

Cable television

Friday is last convenient day

By LORI BROOKS
Reporter

If you haven't signed up for cable television in the dorm yet, you can still sign up after Friday, but it won't be as convenient.

Friday is the last day to sign up for dorm cable TV hookup in the Memorial Student Center.

Community Cablevision Corp. and Midwest Video will be in the MSC Student Lounge Friday until 5 p.m. doing business with students.

Community Cablevision is offering special rates for the Northgate, Central and Commons areas.

Service includes 11 basic TV channels including Music Television and ESPN. Other options include 23 FM channels for stereo hookup at \$21.00, or a combination of the two for \$26.00.

Extra channels include Home Box Office, The Movie Channel and The Playboy Channel for \$31.00 a semester.

Midwest Video also is offering special dorm rates. Cable service includes 13 basic TV channels or 23 FM channels for \$21.00 or a combination of the two for \$26.00.

Students can get Home Box Office or The Movie Channel for \$28.00 each and Satpak for \$14.00. Satpak is the extra channels package including MTV and ESPN.

Both companies require a \$35.00 deposit for the extra channels.

Hookup for Midwest Video customers should be less than one week after payment, Steve Beasley, Midwest Video representative, said.

Community Cable customers can

receive service within two to three days of payment if cable hookup equipment already exists in the room. If there is no existing hookup, it could take longer because it is hard to find people at home. Vincent Rosas, Community Cablevision representative, said Wednesday.

This is the first year Community Cablevision does not have access to keys to get into some dorm rooms, therefore, they have to depend on students being home.

"What takes long is finding people at home to hook up the equipment in the rooms," Rosas said.

Community Cable will try to meet with resident advisers once things settle down and set up appointments to get into the rooms, Rosas said. Service crews will be working late in the afternoons and on weekends in

order to get in touch with residents, he said.

"All I can tell students is to be patient with us," he said. "We are working as hard as we can. It is a matter of finding people at home. We have several crews working on it, and by next week we should have some kind of a system worked out."

If you miss the company representatives in the MSC you can go to the cable offices to sign up. No one will be signed up over the phone — you must go in person. Both companies will continue the special dorm prices after today.

Community Cablevision is located at 3408 Texas Ave. in Bryan. Midwest Video, at 3609 Texas Ave., is located in the Ridgecrest Shopping Center in Bryan.

Race to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Saturday, begins near Post Oak Mall

By DAINAH BULLARD
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A 10 kilometer race to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association will begin Saturday at 7:30 a.m. The Champs Telethon, sponsored by Champs Sporting Goods and Nike, will begin and end at the Sears Service Center at Post Oak Mall.

The pre-race entry fee is \$7, or \$10 Saturday. Proceeds from the

race will be given to the MDA.

Runners may register for the race at Champs Sporting Goods in the Post Oak Mall, or at the Champs booth in the Memorial Student Center between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

Richard Dardenne, manager of Champs and the local race organizer, said he expects 200 to 250 people will participate in the race.

"Before we set up the booth today, we had maybe 100 (entrants)," Dardenne said Wednesday. "Right now we've got between 125 and 150."

Scott Schnider, a wheelchair athlete from Houston, will be a participant in the race, Dardenne said. Schnider won gold, silver and bronze medals in the Wheelchair Olympics, Dardenne said.

Women contestants will be divided into six age groups and men will be divided into eight age groups, Dardenne said. Each of the 14 divisions will have first, second and third place prizes, he said.

All contestants will receive T-shirts and keychains. Drawings for 10 to 12 door prizes will be held after the race.

July trade deficit sets several new records

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit deepened to a record \$14.1 billion in July as American importers took advantage of the dollar's strength abroad, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.

Several records were set. Import purchases, at \$33.5 billion, were the largest ever, as was a setback in the trade of manufactured goods and the deficit with Japan.

Export sales in July were worth only \$19.4 billion, leaving a deficit of \$14.1 billion, which was \$1.9 billion above the last record set in April. It

was the fifth month this year that a record has been established.

June's trade shortfall, at \$8.9 billion, looks small in comparison but still was worse than any month last year.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the deficit reflects the strength of our recovery. He predicted other countries will buy more U.S. goods when their economic recoveries are in full swing.

But some private economists had a less rosy view.

"The trade deficit continues to be an economic disaster that could be as large as \$140 billion this year," said

Jerry Jasinowski, chief economist for the National Association of Manufacturers. "What is particularly serious about the trade deficit is that an increasing share of it is made up of greater imports of capital machinery and high technology manufactured goods."

National trade in manufactured goods produced a record deficit of \$10.5 billion in July.

In addition, farmers saw their traditional surplus in food exports shrink to the smallest ever, \$909 million.

Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said the economic slow-

down that seems to be under way could shrink the trade deficits later this year by curbing the American appetite for cars, clothing and electronic equipment.

But his department still sees this year's deficit reaching \$130 billion and he noted, "The \$73.8 billion deficit for the first seven months of this year already exceeds the \$69.4 billion shortfall for all of 1983."

Most analysts say the deficit feeds on high interest rates that make American goods less competitive by inflating the dollar unreasonably, a boon to importers at the expense of exporters.

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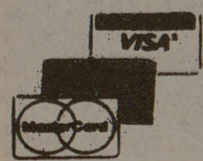
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