

Around town

MSC Open House is scheduled for Sunday

Over 150 student organizations will be represented at MSC Open House from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Door prizes will be given and entertainment will be provided. There will be an auction of paintings from the 1984 Fall Leadership Conference at 7 p.m. A yell practice will begin at 7:45 p.m. and a free movie will be shown at the Grove at 8:30 p.m.

Nominees sought for Fulbright Grants

Applications for Fulbright Grants will be available in the Study Abroad Office, 101 Academic, through Oct. 1. More than 700 of these awards will be available for the 1985-86 school year.

The purpose of these grants is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills. They are provided under the terms of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 and by foreign governments, universities, corporations and private donors.

College Station offering Flag Football

The College Station Parks and Recreation Department is offering an **Adult Flag Football program**. Registration will continue through Sept. 7, at the College Station Parks and Recreation office at Central Park. Registration fee is \$180 per team.

College of Geosciences receives grant

Texas A&M's College of Geosciences has received a **\$10,000 grant** from Tenneco Oil Exploration and Production Co. of Houston to support teaching and research. The grant, made possible through the efforts of Joe B. Foster, executive vice president of Tenneco Inc., was presented to Dean Melvin Friedman by Gray J. Mabie, a 1965 graduate of Texas A&M and Production Manager of Tenneco's Texas Gulf Coast Division.

Spaghetti Dinner will benefit MDA

Plantation Oaks Apartments is sponsoring a **Spaghetti Dinner** on Sunday from noon to 10 p.m. to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Tickets may be purchased for \$2.50 at the Plantation Oaks Apartments, Fish Richards, Mario's and Serene Waterbeds.

Humanities grants available to students

Guidelines and application forms for the Younger Scholars Program of the National Endowment for the Humanities are now available for photocopying in the Placement Office. The program will award up to 100 grants nationally to students under 21 to conduct their own research and writing projects in the fields of history, philosophy and literature. Recipients of these awards will receive a stipend of \$1,800 and be expected to work full time for nine weeks during the summer of 1985, researching and writing a humanities paper under the close supervision of a humanities scholar. Application deadline is Oct. 15.

Looking for alternatives to teens' DWI

United Press International

SAN ANTONIO — Raising the legal drinking age for teenagers guarantees "considerable law-breaking," but does not guarantee a decrease in fatal crashes, says a survey presented to delegates at the American Sociological Association.

"This survey has real impact since so many states are considering legislative action," said a spokeswoman for the ASA, Ruth Thaler, on Wednesday. "We've had more than a thousand papers, 224 sessions. But this is one study with real significance, especially with the growing influence of groups like MADD — Mothers Against Drunk Driving."

A panel of Boston University sociologists told delegates Monday that the number of fatal crashes did not significantly drop in Massachusetts despite the passage of a law in 1979 raising the legal drinking age from 18 to 20 years old.

"The study covered three years of data after the law was passed," said Robert Smith, project coordinator. "Overall crashes did not decline in Massachusetts compared to statistics for New York."

"But Massachusetts experienced a significant 21 percent decline in single vehicle nighttime fatal crashes among 18 and 19 years old."

Raising the drinking age did not apparently affect the drinking behavior of 16 and 17 year olds, the panelists said.

"The study indicates that raising the drinking age ensures considerable law-breaking among young people who continue to acquire alcoholic beverages," Smith said. "It is altogether possible that such laws foster a cynicism toward the legislative process and disregard of law enforcement among teenagers."

The group urged lawmakers to explore alternate methods of reducing drunken driving.

"Our findings suggest that legislators would do well to consider additional and alternative ways to reduce the problem of alcohol-related (car) crashes among young people," Smith said.

"Our study suggests that while drinking age changes may offer some reduction in teenage traffic crash involvement, teenage drinking and driving remain serious problems even in states that raise the drinking ages," he said.

Season's first tropical storm forms in mid-Atlantic waters

United Press International

MIAMI — Tropical storm Arthur formed in the warm waters of the mid-Atlantic Wednesday and pointed 50 mph winds toward Barbados at the southeastern corner of the Caribbean Sea.

Forecasters said the first Atlantic-Caribbean tropical storm of the season was expected to sweep over the Windward Islands with gales and heavy rains by early Thursday.

At 6 p.m. EDT, the poorly defined center of the storm was located about 200 miles east southeast of Barbados, near latitude 12.0 north and longitude 56.8 west. Arthur was moving toward the west northwest at about 15 mph and was expected to continue that speed and direction through Thursday.

"Highest sustained winds are estimated to be 50 mph with winds of

gale force extending out 100 miles in the eastern semicircle and 75 miles to the west," the National Hurricane Center said in its first advisory on the storm. "Little change in strength is expected during the next 24 hours."

The developing tropical storm had been watched closely after it moved off the African coast and headed across the Atlantic. First it was a tropical wave of showery squalls then an Air Force "hurricane hunter" plane Tuesday found sustained winds of 35 mph had begun a counter-clockwise circulation, a telltale sign of a budding storm.

"It really hasn't changed that much," said forecaster Bob Sheets. "It just crossed that threshold."

He said, however, "There's a convective area that's developed over

the center that gave it that extra strength."

If Arthur were to reach hurricane strength — sustained winds of 74 mph — the convective area would eventually become the hurricane "eye," a calm area in the middle of the storm, he said.

"We don't expect any rapid changes in strength," Sheets said. "Conditions are still not favorable for rapid development."

Sheets explained that while the depression was moving west, winds in the upper atmosphere were moving in the opposite direction, shearing off the top of the system. That was stunting the weather system's development.

"The winds are blowing against the system," Sheets said. "It's sort of like winds blowing across a chimney and putting out a fire in a fireplace."

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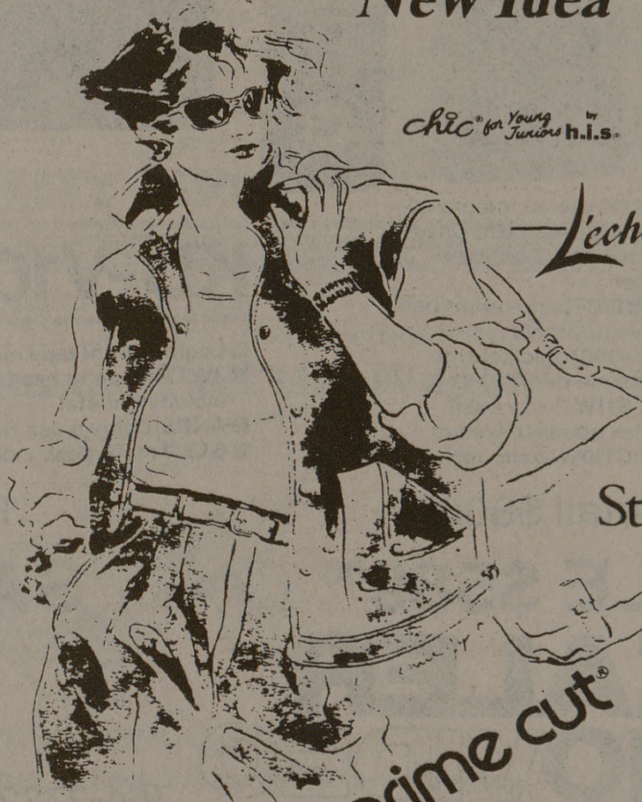
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