

## 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.

### 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.

### Register for Schulenburg Fun Run now

The Schulenburg High School Athletic Department is sponsoring a **Fun Run** on August 4, in conjunction with the Schulenburg Festival. The Fun Run is a 10 kilometer course over paved and unpaved roads in the rolling hills near Schulenburg. Each entry will receive a T-shirt. Trophies will be given for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each division. For additional information write to Schulenburg Fun Run, c/o Clay Gillis, 517 North St., Schulenburg, Texas, 78956.

### Party held at Henderson Park Saturday

A party celebrating recent improvements made to Henderson Park will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the park. The party will feature Mexican music and dancers, free ice cream, bumper stickers, and a horseshoe tournament with gift certificates for the winners.

### Registration for Bastrop Fun Run begins

The Bastrop Opera House Association is sponsoring a **Lite Beer Fun Run** in conjunction with Bastrop's annual homecoming festivities on August 4. Check-in time for the 3.1 mile race will be at 7:30 a.m. near the entrance of Bastrop State Park. All runners will be given a Lite Beer T-shirt. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each division. The entry fee is \$7. Entry forms can be obtained by writing to Lite Beer Fun Run, Bastrop Opera House Association, Box 691, Bastrop, Texas 78602. Preregistration is encouraged.

## Pig farmers in danger of losing their hearing

United Press International

LONDON — Pig farmers could go deaf from feeding-time squealing that can reach a decibel level higher than a roaring chain saw, the government warns. It suggested farmers wear earmuffs as protection.

"At feeding time the noise of pigs squealing can reach 108 decibels," said Britain's Health and Safety Executive, an agency of the department of employment.

This compares unfavorably with other powerful farm noise makers,

such as a chain saw (105 decibels).

Feeding pigs make such a racket that a farmer "would receive his daily dose" of potentially damaging loud noise after 7½ minutes, the HSE said.

"People can be protected by wearing earmuffs or ear plugs — these are available in a wide range of types — all have their limitations and disadvantages so it is important to pick types that are suitable for the job where they will be used," the HSE advised.

## NASA up in the air with space station

United Press International

SPACE CENTER, Houston — About 800 space industry representatives gathered with space agency officials Wednesday for a briefing on the progress of the development of the permanent U.S. space station.

Neil Hutchinson, space station program manager for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, briefed industry representatives on the status of the program, and then engineers outlined various concepts they have developed for a permanent space station.

"There's been a bee hive of activity," said NASA spokesman Brian Welch. "They're pulling together all the different conditions that a space station has to meet — everything from the technical side of the house to pleasing the science community."

Welch said experts with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration are informally seeking comments from industry on the design and construction of the space station before it formally seeks proposals later this year and begins awarding contracts in early 1985.

"NASA is looking for answers, too. We want industry to tell us what they think we need, too," Welch said.

Welch said the space agency, as the prime contractor on the space station, already has drawn plans for seven different concepts for the station.

"Some of the names of the designs they've looked at include the Big T, the Power Tower, the Spinner, the Delta, the Condo and the Peg-board," Welch said.

"But they've narrowed that down to three and those are the ones they want industry to look at — the Delta, the Tower Power and the CDG Planar," he said.

Welch said the Delta looks much like a three-sided pyramid constructed of metal trusses from which solar arrays, docking and living modules can be attached to its three sides.

The Power Tower is a 390-foot vertical square column of truss work with booms that could slide up and down its length to carry radiators and robot arms. Living modules would be attached to the base. A T-shaped cross bar that fits horizontally across the top would hold antennas and sensors.

The Planar is similar to the Power Tower, except that it is based along a horizontal axis. It is extremely symmetrical, Welch said.

Welch said work on the space station will occur in four phases — planning, design, construction and launch.

So far, the space station is still in the planning stage.

NASA hopes to have the \$8 billion space station program in operation by the early 1990's.

The Johnson Space Center is the primary center for the estimated \$8 billion project, although the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., and Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., and the Lewis Research Center in Cleveland also have significant roles in the space station program.

## Court says NASA scientist not victim

United Press International

NEW ORLEANS — A NASA scientist who lost his job at age 44 was not the victim of age discrimination, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Wednesday.

