

# What's up

## FRIDAY

**BAPTIST STUDENT UNION:** Noon luncheons and Bible studies will be conducted on MWF from 12-12:50 p.m. and on TTH from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in the BSU (behind Kinko's). A free international dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in the BSU. Everyone is invited. For more information, contact Mike Jack.

**CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** A Bible study will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington. For more information, call David Morrison at 260-6205.

**COLUMBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder Tower. Contact Jairo Gutierrez for more information.

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE:** The Brazos Valley Safety Agency is sponsoring a DDC tonight from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Ramada Inn. The registration fee is \$20. To pre-register, call 846-1904.

**INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 607 Rudder Tower. Mike Buford will discuss racism. Contact Peter Brewer at 260-6697 for more information.

**TAMU CHESS CLUB:** A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder Tower. Players of all strengths welcome.

**UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL:** Those grad students and undergrads over 22 who are interested in meeting for dinner should meet at 6 p.m. in the student center. Those who are attending the Spring State Lutheran Student Movement at Camp Lutherhill in La Grange should also meet at the student center at 6 p.m. Contact Pastor Hubert Beck for more information.

## SATURDAY

**BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION:** A car wash will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Texaco (in front of Culpepper Plaza). Cars are \$2. Call Chris Carney at 260-0881 for more information.

**FLORICULTURE-ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE CLUB:** A plant sale will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Floriculture Greenhouse (across from Heldenfels). For more information, contact Keith Santner at 696-2076.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** An International Mini-Olympics will be held in East Kyle today and at the tennis courts, the track field, and the east campus soccer field on Sunday. Events will include soccer, tennis, track, volleyball, racquetball, badminton, table tennis, basketball and swimming. Contact John Todozovic at 696-3278 for more information.

## SUNDAY

**TAMU INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS:** The folk dancers will meet at 8 p.m. in 140 of the MSC. Ethnic dances from various countries will be taught and performed.

**TAMU SPORTS CAR CLUB:** An autocross will be held at 1 p.m. in the Zachry parking lot. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Non-members welcome. For more information, call Larry Chan at 696-7470.

**THE INDIA ASSOCIATION:** 'The Great Gambler,' a Hindi movie with English subtitles, will be shown in 102 Zachry. Call Ravi Krishnan at 764-1941 for the time of the movie.

# Surrogate conception: Is it baby-selling?

United Press International

**CHICAGO** — The ovum transfer procedure for infertile women may be of questionable legal status in several states but it does not appear to violate state laws against baby-selling, a law professor said Thursday.

"Fertilized ovum transfer may raise questions in three discrete areas of law," Professor Grace Ganz Blumberg of the University of California School of Law in Los Angeles said in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The areas are 1) federal regulation of medical research, 2) state restriction of fetal research and prohibition of the sale of children, and 3) state definition

of rights of participants, including paternity and maternity of the infant.

State baby-selling laws do not appear to be violated by the procedure, Blumberg said. Most state laws are aimed at protecting fully developed infants.

"The 50-to-100-cell fertilized ovum little more resembles a child than artificial insemination donor sperm or, indeed, many types of donated tissue," she said.

She said that state laws also attempt to protect children by legally defining parentage.

"The choice for process protection is clearly reflected in the artificial insemination donor

statutes," she said. "The law has ignored genetic reality in favor of social reality.... So long as the child is born to his wife, the husband should not be heard to dispute paternity. Nor, necessarily, should anyone else."

In the non-surgical procedure, an ovum donor is artificially inseminated with the semen of a man whose wife is infertile, then the fertilized ovum is transferred to the infertile wife's uterus where it is carried to birth.

Federal rules define a fetus as "the product of conception from the time of implantation" that occurs in the womb of the woman who receives the transferred ovum, Blumberg said,

thus the procedure appears to clear the rules.

"In contrast," she said, "a Minnesota statute protects any 'human conceptus' defined as 'any human organism, either conceived in the body or produced in an artificial environment other than the human

body, from fertilization through the first 265 days thereafter."

Blumberg said removal of the fertilized egg is protected by the constitutional right to abortion, but warned that the procedure is not totally safe from opposition.

# Houston will be location for biggest soundstage

United Press International

**HOUSTON** — The world's largest motion picture soundstage will be built by a Houston-based company near Houston Intercontinental Airport at a cost of \$25 million, officials said Thursday.

Cinergy Corp. officials said the aluminum dome, which will be about half the size of the Astrodome, will be in Kingwood, a subdivision 22 miles north of Houston.

The dome will be at least 135 feet high and will have a base diameter of 420 to 430 feet. Floor area enclosed by the dome will be about 140,000 square feet, or 3.2 acres.

"This design is unique," said Wally Gentlemen, a cinematographer who worked on "2001: A Space Odyssey," and more recently "One From the Heart." "It contains the greatest volume area for the cheapest amount of money because it is a dome." There is no horizon line in a dome and it is very versatile.

Cinergy president Chris Clements said it will replace the "007" stage at Pinewood Studios in London as the world's largest soundstage.

Clements and his sister Anna Belle Baker, Cinergy's vice president, wouldn't say how the movie production dome will be financed except to say private money will be used and it'll be completely owned by Cinergy.

The facility is expected to be ready for use in late 1985 or early 1986.

Clements said Cinergy plans

to use high-technology production equipment, and special effects designers Gentleman and

"This design is unique. It contains the greatest volume area for the cheapest amount of money because it is a dome."

John Eppolito said their futuristics system will attract filmmakers from around the world.

Futuristics is an innovative special effects system in which producers use a painting or a small model of the set instead of building an entire set, saving the producer up to 30 percent on big-budget films.

Futuristics is similar to the way "Superman" and "Star Wars" were filmed.

"It is a total optical illusion that will save a tremendous amount of time and money," Eppolito said.

Gentleman said the dome will be equipped to move huge screens horizontally or vertically at great speeds, which also will save filmmakers money.

"This was attempted in the 1950s, but the technique was

# UT graduates keep outdoor ceremony

United Press International

**AUSTIN** — Yielding to pressure from faculty and students, the University of Texas agreed Thursday to hold the May commencement at the traditional spot at the Main Mall instead of moving it indoors to the Erwin Center.

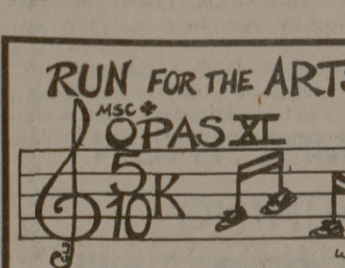
UT administrators had earlier decided to move the ceremonies to the 17,000-seat Erwin Center to accommodate the growing number of people expected to attend.

The proposed move drew criticism from faculty and students, who said it would go against tradition to move the ceremonies away from the shadows of the Texas Tower.

"The sentiment to keep the ceremony in its traditional setting is very strong," Peter T. Flawn, president of the university, said. "It appears that a majority of the academic community is willing to risk inclement weather.

"We shall experiment with new procedures to facilitate

seating and crowd control so as to respond to the complaints of commencement guests and visitors."



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for more info call 260-0914

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Sunday: Outdoors-

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