

## Around town

### Troupe searching for male dancers

Male dancers are currently needed for in the **Texas A&M Dance Troupe**. Experience is helpful. Male dancers with experience in ballet, jazz or modern dance can contact Lynn Berry, room 268 East Kyle from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by Friday.

### Scholarship applications available

Applications for the **Joseph Milton Nance Tuition Free Scholarships in Law** are now available. The scholarships are awarded to Texas A&M students planning to attend Baylor University School of Law.

This year the number of scholarships awarded has been increased from two to three. Deadline for applications is Feb. 8. Students interested should contact Hilary Jessup, Academic Counseling Office; or Dr. J.M. Nance, Department of History.

### SIUC names Stickney fishery director

Texas A&M fisheries expert **Robert R. Stickney** has been named director of the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIUC) Cooperative Fisheries Research Laboratory. Stickney's appointment was announced Jan. 16 by SIUC president Albert Somit.

Stickney has been a professor in Texas A&M's Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences for the past nine years. He also directed the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station's Aquaculture Research Center at College Station and is president of the Fish Culture Section of the American Institute of Fisheries Research Biologists.

The **W.G. Mills Memorial Fellowship Committee** is accepting applications for the W.G. Mills Fellowship in Hydrology for the Spring semester. Deadline for application is Jan. 27.

The Fellowships provide financial support to four or more highly qualified graduate students in hydrology. Appropriate areas of study include engineering hydrology, stochastic hydrology, hydrometeorology, geohydrology, watershed management and hydrologic techniques in water resources planning.

### Sales continues for pageant tickets

Tickets are now available for the **5th Annual Miss Texas A&M Scholarship Pageant** scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 25. Tickets are \$3.50 for students and \$6 for non-students and can be purchased at the MSC Box office.

### Volunteers sought for RSVP project

The **Retired Senior Volunteer Program of the Brazos County Community Council** is looking for volunteers to be trained as mental health paraprofessionals to do counseling in local nursing homes.

To help meet the need for mental health services for older persons, the Texas A&M Department of Educational Psychology, the Texas Agriculture Extension Service and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program have joined to recruit, train and supervise the mental health paraprofessionals who participate in the project.

The first meeting for those interested in the project is Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Bryan, 1100 Carter Creek Parkway.

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

## Attend the 1984 Career Fair Banquet

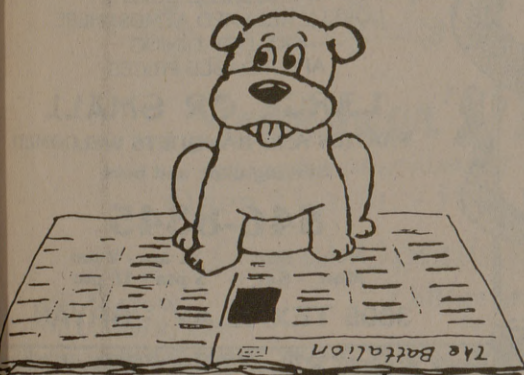
Wednesday, February 1  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. MSC Ballroom

Reserve a seat with the company of your choice. Tickets are on sale this week in the **Blocker (A&A) foyer** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$5.00 per person



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## CS man giving up historic property

# Palo Alto battlefield site for sale

United Press International

**BROWNSVILLE** — The site where historians believe the Battle of Palo Alto, the first engagement of the Mexican-American War, was fought 137 years ago has been put up for sale by its College Station owner.

A large realty sign stands beside the national historical monument and cannon commemorating the battle fought by Gen. Zachary Taylor's troops in which an unknown number of soldiers died during a fierce artillery duel between 2,300 Americans and 6,000 Mexicans on May 7, 1847.

Richard VanderGrift, an official with Tenneco Realty Co. of Houston, says the asking price is \$2,500 an acre for the property located at what he terms "a superb corner." The land lies at the intersection of paved Farm Road's 511 and

1847 between Brownsville and Los Fresnos.

