

Around town

Red Cross to sponsor blood drive

The Brazos County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be conducting its monthly **blood drive** today and Tuesday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in College Station from noon until 6 p.m. Those who are between 17 and 65 years of age and weigh more than 110 pounds are encouraged to donate blood.

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, 217 MSC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

E.F. Hutton representative to speak

Beta Alpha Psi and the Accounting Society will be conducting an **investment seminar** with a representative from E.F. Hutton, Tuesday at 7 p.m. in 102 of the Blocker Building.

The E.F. Hutton representative will discuss investment planning and opportunities for students and new graduates. All business students are invited. Business attire is requested.

Student chosen as national queen

Emilie Oevermann, a junior animal science major from Houston, was recently named the **1984 National Queen for the Shorthorn Association**. The Shorthorn Association is a cattle association that promotes shorthorn cattle. During her reign, Oeverman will promote the Shorthorn Association and the beef industry by speaking to civic groups and attending stock shows around the nation.

Scholarship deadline moved up

Deadline to apply for the **Good Neighbor Scholarship** has been changed from April 1 to Feb. 15. The Good Neighbor Scholarship is available to students who are citizens of the western hemisphere excluding the United States and Cuba. Recipients of the Good Neighbor Scholarship have their tuition waived by the state. Recipients are chosen by the Texas Education Agency in Austin. Students interested can apply through the Financial Aid Office in 228 Pavilion.

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

President to celebrate birthday in hometown

United Press International WASHINGTON — President Reagan prepared Sunday to make a sentimental journey to his hometown of Dixon, Ill., Monday where he will celebrate his 73rd birthday, basking in the folksy Midwestern glow of his youth.

The president spent the weekend at Camp David, Md., resting from his first full week of outlining his campaign themes as an announced candidate for re-election.

Although he is the oldest man to serve in the presidency, his political strategists say age is no longer a factor in Reagan's political picture.

He is, in fact, often the first to joke about his age, frequently in a self-deprecating manner. Asked if he thought his age is a potential political problem, he

said in a Newsweek magazine interview:

"I think somebody tried to make it one four years ago and it didn't work. And I've never heard it mentioned most of the time now they don't even ask about it in the polls. And I've tried to start a rumor that I'm really not that old, that they mixed up the babies at the hospital."

Dr. Daniel Ruge, the White House physician, has pronounced him fit, although he has not had a medical checkup for a couple of years.

Despite the hearing aid he now wears, Reagan has a vigorous, energetic image as he embarks on the long and arduous campaign leading up to the November election.

Today, he travels to Dixon for a parade through town and a visit to the restored home of his

youth; then on to Eureka College, his alma mater in Illinois, where he will speak on the changes time has wrought in the economy since his depression-era boyhood.

Accompanied by his wife, Nancy, he will spend the night in Las Vegas, Nev., appearing Tuesday before a national association of high school principals and speaking at a GOP fundraising luncheon before leaving for a five-day stay at his mountaintop ranch near Santa Barbara, Calif.

He leaves behind a mix of problems, including the new political turmoil in Lebanon and controversy over the \$180 billion deficit that has caused a split among his economic advisers.

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