

Around town

Honor society hosts paper contest

Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society, is sponsoring a **paper contest**. First prize winner will receive \$100 and second prize winner will receive \$25. Certificates will be awarded to the top three papers. For more information, see the Pi Sigma Alpha bulletin board in Bolton Hall or contact Jay Old at 764-6214. Deadline for entry is April 6.

Bryan hiring swim instructors

The Bryan Recreation Division is now hiring **Water Safety Instructors** for the summer swimming program. Applications are available at the Bryan Recreation office or in 219 G. Rollie White Coliseum. For more information, contact Debbie Dorsey at 622-2825 after 7 p.m., Jim Woosley at 645-5658 or the recreation office at 779-5622.

Engineers to travel to Germany

Any Students interested in travelling to **Germany** this summer through the College of Engineering are invited to attend an informational meeting tonight at 5 p.m. in 342 Zachry. The trip will be May 10-30 and will cost \$1,000. The entire fee is due April 10. For more information call Lou Ann Morris, 845-7270.

Variety Show tickets available

Tickets for the **MSC Variety Show** are available at the MSC Box Office. The show will be April 13 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$3.50 for non-students.

Workshops offered to students

The College of Science will have a workshop for students interested in careers in **biology** tonight at 6:30 p.m. in 100 Heldenfels. Speakers from business, industry, research and education will discuss career opportunities.

Juniors host weekend activities

The Class of '85 will host its **Junior Weekend** March 30 through April 1. Activities include a mixer March 30 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Elks Lodge and a playday April 1 at the Royal Oaks Racquet Club. Tickets are now on sale in the Memorial Student Center.

Community program offers classes

Late registration for classes offered by the **College Station Community Education** program will continue today and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Education office, 109 Timber, in College Station. For more information, contact the Community Education office at 696-3620.

Housing

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McCullough says the cost of living in married student housing is raised because the buildings are poorly insulated.

"We don't have much insulation in most of the units," he says, "and there are huge windows in them. The walls are made of concrete and sheet rock so the cold and heat come through like there's no walls at all."

Nicolas says all the buildings conform to state and local building codes in every way. The Avenue "A" complex in particular is designed so the large windows face the prevailing winds, to help keep the rooms cool in summer and reduce the need for air-conditioning.

In addition, McCullough says several of the complexes are badly in need of renovation. Four years ago a balcony fell off one of the complexes and all the others were removed as a precaution. Other complexes are plagued with leaky roofs.

Nicolas says a one million dollar renovation project, to begin some time in the summer, will fix the roofs. Aluminum siding also will be added to keep away bats which have been attracted to a building's cedar facade.

McCullough says the cost of renovating is being passed on to the tenants.

"I can see how they need the money," McCullough says, "It was a mistake that someone made eight years ago. What I want is for them to be careful so they don't make anymore."

McCullough says that in the opinion of the Married Student Apartment Council the University is about to make another mistake. McCullough says changes proposed for the renovation of the Avenue "A" complex will not make it any more desirable place to live.

The movable partitions in these units are being replaced by permanent walls, creating two bedrooms in the present space. The new two-bedroom

units are 577 square feet and include a den, living room, kitchen and bathroom plus the two bedrooms. McCullough says the bedrooms are so small that a full size bed would not fit into either room let alone leave room for a dresser or nightstand.

His concern is that the newly renovated units will lie empty and the present tenants' rates will have to be raised to make up the difference.

"They need to step back and reevaluate the project," McCullough says, "or soon they're

going to have a real big vacancy problem."

McCullough says demand for the apartments has already slackened and will only decrease if rent continues to rise.

"It used to be that you had to sign up a year in advance," McCullough says, "and even then you kind of took what you could get. Now they'll pretty much

just take anyone off the street. As they raise the rent, they'll have less and less tenants to generate the income they need to renovate."

Nicolas denies any vacancy problem. He says demand for married student apartments has not slackened because his complexes attract a different clientele.

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Gang rape subject of proposed film

United Press International

BOSTON — A 90-minute television dramatization of the events surrounding the Big Dan's Tavern gang rape is being prepared for national distribution in the fall of 1984, the Metromedia Television Station group said Tuesday.

The proposed docu-drama would recreate the events of March 6, 1983, in the now-closed New Bedford tavern where a woman was gang raped on a pool table, said S. James Coppersmith, vice president and general manager of WCVB-TV.

Four men were sentenced to up to 12 years in state prison Monday for their conviction on aggravated rape charges. Two other men were acquitted.

The incident and trial attracted worldwide attention because of what a prosecutor called "an explosion of violence, brutality and immorality."

Coppersmith said the production also will look at the trial and the reaction of the Portuguese community who believed the defendants were the subject of ethnic discrimination.

The program will be produced in conjunction with Thomas McCann Associates.

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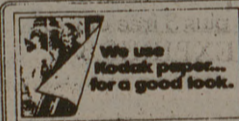
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Rancher fighting conviction

United Press International

TYLER — Federal prosecutors said Tuesday defense attorneys they withheld information in the 1982 drug and racketeering trial of Denton rancher ex-Cauble were without merit.

Cauble's attorneys are fighting the conviction and efforts of the federal government to seize his \$20 million estate.

Judge William Wayne Steger did not indicate when he would rule on the defense request for a new trial.

Cauble, 70, was convicted of masterminding and financing an operation to smuggle 106 tons of marijuana into Texas.

Prosecutors are seeking his interest in Cauble Enterprises that they say was financed by profits from the smuggling operation.

Both the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court have upheld the conviction.

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