

Around town

Driver safety course begins Friday

The TAMU After Hours Program will sponsor a **Driver Safety Course** on Friday and Saturday. This course may be used to have certain traffic violations dismissed and to receive a 10 percent discount on automobile insurance. Registration is held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in 219 MSC. For more information, call 845-9352.

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Dean Fletcher named engineering fellow

Dr. Leroy S. Fletcher, associate dean of engineering at Texas A&M University, has been elected a fellow of the American Society for Engineering Education.

The honor is one of several presented to Fletcher in recent years, including appointment as a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Fletcher was recognized for his "prolific contributions to engineering education through leadership."

He came to Texas A&M in 1980 from the University of Virginia where he was a professor of mechanical engineering.

Driver education services available

Students who have the need for a **Defensive Driving Course** will have an opportunity to complete the course today and tomorrow from 6 to 10 p.m. The course satisfies the legal requirements for persons with traffic tickets who have the option of taking the class or paying their fine. It also entitles one to a three year insurance discount. The course fee is \$20.00 and students may pre-register or sign up at the door between 5 and 6 p.m. today.

The course will be held at 1806 Welsh St. in Collge Station. Call 693-0086 for reservations.

English 660 offered 2nd summer session

English 660-Technical Writing for Publications will be offered during the second summer session. The course, which had been scheduled for the first summer session and was cancelled because of low enrollment, was rescheduled after a number of students expressed an interest in taking the class. English 660, taught by Dr. Guinn, will meet Monday through Friday from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in room 201 Milner.

No more botched Spanish

United Press International

Linguistic experts say Spanish is rapidly becoming the second language of the United States — and also the most mispronounced — but help is on the way.

Dale Walker, director of news and information at the University of Texas at El Paso, has released a 16-page handbook for American broadcasters that gives a brief pronunciation guide and the phonetic spellings of 500 of the most common Spanish names.

The booklet is being distributed free of charge to radio and television stations throughout the nation as a public service of the university.

Walker said the project came from his annoyance at hearing Spanish names botched over the air.

"I cringe every time I hear some national sportscaster like Howard Cosell and others butcher Spanish names," Walker said. "Spanish is the language of the fastest-growing ethnic group in the United States and it ought to be pronounced correctly."

Walker said national broadcasters are making an attempt to correct the pronunciation of foreign cities in the news.

"All of a sudden and contrary to virtually every modern dictionary, broadcasters are saying Bay-ZHING' instead of Pee-KING' and COBBLE, for the capital of Afghanistan, instead of Kuh-BOOL," Walker said. "Somebody seems to have discovered something closer to the native pronunciation of these names-in-the-news and has defied convention to be more accurate."

But Spanish names, Walker lamented, are still grossly mispronounced, even though Mexico is our neighbor and there are an estimated 18 million Hispanics living in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Walker presented the idea of a pronunciation handbook to Drs. Richard R. Ford and Richard V. Teschner of the UTEP Department of Modern Languages, who developed the list of names and pronunciation guide. Dr. Haskell Monroe, president of UTEP, was enthusiastic about the project, Walker said, and promised to fund the booklet. The first thousand copies are being mailed out this week.

A busy broadcaster, Walker said, operating under the pressure of a deadline, often does not have time or sufficient knowledge of Spanish to correctly pronounce such names as Cesar Ybanez, Josefa Izquierdo or Luz Saenz.

"Hopefully, with this booklet, we'll be hearing the correct Spanish pronunciation of names," he said. "A man's name is his most precious possession, and it ought to be pronounced right."



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