report ranked Texas A&M's Department of Economics 14th in the nation for the number of publications per faculty member that appeared in 24 leading economics journals, including the American Economic Review, Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics and The Economic Journal.

Texas A&M's Economics Department was the only one in the Southwest named in the top 20 departments nationwide.

Hospital appoints dependency director

Richard T. Sparacio, Ed.D., has been appointed Director of the Chemical Dependency Unit of Greenleaf Hospital in Bryan. The Chemical Dependency Unit is a 19-bed unit for the treatment of people who abuse alcohol or drugs.

Prior to this appointment, Sparacio was a family therapist on the hospital's clinical staff.

Retirement dinner to be held Saturday

A retirement dinner honoring Dr. John C. Calhoun Jr., deputy chancellor for engineering for the Texas A&M University System, will be held Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

Calhoun is stepping down this year after being associated with Texas A&M for nearly three decades in a number of key roles. He also holds the rank of Distinguished Professor of Petroleum Engineering.

Tickets for the dinner of \$15 and reservations should be made with Marjorie Manning in Room 241 of Zachry Engineering Center by Friday.

Brazos Sailing Club names commodore

The Brazos Sailing Club has named Ed Doran of College Station as commodore for 1983.

Other new officers include: Ted Noyes, vice-commodore; Bill Nettles, secretary-treasurer; and Gin Doran, newsletter editor.

Club membership is open to anyone interested in sailing. Meetings are set for the second Thursday of each month, March through November.

Activities include spring and fall regattas at Lake Somerville, day and moonlight cruises, sailing clinics and talks by sailing authorities.

For more information call Doran at 693-5788.

Arts committee sponsors exhibit, lecture

The MSC Arts Committee is sponsoring an art exhibit in the MSC Gallery entitled "Modern Masters" now through Feb. 5. The paintings are on loan from the Sara Campbell Blaffer Foundation of Houston.

On Saturday at 7 p.m. Dr. Peter Guenther, professor of art at the University of Houston, will present a lecture in Rudder Forum on the paintings to be followed by a reception in the Gallery.

The faculty, students and staff are invited.

Welch Foundation Lectures to begin

Dr. Egon Matijevic of Clarkson College of Technology will present the annual Robert A. Welch Foundation Lecture in Room 231 Chemistry Bldg at 3:30 p.m. Monday.

Matijevic will speak on "Monodispersed Metal (hydrous) Oxides: A Fascinating Field of Colloid Science."

Colloid chemistry is the study of matter which is smaller than one-millionth of a meter in dimension and which exists as suspension in a gas, liquid or solid medium.

He is one of seven distinguished scientists performing lectures this year for the Welch Foundation of Houston.

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.

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'Holocaust' defense won't be used

United Press International
HOUSTON — A so-called "holocaust" defense apparently will not be used in the case of a Jewish man accused in the shooting death of another man.

Peter A. Werner, 21, testified Tuesday in his own behalf on a murder charge stemming from the April 2 shooting death of Tarbell G. Travis, 19.

Witnesses have testified that the shooting occurred after Werner saw a car in which Travis was riding hit a friend's parked car.

Defense attorney David Berg previously had said he would present a so-called "holocaust" defense in which he would argue that Werner shot Travis in self-defense because Werner's relatives' experiences with Nazi persecution increased his sensitivity and perception of threats.

Berg had suggested outside the jury's presence that self-defense should be considered from the specific perspective of a defendant warped by such an experience as the "holocaust" —

not from the perspective of the average man.

Werner left the witness stand Tuesday without mentioning how his relatives' horrifying experiences in Nazi concentration camps influenced him.

Werner's failure to testify on the subject before the jury and the fact that the defense lost in its efforts to question a policeman on the subject suggested the "holocaust" defense may not be raised at all in the case.

Werner testified he became "fighting angry" when he saw the car in which Travis was rid-

ing strike his friend's parked car. Werner said his friend gave him an automatic pistol and he pursued the suspects in his car.

Werner said he finally caught up with the two men and climbed out of his own car with a flashlight in one hand and a gun in the other and ordered the two men up against the car.

Werner said the other man indicated he was obeying, but Travis walked towards him and challenged the order. Werner then shot him.

"I was in fear for my life," Werner testified, adding he did

not know whether Travis had a pistol.

Werner said he fired the pistol to protect himself. Berg asked Werner why he pulled the gun in the first place. Werner answered: "I wanted them until police arrived. I intended to kill him."

Werner wept as he testified that he felt very sorry for Travis' mother because "I had killed her son. I had done the most terrible thing a person can do to another person."

Airline to contact Braniff employees

United Press International
DALLAS — Former Braniff International employees who want to work for Pacific Southwest Airlines will be contacted soon under a proposed joint venture by the airlines, the chairman of the California-based carrier said.

PSA Chairman William E. Hastings said Tuesday his firm will need about 300 pilots and co-pilots and about 500 flight attendants. Also, about 700 maintenance, reservations, computer and ground personnel will be hired.

PSA's plans to hire the former Braniff workers depend on court clearance of a joint venture under which PSA would open a Texas division based in Dallas-Fort Worth and serving about 15 cities.

During testimony this week at the Braniff bankruptcy hearing in Fort Worth, Braniff President

Howard Putnam said under the joint venture plan, PSA would take over 130 Braniff jets to fly the new routes.

But even if the plan is approved by the court, PSA still must be given landing slots at Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport by the Federal Aviation Administration. Other airlines, including Continental Airlines, American Airlines and Muse Air, have asked the FAA not to turn over the hard-to-get landing authority to PSA.

Adding the planned Texas division would double the size of PSA, which until now has operated almost exclusively on the West Coast.

Applications were sent out to about 8,000 former Braniff employees earlier this month. PSA officials estimate about 3,500 have been returned.

Hastings said PSA will start contacting applicants about two weeks after court approval.

However, under the proposed agreement, wages of employees of PSA's Texas division would be substantially less than the wages scales paid by PSA to its Texas personnel. Braniff paid about \$85 an hour. PSA they would receive \$43 an hour.

A prospect's seniority with Braniff will have no bearing on his or her chances of being hired by PSA, a spokesman said.

New employees would immediately go into the PSA training program and benefits program, Hastings said.

In addition to Dallas-Fort Worth, PSA is considering flights to Austin, San Antonio, Midland-Odessa, Houston, Orleans, Miami, New Orleans, Washington, Newark, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Moines, Omaha and

Hastings said.

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