But the property's owner, retired businessman Bert Wheeler of College Station, says no one knows for sure exactly where the battle was fought, because the monument was put "in an arbitrary place."

Wheeler, a history buff and collector of vintage newspapers, says numerous cannon balls have been found a half mile south of the marker on the north side of FM 511.

VanderGrift says there is no water on the battlefield property, but that it would be suitable for dryland cotton farming, or water could be brought in and the site developed. Its proximity to the Port of Brownsville also is a selling point, the realtor said.

The Battle of Palo Alto, followed by another conflict between Taylor's forces and those of Mexican Gen. Mariano Arista

the next day a few miles to the south at Resaca de la Palma, constituted the only fighting of the war north of the Rio Grande.

Arista estimated the Americans fired more than 3,000 rounds of ammunition while the Mexicans fired only 650 in the fray. Both sides fired cannon situated 400 yards apart, outside the range of small arms fire.

There are differing figures on casualties, with Taylor claiming fewer than 200 American and 2,000 Mexican casualties in the two battles.

After those two engagements, Taylor's troops marched all the way to Mexico City. The war ended with the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo on Feb. 2, 1848, establishing the Rio Grande as the border between the two countries.

Three future U.S. presidents took part in the battle — Taylor, Ulysses S. Grant and Franklin

Pierce, along with Jefferson Davis, who later was elected president of the Confederacy.

"When asked why he did not cut off his head, he replied, 'Someone had done that before.' This left no doubt in my mind but that the Battle of Resaca de la Palma would have been won just as it was if I had not been there."

When Taylor's force later

joined up in Mexico with one led by Gen. John E. Wool, Grant rode and fought in the same outfit with his future Civil War nemesis, Robert E. Lee.

The Battle of Palo Alto also introduced the world's first war correspondent, George Wilkins Kendall, according to an account in "The Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas" by J. Lee and Lillian J. Stambaugh.

## Landslide buries Texan

United Press International

**DEL RIO** — Police tracking dogs searched unsuccessfully Monday for the body of a San Antonio man presumed killed in a landslide in a remote area near the Rio Grande.

Edgar Joe Dorroh, 45, disappeared beneath a mass of rock and debris that tumbled down a slope in the Amistad Recreation Area, located about 50 miles northwest of Del Rio, said assistant superintendent Don Goldman.

The accident occurred at about 12 noon Saturday, when Dorroh tried to scale the slope and apparently caused the debris to slide, Goldman said. A woman who was climbing with Dorroh was not injured and summoned park rangers for help.

Two tracking dogs from the Midland Police Department could not locate the body Monday, and Goldman said the search would resume Tuesday.

"If they don't find him tomorrow, we'll have to do some hard thinking," Goldman said. "They (chances) don't look good now."

Rescue efforts conducted Saturday and Sunday were dangerous and frustrating, he said, as one man at a time tried to remove debris while tied to a rope anchored to a tree.

"As they removed the rock, others would slide down," Goldman said.

Officials said Dorroh was trying to climb to a railroad bed constructed above the river about 100 years ago. Rocks blasted from the hillside to build a tunnel were dumped near the river, forming the slope that Dorroh was trying to climb.

The accident scene is located in a remote area about three miles north of the confluence of the Rio Grande and Pecos River, Goldman said.

## TAMU PRE-LAW SOCIETY

### 1st Meeting

Wednesday, January 25  
7:00 pm  
601 Rudder

speaker

**Dean T.J. Gibson**

of the University of Texas Law School

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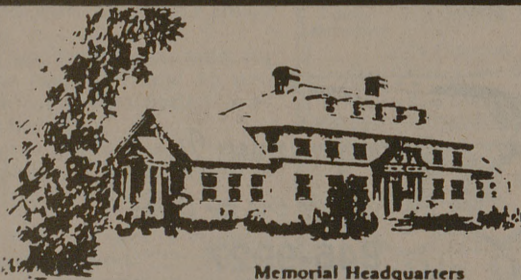
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