

Around town

Order graduation announcements

May and DVM graduates must order their graduation announcements by today. Announcements can be ordered in the MSC Student Finance Center, 217 MSC from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

APO to help students get credit

Alpha Phi Omega will begin its project to help college students establish credit beginning Wednesday and continue weekly throughout the semester. Juniors, seniors, graduate students, faculty and staff may apply from credit cards from Zales, Montgomery Wards, Sears, Joske's and Gulf. Credit Applications can be filled out Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the MSC and in the Blocker Building.

Research director receives award

Feenan Jennings, executive director of research services at Texas A&M, recently was presented the prestigious Ocean Sciences Award from the American Geophysical Union in recognition of 25 years of service and leadership in marine research. Jennings also serves as director of Texas A&M's Sea Grant College Program.

Health scholarships available

Applications for the Julia Ball Lee and the H.R. Lewis Scholarships are currently available to undergraduate health science majors. The Julia Ball Lee Scholarship is a minimum \$500 scholarship awarded to biological science majors with high achievement and evidence of financial need. The H.R. Lewis Scholarship is also a minimum \$500 scholarship presented to undergraduate health science majors with high academic achievement.

Applications from the scholarships are available in the Scholarship Office on the second floor of the Pavilion and in 313 Biological Sciences Building. Deadline for application is March 1.

Running injuries topic of symposium

The Athletic Federation and the Health and Physical Education Department is conducting the Sports Medicine's Team Approach to Running Injuries symposium Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Heldenfels Hall. Running injuries will be discussed by representatives from professions including athletic training, exercise physiology, gynecology, pediatrics, physical education, physical therapy, physician assistant and podiatry.

Registration for the symposium will begin Saturday at 8 a.m. Cost is \$25 for students, with a valid ID, and \$75 for professionals (doctors, nurses). Lunch is included in the registration fee. For more information contact Chris L. Davis at 779-3777 ext. 546 between 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Science students must take exam

Any junior or senior in the College of Science who has not previously taken the English Proficiency Examination should plan to take the test this semester unless they have completed English 301 with a minimum grade of C. Students in the College of Science are required to pass either English 301 or the test in order to qualify as a degree candidate in the College of Science.

The English Proficiency Exam will be administered by the English Department. Students in the Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics Departments should register for the exam in 151 or 152 Blocker before March 2.

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

Aliens to be detained at deserted Army base

United Press International
MINERAL WELLS — The City Council voted 4-3 Tuesday night to back a federal plan to use an abandoned Army base for a detention center to house illegal aliens.

The council took the action following comments from citizens and officials in the packed council chambers.

Branch Archer, president of Palo Duro Private Detention Service Inc., which has pro-

posed converting Fort Wolters to a detention center, had said he would not pursue the plan unless backed by a vote of the council.

The action Tuesday came a week after the council decided to not hold a non-binding referendum election on the issue.

Councilman Dave Crowell, who voted against the proposal, called the use of Fort Wolters for a detention center a waste of tax money.

Jury selection delayed in rape trial

United Press International

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Potential jurors in the trials of six men accused of a bar room gang rape were grilled Tuesday on ethnic prejudice and the impact of pre-trial publicity in the highly publicized case.

The difficulty of questioning 500 members of the jury pool about their attitudes toward Portuguese-Americans prompted Superior Court Judge William G. Young to acknowledge he may be unable to meet the Monday deadline he set for empanelling two 16-member juries.

"There's a real chance we won't be able to make the decision Monday," Young said. "Maybe it will be Wednesday or later in the week."

Three women and four men were tabbed for a second pool of 224 people from which attorneys will select 24 jurors and eight alternates. So far, 14 men and four women have been ordered to report to the century-old courthouse next week.

The potential jurors include a cleaning woman, a female bank teller, a fabric cutter, a salesman, a liquor merchandiser and a foreman.

The six defendants, all Portuguese-Americans like the victim, are charged in the alleged gang rape of a 21-year-old woman on a pool table in Big Dan's Tavern, a bar in neighboring New Bedford that has been replaced by a bakery.

They are accused of taking

turns assaulting the mother of two on a pool table on March 5, 1983, as the victim screamed for help and patrons yelled, "Go for it."

The woman told police she stopped at the tavern to buy a pack of cigarettes. When she tried to leave, she claimed she was pulled to the floor, stripped below the waist and dragged to the pool table where she was beaten and raped for two hours, finally managing to escape half naked.

