

Around town

Escort service provided for students

The men of Law Hall have announced that they will provide an escort to or from the library, the fish lot, and your dorm between 8 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. any day of the week.

To get an escort call 845-9803 during the above hours.

Police to discuss rape prevention

The week of Feb. 7-11 has been named National Crime Prevention Week. The University Police Department will be in the A-1 Lounge, 5-9 p.m. today to answer any questions, distribute brochures and to separate fact from fiction concerning recent events on campus.

The film "How to Say No to a Rapist and Survive" will be shown at 7 p.m.

Basement Committee sponsors band

The Rave will be at Deware Fieldhouse Friday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3 each and available at the MSC Box Office and the door.

The Rave is a band with a 60s British beat sponsored by the MSC Basement Committee.

Dance to be held for clients

The Bryan-College Station chapter of the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) will sponsor a Sweetheart Dance Feb. 14 for persons attending two sheltered work training facilities. New Trend Industries a work training facility in Bryan and Robertson County Vocational Training Center in Hearne are operated by the Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority of Brazos Valley.

The party will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at New Trend Industries, 309 N. Washington, Bryan.

ARC has arranged for Joe Daniels, a local disc jockey in Bryan to provide the music. KTAW/FM is also providing funds for decorations, and assisting with the party and recreational activities.

Accountants to hold trends seminar

Beta Alpha Psi, the accounting honor society, is holding its Annual Accounting Trends Seminar on Saturday.

In the past, the seminar has covered technical accounting topics that would only have been of interest to accounting majors. This year the seminar has been expanded and includes several topics that would be of interest to the general student body.

The feature speaker will be Phil Gramm, candidate for Sixth District Representative seat. He'll be speaking at 9 a.m. on current trends in the economy. At 10 a.m. Sanford E. McCormick, president and chairman of the board of McCormick Oil and Gas Company, will speak on current developments in the oil industry from an independent's point of view.

Other speakers include Dr. Edward Swanson, accounting professor here, and Robert Caller, a manager at Ernst & Whinney (a "big 8" accounting firm).

The trends seminar will be held in Room 102 Academic and Agency Building and is free of charge. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Political Forum schedules program

MSC Political Forum is sponsoring a special election forum today entitled "Meet the Candidates."

The program will include a question and answer session on Congressional District 6 issues and is scheduled for 8 p.m. in Rudder Forum. It is free and open to the public.

Faculty to meet with representative

Texas A&M University faculty members will have an opportunity to discuss current legislative developments including recommendations by the Legislative Budget Board concerning salary increases and benefits in a session with State Representative Bill Presnal Friday.

Presnal will meet with interested faculty and staff at 3 p.m. in Room 501 Rudder Tower. The meeting is sponsored by the Texas Association of College Teachers.

Marathon entry deadline approaches

Runners and walkers of all ages prepare yourself for another race to benefit the American Heart Association. The Run is scheduled for 8 a.m. Feb. 19.

The starting line for the Run for Your Life 6.2 Mile Run will be Post Oak Mall. The run is co-sponsored by Post Oak Mall and the College Station Parks and Recreation Department.

The entry fee is \$6 if received by 5 p.m. Feb. 16, \$7 thereafter. Entry forms are available at the Heart Association, College Station Parks and Recreation Office, Post Oak Mall and at local sporting goods stores.

For more information call the Heart Association at 693-6454 or the College Station Parks and Recreation Department at 693-PARD.

Scholarship pageant tickets for sale

The MSC Hospitality Committee has announced that tickets for the 4th Annual Miss Texas A&M Scholarship Pageant are now on sale.

The pageant is scheduled for Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3.50 for students and \$6 for non-students. They are now available at the MSC Box Office.

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.

New trial ordered for Bryan resident

United Press International
AUSTIN — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Wednesday ordered a new trial for a Bryan man convicted with two others of capital murder in the beating death of a "Good Samaritan" who stopped to help the men with car trouble.

Danny Ray Harris was sentenced to death for his role in the 1978 slaying of Timothy Merka, who the court described as a "Good Samaritan" who had stopped his pickup truck to help jump-start a stolen car occupied by Harris, his brother Curtis,

their friend Charles Manuel, and Curtis' girlfriend Valerie Rencher.

When Merka was unable to jump-start the car, the three beat Merka over the head with a tire jack in order to steal his truck, trial testimony showed.

The three were convicted of capital murder on the testimony of Rencher, who was 15 years old at the time of the crime.

The high court overturned Harris' conviction because the jury was not instructed to determine whether Rencher was an accomplice in the crime.

While Rencher testified her role in the crime was limited, "other testimony suggests her role may have been less cut and dried and more culpable," the court said.

"Rencher made inconsistent statements regarding her knowledge of what was happening," Judge Sam Houston Clinton wrote in the court opinion. "Rencher not only remained willingly with the killers but was the first of the four to enter the victim's truck — while Curtis Harris was still in the act of bludgeoning him."



Capt. Grace Hopper

Computers changing, says COBOL inventor

by David Marchand
Battalion Reporter
U.S. Navy Capt. Grace Hopper, often called the "mother" of the computer language COBOL, said Wednesday night that computers are causing a revolution.

"We are going to see a revolution as great as the one brought on by Henry Ford," she said.

Hopper spoke to a near-capacity crowd in Rudder Forum on the history of computers, future problems for the computer industry and the responsibility and potential of the young to solve those problems.

Hopper, still on active duty at 76, expressed a positive attitude about moving into the future under the leadership of today's young people.

"The most dangerous phrase in the world is 'But we've always done it that way,'" she said.

However, she said, two things are certain — the quantity of data to be stored and the demand for instant retrieval will increase radically.

The value of stored information and the cost of information, which have not been properly considered, are critical in the planning of computer systems, Hopper said.

The \$450 million spent annually on computer systems is declining based on current estimates instead of future ones, she said. Computers can add an additional problem in the months of a second, but ones will be needed.

"We now have to redefining problems in the light of computers," she said.

"The next major step in computer technology is optical computer," she said. The based system makes them 1,000 times faster than computers.

Hopper sketched the of computers and the gauge but returned to the sage: "We are at the beginning — at the Model T stage — got to learn to move into the future. It's often easier to size than to get permission."

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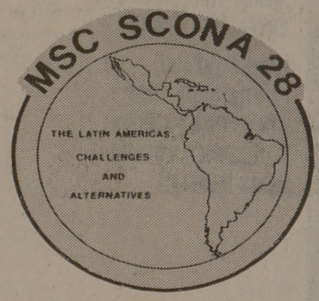
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"What MSC Committee has provided meaningful exchange on topics from "The Expression of Individuality in American Society" to "Technology Tool or Tyrant"?"

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"The Latin Americas: Challenges and Alternatives"

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Sunday Feb. 13
7:30 p.m. Theater

POSTER SALE THIS WEEK!!

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MSC Main Hall

\$1.50 w/TAMU ID. Advance tickets at MSC Box Office Mon.-Fri. 8:30-4:30. Also 45 minutes before showtime.