

What's up

THURSDAY

- AGGIES FOR BARTON:** Joe Barton will speak at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder Tower. All those interested in becoming involved in his campaign are encouraged to attend.
- CAREER FAIR '84:** Students can meet with recruiters from over 60 companies from 8:15 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Exhibits are located on the first floor of the Blocker Building. For more information, call the BSC office at 845-1320.
- CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** The Latin Catholic Student Association will meet at 8 p.m. in St. Mary's Student Center for a group discussion. All international students are welcome to come.
- CAP AND GOWN HONOR SOCIETY:** A information session will be held at 6 p.m. in 410 Rudder Tower. For more information, call 845-1133.
- CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** A prayer and teaching session will be conducted from 7-8:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder Tower. For more information, contact Paul Giles at 846-2777.
- CLASS OF '86:** The Class of '86 Ball, featuring The Dealers, will be held Friday night from 8 p.m. to midnight in the MSC Ballroom. Tickets are on sale through Friday in the MSC Hallway and at the Commons for \$12.00 a couple. For more information, call Matt McKay at 260-1765.
- ECONOMICS SOCIETY:** An organizational meeting will be held to discuss the faculty-student softball game and picnic at 8 p.m. in 502 Rudder Tower. Contact Jeff Clements at 693-6297 for more information.
- FISH CAMP '84:** Counselor applications are available through Feb. 10 at the Student Activities Secretary's Desk on the second floor of the Pavilion. Applications must be completed and returned to the Pavilion by Feb. 10.
- ICE HOCKEY TEAM:** A meeting will be held at 9:30 p.m. in 226 of the Library to discuss this weekend's game. For more information, contact Steve Mathiason at 260-6297.
- IM-REC SPORTS DEPT.:** A bowling team captain's meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in 164 East Kyle. Call Mike Waldron at 845-7826 for more information.
- LATTER-DAY SAINT STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** The LDSA is sponsoring a co-ed church basketball tournament open to all interested students. Sign-up deadline is Feb. 5. For more information and to sign-up, call Greg Hossner at 693-5799.
- MSC BASEMENT:** Voltage Brothers tickets are available through Thursday in the MSC Hallway from 10-2 p.m.
- MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE:** "A Boy and His Dog" will be shown at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Theatre. Tickets are \$1.50.
- MSC GREAT ISSUES:** A general meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder Tower. Contact Kara Kirkpatrick at 260-5807 for more information.
- MSC VARIETY SHOW:** Applications for the show and for new members are due Friday. Both can be turned in to 216 of the MSC.
- METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT:** A lunch and Bible study will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the A&M Wesley Foundation.

Eighth-grader writes protest letter

United Press International

SAN ANTONIO — An eighth-grade student, worried that his school day may be lengthened, wrote computer magazine H. Ross Perot a protest letter filled with misspellings and grammatical errors, Perot said Wednesday.

Perot, a member of Gov. Mark White's commission to upgrade the public school system, read the letter at a luncheon of

the Texas Association of Broadcasters.

The letter, part of a package of letters from a small, rural school, said in part: "Mr. Ross Perot. The reason I am writing is because I dont thing its Rights for us to go to school from 7:30 to 5:30."

Perot noted several misspellings, including the word failing, spelled felling; ours, spelled ares; why, spelled way; and thanks, spelled thinks.

"That tells you something about the quality of that eighth-grade student and the quality of that teacher," Perot said. He declined to name the school or its location.

The letter, according to Perot, is proof that Texas educators are placing too much emphasis on electives and extracurricular activities and not enough on academics.

"We've got to recapture the school day for learning. You've

got to have time to teach children," he said.

Perot criticized non-academic courses, such as hunting, fishing, motorcycle riding, shop and auto repair, and said extracurricular activities such as sports, cheerleading, band and choir take too much time from the classroom.

Vocational education, including agriculture courses, should be cut from school curriculums because leaving them "is like

leaving a little bit of cancer in the human body.

"We have a documented case of a kid absent from school for 35 days to go around the state and show his chicken," Perot said.

He called teacher preparation and training a scandal.

"If it (teaching) was an asphalt application job, we would call it fraud and put them in jail," he said.

Women file against makers of The Pill

United Press International

HOUSTON — Thirty-two Australian women have filed a \$180 million lawsuit against seven U.S. drug companies claiming they suffered medical problems after taking American-made birth control pills.

The women filed the lawsuit against U.S. companies which they claim manufacture the pills under the trade names Anovar, Anolvar, Micronar, Orlest, Lyndial, Ovulen, Nordial, Ovostat and others.

Named as defendants were Parke, Davis & Co.; John Wyeth Laboratories Inc.; G.D. Searle & Co.; American Home Products Corp.; Searle Laboratories; Eli Lilly & Co., and Searle Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Plaintiffs' attorney Benton Musslewhite said he has just begun gathering evidence, but he believes some pills in question were U.S.-made but exported because they had not yet received Food and Drug Administration approval.

"We have some information that some of the pills could not be sold in the United States but were sold in Australia," Musslewhite said.

The women involved allegedly suffered high blood pressure and nervous system problems, including stroke. They began suspecting the contraceptives were causing their problems in 1981, Musslewhite said.

He said the suit was filed without complete information because lawyers were afraid the

two-year statute of limitations on personal injury claims would expire before suit could be filed.

"These are very serious injuries," Musslewhite said. "The actual value of the losses is yet to be determined in detail. We are giving the courts and otherside our estimate of what the recovery could be."

"We believe there could be grounds for punitive damages."

The suit initially seeks \$60 million in actual damages and \$120 million in punitive damages. Musslewhite said any punitive damage claim would be based on evidence of overseas

"dumping" of drugs unsalable in the United States.

Musslewhite originally filed the suit on behalf of the women in Texas state district court, but defense lawyer Richard Josephson asked a federal judge to remove it to federal court, which was done.

Valentine Day tradition continues in Loveland

United Press International

LOVELAND, Ohio — There was only one "Valentine Lady," but take heart because two daughters and three granddaughters are carrying on her annual labor of love.

"Valentine Lady" Doris Pfister became famous for postmarking valentines from her appropriately named hometown of Loveland. For more than a decade, she mailed valentines for 85,000 people from all 50 states and 30 countries.

In addition, Pfister attached a picture of Cupid to each envelope and stamped on the red-inked message, "There is nothing in this world so sweet as love."

When she died 14 months ago at age 70, her two daughters and three granddaughters decided to continue the project in her memory. Last year, they postmarked 7,000 valentines.

"About 90 percent of the people enclosed personal notes to us, expressing sympathy about mom's death," said one daughter, Ruth Jackson.

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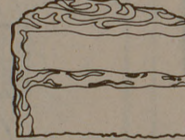
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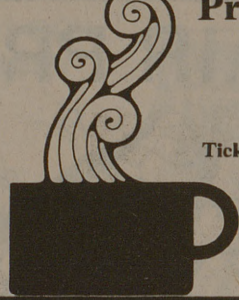
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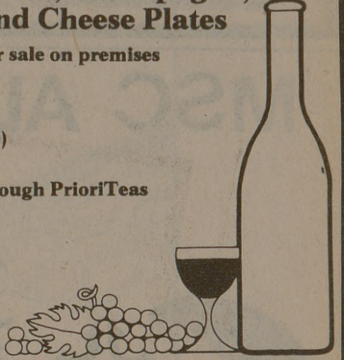
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Thursday, Feb. 2
7:00 p.m. Rm. 404 Rudder

Meet Joe and become involved in his congressional campaign!