

Around town

MSC Hospitality looking for members

The MSC Hospitality Committee is taking applications for new members. Applications are due Friday. Interviews will be conducted from Jan. 30 to Feb. 1.

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, 268 East Kyle from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by Friday.

Order graduation announcements

May and DVM Graduates must order their graduation announcements before Feb. 8. Announcements can be ordered in the MSC Student Finance Center, room 217, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Law 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.

Mills committee to award fellowships

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.

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

Governor's new jet criticized by Strake

United Press International

AUSTIN — Gov. Mark White's new jet aircraft is a "gas-guzzling Cadillac" complete with \$55,000 in non-essential luxury items such as a \$4,500 toilet, Republican Party Chairman George Strake said Tuesday.

Strake said the Mitsubishi Diamond 1-A jet being purchased for White was loaded with accessories, including the "optional custom toilet" and \$100,000 worth of equipment normally used only for long-distance or international flights.

Other accessories considered by Strake to be luxuries were a \$4,125 swivel seat, a \$5,135 food and drink galley, a \$8,195 mobile radio telephone, dual temperature controls and two digital clocks for \$1,800.

"I'm sure Texans can sleep better at night knowing that their governor is flying a luxury jet filled with \$55,000 worth of luxury items plus \$100,000 worth of optional equipment usually associated with international flights," Strake said.

White's press secretary, Ann Arnold, said equipment on the new jet is "comparable" to the equipment on the old plane.

"The toilet option is one that flushes," she said. "It's got a mobile telephone because we think it would be helpful to be able to contact the governor while he's on the plane."

Arnold said the equipment for long-distance flights is standard on most larger planes, adding it makes the aircraft "safer and more fuel efficient."

"The plane is built in San Angelo by a Texas corporation with a payroll in excess of \$13 million," she added. "In addition to the San Angelo produc-

tion facility, it has corporate headquarters in Dallas and a maintenance and sales office in Houston.

"If you calculated the labor and parts, only 30 percent of the plane is Japanese," she said. "Even the metal is from Alcoa."

Arnold also disputed Strake's contention that it was not a good economic move to buy the jet.

"Mr. Strake's idea of what's economical is off base," she said. "It may cost \$430,000 during the new two years for a new plane, but the point is that taxpayers would have to pay \$750,000 to \$900,000 to continue to operate the old one."

Arnold said White had taken the state plane out of Texas only four times during his first year in office and has not made any international flights on it.

In contrast, she said former Republican Gov. William P. Clements flew to Mexico on the state plane six times during his administration.

White had no immediate reaction to Strake's comments.

The state Aircraft Pooling Board approved the purchase of

the jet last month because the governor's old plane, a 1964 Grumman twin-engine, was expensive to maintain and also was considered too slow.

The price of the new jet was set at \$3.1 million, but the company allowed a \$1.2 million trade on the old plane to make the net cost \$1.9 million.

White's office plans to lease the jet at a rate of \$24,000 a month until September of 1985, when the Legislature will be asked to pay the remainder of the purchase price.

"If Gov. White had the taxpayers' best interest at heart, he should have considered some of the twin-engine propeller-driven planes manufactured as well as assembled by American companies which sell for less than \$2 million," Strake said.

Strake said the twin-engine Beechcraft King-Air would have been a more economical choice in the long-run because of lower operating costs.

Dogs locate body lost in landslide

United Press International

DEL RIO — Police tracking dogs Tuesday located the body of a man buried in a landslide, but extricating the victim from the loose slope will be dangerous and expensive, a national park official said.

Don Goldman, assistant superintendent at the Amistad Recreation Area, said tracking dogs from the Midland Police Department located the body of Edgar Joe Dorroh, 45, who was buried in the landslide Saturday.

Because of loose rock on the slope, officials may have to consider leaving the body buried in the debris, Goldman said.

"I don't know where we'll go from here. We'll have to set down and talk about it," Goldman said.

"It (extricating body) could not be done without great,

great expense. It could be done, but it would be like putting people on the moon. It may take a little bit of very judicious blasting.

"It's a very dangerous kind of situation," he said. "Even if he's only a few feet (down), they (rescuers) are in a place where the rock keeps falling in."

Dorroh, an employee of Kelly Air Base in San Antonio, disappeared beneath a mass of rock that tumbled down a slope in a remote area of the national park about 50 miles northwest of Del Rio.

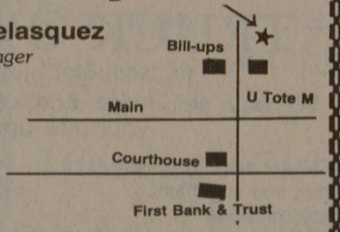
A woman who was climbing with Dorroh was not injured and summoned park rangers for help.

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 loose slope that Dorroh was trying to climb.

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