



Around town

Rape prevention program tonight

The Department of Student Affairs will hold a program on "Rape: The Crime Against Women," at 7:30 tonight in 308 Rudder Tower. The program — which will discuss security awareness, rape prevention, the legalities of rape prosecution, and the newly formed rape crisis center — will be presented by Bill Turner, assistant district attorney.

Defensive driving course offered

The Brazos Valley Safety Agency will offer a defensive driving course tonight and Tuesday. The sessions will be held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Ramada Inn. Registration is \$18, and participants can register at 5 p.m. on Monday or pre-register by calling 693-8178.

A&M-SMU is annual switch-off game

The Traditions Council of Student Government has announced that the Oct. 29 Texas A&M-Southern Methodist University football game will be the annual ladies' choice "Switch-off for the Kick-off" game. Women will have the responsibility of asking and paying for a date to the game.

Workshop hones publicity techniques

Texas A&M student organizations and local community groups will be given an opportunity to learn how to reach their audiences more effectively at a Publicity Workshop sponsored by Women in Communications, Inc.

The workshop, which will be held Saturday, (Oct. 22), is designed to teach individuals or groups how present their messages. Megen Looney, an advertising representative from "The Press," will conduct a seminar on the basics of advertising design. Student WICI members will hold sessions on writing press releases, designing flyers and reaching the local media.

Participants will have a chance to design some work of their own at the workshop, and prizes will be awarded to outstanding work.

The Texas A&M chapter of WICI is part of a national organization of communication professionals.

Registration deadline for the second annual workshop is Tuesday, (Oct. 18), and the fee is \$10 for each organization or individual. The sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in 014 Reed McDonald.

For more information, contact Kim Schmidt at 260-0056.

To submit an item for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald.

Jackson to decide on '84 candidacy

DALLAS — Rev. Jesse Jackson has promised Texas Democratic supporters he will decide by the end of this month whether he will run for president in 1984.

Jackson met Saturday with about 200 Dallas leaders and political activists to raise the \$5,000 needed to be on the ballot in the 1984 Texas primary. He told supporters and black community leaders that he is in the "final stages" of deciding his

plans for the next presidential election.

At a news conference, the Chicago-based civil rights leader said if he runs, it will be as a Democratic candidate, not as an independent.

Jackson called his supporters a "rainbow coalition" drawing its members from blacks, Hispanics, whites, peace activists, women, "and those who are locked out."

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Hinckley family sues government

DENVER — The family of John W. Hinckley Jr., accused of shooting President Reagan, has filed a \$5 million claim against the federal government alleging harassment of the family-run oil firm.

Documents filed with the Energy Department claim the family was treated prejudicially in an audit following the March 30, 1981 assassination attempt.

for which young Hinckley was acquitted by reason of insanity.

Scott Hinckley, son of John W. Hinckley Sr. and president of the Denver-based Vanderbilt Energy Corp., said the family filed suit as a matter of principle.

"We are simply putting the DOE on notice that we're not going to roll over and play dead," he is quoted as saying in an article in Sunday's Denver Post. "We feel like our integrity

has been questioned, and it's not something we'd like them to get away with."

The audit began as an oil price check on the firm, one of hundreds the Energy Department routinely conducts. Hinckley family members say the audit mushroomed into a government vendetta.

The Energy Department says Vanderbilt Energy Corporation owes \$372,666 in overcharges on oil produced from several of

Vanderbilt's Texas wells.

Said Hinckley family attorney Craig Dodd: "It's the most oppressive, outrageous, inexcusable, heavy-handed government action that I've ever heard of. But for the assassination attempt, this case would have died long ago."

Energy Department official Rayburn Hanzlik said the audit was handled no differently from any other. It was authorized in mid-1980 and began in Febru-

ary of 1981, more than a month before the shooting of Reagan and three others.

Energy officials met with Scott Hinckley on the morning of the assassination attempt, and told him they had uncovered what looked like overcharges.

Vanderbilt and government auditors disagreed on the average production of the wells. The discrepancy added up to hundreds of thousands of dollars in potentially illegal overcharges.

FBI checks background of accused hijacker

NEWARK, N.J. — FBI investigators Sunday were delving into the background of a Haitian native who commandeered a People Express jet, diverted the flight to Atlantic City and held up the crew for the ticket money.

Jean-Robert Ambroise, 27, an East Orange resident also known as "Jamile" and "Robert" Ambroise, was in Cape May County Jail pending arraignment

on federal air piracy charges Monday in U.S. district Court in Camden, said FBI spokesman Michael McDonnell.

"We're checking out his background," McDonnell said. "We don't know a lot about him right now, just that he goes by these three names."

Ambroise was arrested Satur-

day afternoon after a hijack drama that began shortly after the Newark-bound flight left the

airport in Buffalo, New York.

Flight 104, with 101 passengers and five crew members aboard, was over Pottstown, Pa., when Ambroise stood up, shouted he had a gun, took a female flight attendant hostage and demanded to go to Atlantic City, McDonnell said.

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