

What's Up

Tuesday

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: All Catholics who wish to update their knowledge on Catholicism will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the student center. On-campus Catholics will discuss "Vocations" at 9 p.m. at the All Faiths Chapel. A mass and fellowship will follow.

RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE: Upcoming events for next year will be discussed at 6 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

MILITARY BRATS CLUB: Students who are military dependents are invited to attend a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Lounge C (next to dorm 7 — Corps area).

CLASS OF '84: Applications are now available for the Executive Council. Get your application in 216 MSC and get involved!

AMERICAN RED CROSS: A Blood Drive is scheduled from noon to 6 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church (behind Loupots).

TAMU SAILING TEAM: A meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in 109 MLS (Trigon).

AGGIE ALLIANCE (H&P.E. CLUB): Roger Diamond from the Texas Health Dept. will speak on "Health Risk Appraisals" and Col. Allen from Ft. Hood will speak on "Civilian Jobs in the military" at 7 p.m. in 274 E. Kyle.

ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS: Dr. Virgie Nolte, Counselor, Psychologist for A&M's Student Counseling Center, will speak on "Assertion Training" at 7:30 p.m. at NewTrend Industries, 309 N. Washington St., Bryan.

CO-OP STUDENT ASSOCIATION: A Pizza Party at Pizza Inn is scheduled for 6 p.m. Get all you can eat and half-priced drinks for \$1.50 per member and \$2.50 per nonmember.

MARINE TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY: The Fourth Annual Speaker Exchange & Buffet Banquet is scheduled for Saturday 11 a.m. at the 11th Floor Rudder. Reservations, due early Thursday, may be made through Curt Olson at 260-6905 or at

Special session ordered

Reagan's speech outlined

WASHINGTON — President Reagan believes that unless the United States helps Central American countries shield themselves from communist subversion, the United States will suffer extremely grave consequences, a spokesman said today.

Deputy press secretary Larry M. Speakes made the statement when asked what Reagan hopes to accomplish with his address to a joint session of Congress Wednesday evening.

With the exception of the

State of the Union addresses, the forum of a special joint session has been used just nine times since World War II and indicates the importance Reagan attaches to the speech.

"If a Marxist-type of government succeeds in Central America, they are extremely close to the United States," Speakes said, outlining Reagan's position.

The president believes unless the United States shields itself from subversion, extremely grave consequences will result, Speakes said.

Speakes said Reagan wants to

direct the attention of Congress and the American people to the seriousness of the situation and to underscore contribution in the economic, political and security areas.

"He will focus on both the short-term urgency as well as the long-term needs of the region," Speakes said. "He believes some countries have made good progress toward democracy. He believes the United States should help in dollars and moral support."

The presidential spokesman said Reagan believes there is a

challenge to U.S. ideals and national security everywhere in Central America and he hopes to achieve bipartisan support for his military and economic aid package to El Salvador.

This challenge is highlighted by the shipment of Libyan arms captured in Brazil which were destined for Nicaragua, Speakes said.

"We believe it is only the tip of the iceberg of the Cuban Soviet effort to exploit poverty and instability in Central America," he said.

Band bus rape third in region

AYER, Mass. — With people watching and laughing, a female Army private allegedly was kidnapped and raped by members of a rock band who offered her a ride home on their bus after a concert, police said.

The woman, stationed at the nearby Fort Devens Army Base, told police two members of "Grand Slam" assaulted her repeatedly in the bus while two others held her down early Saturday.

The four were released Sunday on \$1,000 bail each pending arraignment this week in Ayer District Court on charges of rape and kidnap. Police said they were seeking a fifth suspect in the attack.

At least nine people were on the bus when the alleged rape occurred early Saturday and some reportedly were laughing, a police spokesman said.

The woman, whose age and identity were withheld, told authorities she was stripped and raped several times before she was dropped off in a field. She called police from a nearby motel and was rushed to Nashoba Community Hospital where she was treated for bruises and scratches.

Ronald J. Bellanti, Jr., whose production firm manages Grand Slam, said he was told the woman voluntarily went aboard the bus and acted in a provocative manner.

It was the third reported gang rape in Massachusetts in less than two months.

On March 6, a 21-year-old woman claimed she was assaulted on a pool table in a New Bedford tavern for two hours while patrons cheered. Six men are awaiting trial in the case. The woman has also filed a \$10 million damage suit.

Six men were charged with rape and kidnapping earlier this month for allegedly assaulting a 17-year-old girl in an apartment in Boston. The woman told a grand jury she was repeatedly raped after being picked up in a bus station by a man who promised to loan her money for bus fare home.

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U.S. insect control may lie overseas

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Department scientists say the key to fighting insect pests in this country may lie in croplands overseas.

Scientists are searching foreign fields for the insect pests that have migrated to this country and for their natural enemies, which in many cases have not made the same trip, an article in the current issue of the department's "Agricultural Research" magazine says.

Once they discover the pests' natural enemies and study their habits, the scientists hope to release those insects on American farms to battle pests that destroy millions of acres of crops each year.

The article quotes entomologist Robert Carlson of the 1-year-old Asian Parasite Laboratory in Seoul, South Korea, as saying, "Such biological control of insects is an increasingly important way to protect our environment while meeting American expectations of food quality, quantity and variety."

The Seoul laboratory is one of four similar facilities run by the research service. The others are in Rome, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and near Paris.

Their work involves not only capturing the insect pests and their insect enemies, but also observing their behavior to determine whether the two species could be expected to continue their adversary relationships under other conditions — espe-

cially under the conditions that exist in U.S. croplands.

Eventually, the most promising species of insect parasites and predators are flown to the Beneficial Insects Research Laboratory in Newark, Del., and the Stoneville Research Quarantine Facility in Stoneville, Miss., the article says. There, further studies determine whether the parasites might be effective against insect pests in this country.

Sometimes, even though natural enemies can control pests in one part of the world, they fail in another.

"An understanding of these complexities is critical to our success," Carlson is quoted as saying. "What plays in Seoul may not play in Seattle."

As an example, he cites the gypsy moth caterpillar, which has defoliated 20 million acres of U.S. forestland in the last two years.

The female gypsy moths found in Asia can fly; those in the United States and Europe cannot, he says.

And while gypsy moths in the United States chew their way through acres of leaves and crops, those in Korea are not a problem, he adds.

"By collecting the moths from the wild, we hope to learn why," he says.

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