



## Around town

### Washington D.C. trip planned

The MSC Political Forum is sponsoring a trip to Washington D.C. on March 13-19. The total cost is \$525, and a deposit of \$200 is required by Feb. 9. The trip is open to everyone, but space is limited to 30 people. To make a reservation or put down a deposit, come by Room 216 MSC or call 845-1515.

### College Republicans sponsor speaker

The College Republicans will host Eddie Chiles at their next meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. in Room 701 Rudder Tower. The Texas A&M community is invited.

### Rape prevention topic of program

The Department of Student Affairs is sponsoring a rape-prevention program tomorrow at noon and 7 p.m. in Room 302 Rudder.

The program, entitled "Rape: What's Your Best Defense?" includes a short film and a short discussion to be presented afterwards.

### Library to offer reference tours

Have you ever spent hours trying to find information amid the 1.4 million books in the Sterling C. Evans Library? If so, then help is on the way.

On Feb. 7-11 the Evans Library will offer sign-up tours. These tours last approximately 45 minutes and provide a great deal of information about the materials and services available in the Evans Library.

Sign-up sheets for the tours are posted close to the Reference Desk on the first floor of the library. Tour times are: Monday, Feb. 7: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 8: 9 a.m., 2 p.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 9: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 10: 9:30 a.m., 2 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 11: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.

### MSC committee to sponsor ski trip

The MSC Travel Committee is sponsoring a ski trip to Crested Butte, Colorado over spring break.

The trip will be from March 11-19 and will cost \$349. That covers five days and six nights.  
To sign up for the trip come by Room 216 MSC or call 845-1515.

### Tickets on sale for sophomore ball

The Class of '85 is pleased to announce the Sophomore Class Ball, Feb. 4 from 9 - 1 a.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom. The theme for this year's dance is "Run for the Roses."

Music will be provided by the Debonaires and tickets for the show will be on sale through Feb. 4 at the MSC Box Office.

### Applications being taken for show

It's not too late! Applications for the 1983 MSC Variety Show are still available in the Student Programs Office in Room 216 MSC. The deadline for turning in applications is Feb. 4, at 5 p.m.

Auditions for the show will be held on Feb. 22-23. The Variety Show staff is asking that you get your act together and come show off your talent.

The show is scheduled for Parents Weekend on April 15.

### MSC Travel plans 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.

If you have an announcement or item to submit for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald or call Tracey Taylor at 845-2611.

## Now you know

United Press International  
PHILADELPHIA — People with family problems "tell friends, spouses, Dear Abby, psychiatrists and counselors, but never the people who need to be told," says psychology professor James Framo.

The Temple University professor says talking honestly with parents, brothers and sisters may help resolve problems with spouse or children, because these problems may arise from your "family of origin."

Framo is among a handful of psychologists to use "family of

origin" therapy.

"When two people marry, each partner brings to the marriage a different family history and way of doing things," he says. "Romance dulls the fear of conflict that might arise from these differences. Couples in love tend to ignore all the potential problems or trouble signals."

Eventually, he says, the differences may create problems involving such things as money management, in-laws, violence, alcoholism or sexual dysfunction.

# Aggie safari to Africa planned

by Mallous Kazemzadeh

Battalion Reporter

An African safari and mountain climbing trip is one unique offering being planned for May 1984 by the Texas A&M Outdoor Recreation Committee.

Jay Elliston, director of funding for the trip, said the expedition will last about six weeks. The trip has 12 people signed up to go.

"The thought of pure adventure and getting to Africa is ex-

citing and satisfying. For most of us, this is the only way we could ever go to such a place," Elliston said.

He said the group will climb Mount Kenya and will travel to other parts of Africa to study and view African life styles and cultures.

"We will hopefully live with the tribes and study their engineering levels, linguistics and agricultural skills," Elliston said.

Since the trip would examine

a foreign culture, he said, the committee is trying to get academic credit for the trip.

In preparation for the trip, the participants will study African lifestyles, political conditions and wilderness survival techniques. They will also gather all information about vaccinations and equipment.

"It will be like a safari," Elliston said. "We will need people to transport our equipment and

guide us through the trip."

Elliston said now the trip is in the planning phase. Expedition members are contacting sources in Kenya and are gathering supplies and funding.

Cost of the trip is about \$1,500 each. Elliston said that since funding is the most critical aspect of the trip, they are trying to get equipment and money donations.

Elliston said the group has

certain goals to accomplish before leaving for Africa. They include gaining climbing experience, establishing leadership patterns and testing each member's abilities. He said they has half-way reached its

Anyone with climbing experience who would like to probably be carpenter's sponsor, Rena Koenig, the Student Programs Office

## Conviction of drunk drivers hard

# MADD: Jury sentences too lenient

by Cheryl Burke

Battalion Reporter

The major problem in convicting drunk drivers is that the public still does not realize the seriousness of the crime, says Brazos County Court at Law Judge Carolyn Ruffino.

"The public still does not believe that we are serious, that DWI is a serious offense," Ruffino said Tuesday night in a meeting of the Brazos Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. "We have failed to inform people that they will be expected to pay for their conduct."

This attitude is a result of the courts' failure to convict even repeated offenders. But, Ruffino said, the problem does not lie with the judge or the county attorney, but with the jury.

As an example, Ruffino told

of a case recently heard in her court in which three Department of Public Safety officers testified that they had seen the defendant drunk, while the defendant claimed that he was tired after driving all day.

"The jury found his testimony more believable than the officers'," Ruffino said. "It comes down to whom to believe. Is officer testimony alone enough? It would be for me, but not for some jurors."

In that case, she said, the jury was not allowed to know that the defendant had refused a breath analyzer test and that he had been convicted twice before for public intoxication.

When defendants realize that a jury trial could result in a more lenient sentence than a plea before a judge, "you can bet they are going to go to a jury," Ruffino said.

Too often, she said, DWI defendants are released with deferred adjudication — a form of probation in which there is no conviction and no record if the defendant is not convicted of another DWI offense within a specified time.

Current legislation supported by MADD, if passed, would eliminate the use of deferred adjudication.

Ruffino said that the inconvenience of losing driving privileges most upsets the DWI offender. And often this inconvenience can be overcome by

proving that it is necessary to drive to keep a job.

"They should be deplete their license for at least months," she said. "That it really hits home — the probably be carpooling people they can't stand."

Ninety percent of the Ruffino hears are DWI, she said. That adds up to cases a month — 50 cases.

"I believe driving is a privilege, and when you drive you are abusing the privilege and should have it away."

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## Highway repair proposal touted

United Press International  
AUSTIN — A highway research group today touted a 20-year, \$51 billion road repair program for Texas. The group recommended increasing motor vehicle license fees and state gasoline taxes to pay for the repairs.

The Road Information Program of Washington and the Texas Good Roads and Transportation Association urged the Legislature to approve a three-fold increase in current highway funding or risk falling behind in road maintenance needs by \$1 billion each year.

Eugene Robbins, president of the Good Roads Association, said Texas must reform its system of financing highway re-

pairs. "The present system of financing highways in this state is antiquated," Robbins said in a news conference. "We must change the basis of the way they'll change with the over the years."

He said motor vehicle registration fees, which currently are based upon the weight of mobiles, should be based on value of the vehicle. He recommended that the 5-cent per gallon state gasoline tax, which remained at the same level 25 years, also be increased.

The Program said the highway repair program would sustain 64,500 new construction jobs in Texas.

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