Accused are Daniel Silva, 26; John Cordeiro, 26; and Victor Raposa, 23, all of New Bedford, and Joseph Vieira, 26, of Pomfret, Conn. They will be tried in morning sessions. Virgilio Medeiros, 23, and Jose Medeiros, 22, both of New Bed-

ford, but unrelated, are to be tried in the afternoon.

All have pleaded innocent to charges of aggravated rape, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison. The trials were split into morning and afternoon sessions after attorneys claimed some defendants made allegations that could implicate some of the others.

The defendants, dressed in jackets and ties, sat in a row of straight-backed chairs behind the defense table throughout the proceedings. Headphones were provided for two of the defendants to listen to an English-Portuguese translation.

"Do you think there's any chance Portuguese-Americans are more likely to commit a crime than other groups?"

Young asked each jury candidate, "Do you think they are trustworthy as witnesses?"

Gesturing toward the somber defendants, Young asked, "Do you know each of these fellows are presumed innocent?" The state has to prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt, Young pointed out.

Defense attorney David Waxler pressed Young to require exactly what the prospective jurors had heard or read previously about the case.

Waxler said the prospective jurors "have heard some things and will be looking to the defendants to explain. It's our human nature."

Kissinger heads roster of conference speakers

United Press International

AUSTIN — Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger heads a list of policymakers who will participate in a March 22 conference on public policy at the University of Texas.

Other participants in the Presidential Library Conference on the Public and Public Policy will be Texas Gov. Mark White and former Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara.

Conference topics will be education, the federal budget

and nuclear arms and national security.

Douglass Cater, president of Washington College in Chestertown, Md., will moderate a panel discussion on education by Mary Futrell, president of the National Education Association; Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers, and White.

Former Rep. Barbara Jordan, D-Texas, will moderate the budget discussion by Rep. James Jones, D-Okla., chairman of the House Budget Commit-

tee; Rudolph Penner, director of the Congressional Budget Office; Alice Rivlin, director of economic studies for the Brookings Institution, and Texas state Treasurer Ann Richards.

The nuclear arms panel will be composed of moderator Max Sherman of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs; Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., a member of the House Armed Services Committee, Kissinger and McNamara.

Bus company pays settlement

United Press International

BENTON, La. — A bus company has agreed to pay \$4.1 million over the next 35 years to a 12-year-old Louisiana girl severely injured in a bus crash that killed six people, including her mother.

Sharin Renette Faircloth of Bossier City suffered a fractured left ankle and left leg, a hip injury, facial cuts, possible teeth damage and multiple scrapes and bruises last Nov. 30 when the Trailways bus she was in ran off a highway near Livingston.

The girl's mother, Barbara Faircloth Morrison, was killed in the accident that also injured six people. The accident occurred on U.S. 59 about 75 miles northeast of Houston sev-

eral hours after the bus left Shreveport.

Trailways admitted no liability in the settlement, court documents showed.

"Neither Trailways Lines Inc., Trailways Southern Lines Inc. or Ed Perry, the bus driver, admit any liability or responsibility for the accident, but in a spirit of compromise and to avoid the uncertainties of litigation, have offered to settle the claim of Sharin Faircloth," records of the settlement said.

The child, through her father, will receive \$150,000, followed by yearly payments of \$50,000 that escalate to \$110,000 by 2015. The judgment also includes payment of her medical expenses and \$25,000 for future medical

expenses. It includes \$25,000 for a hip replacement if needed within the next two years.

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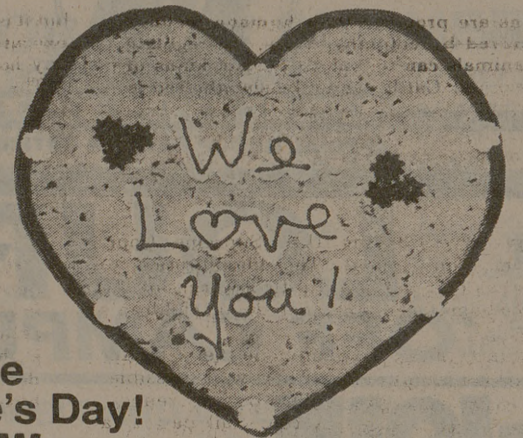
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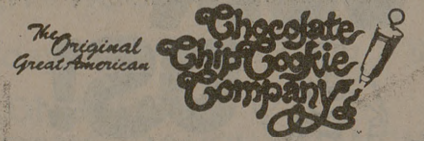
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