Robert Boudreau's job as senior atmospheric scientist with the Earth Resources Laboratory in Houston was abolished in 1975 as part of a reduction in force. At the time, the space agency was switching the emphasis of its research from lunar landings to the space shuttle, the court said.

But NASA was also making an effort to hire younger workers. The current workers were mostly in their 40s, and the management of NASA and the Johnson Space Center feared a wave of retirements, the court said.

Although NASA's policy of hiring younger workers was "ripe for discrimination against older employees," the court said, Boudreau "failed to establish that age was a motivating factor in NASA's deci-

sions to terminate and not rehire him."

Boudreau was one of six NASA employees who filed an age discrimination suit, but he was the only one who appealed to the 5th Circuit. The ruling affirmed the decision of a federal court in Texas that Boudreau was not entitled to damages from NASA.

When Boudreau lost his job, he applied for a job as chief of NASA's Sea Applications Group then as a NASA mathematician, but he was denied both.

Boudreau had applied for the Sea Applications job earlier, but it went to a 34-year-old man. When he applied the second time, he said, the qualifications for the job were changed to exclude him.

The court, however, said the qualifications were changed because two jobs had been combined into that one.

The court also agreed with NASA that Boudreau was not qualified for the mathematician's job.

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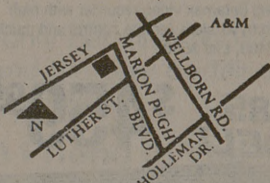


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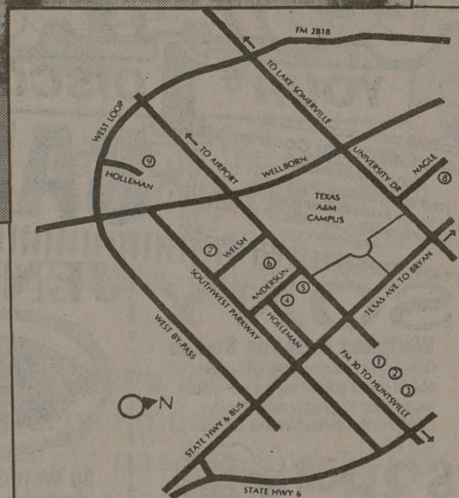
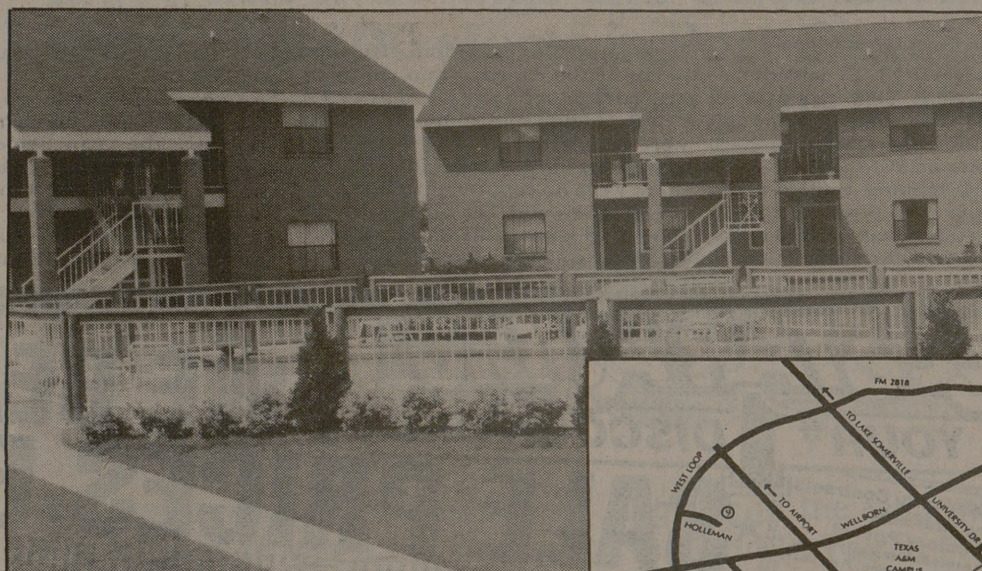
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