

# What's up

Friday

**INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** will have an introductory meeting followed by a square dance at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

**MSC HOSPITALITY:** applications for membership are available in the Student Programs Office through Sept. 6.

**LEGISLATIVE STUDY GROUP:** applications for membership are available in the Student Government Office, 213 Pavilion, through Sept. 10.

**CLASS OF '86:** is sponsoring a back to school bash at the Q-Huts from 8 p.m. until yell. Admission and refreshments are free.

**TAMU CHESS CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder. Players of all skill levels are welcome.

**CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** will meet in 701 Rudder.

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL:** season passes are on sale for \$10 at the ticket office.

**TAMU VARSITY WOMEN'S SOCCER:** is practicing at 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any interested women are welcome to come out and practice.

Sunday

**DELTA SIGMA THETA:** is sponsoring a welcome reception for new students from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in 501 Rudder. Come meet new people and make new friends.

Monday

**TAMU SAILING CLUB:** is giving free sailing lessons at 6:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

# A&M club raises funds for statue

By CARMEN THOMAS  
Reporter

The Texas A&M Historic Resource Society has set a goal to raise \$25,000 for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. The society will begin collecting money at a table in the Memorial Student Center main hallway Saturday, Sept. 1, and will continue collecting on weekdays until Friday, Sept. 14.

Tony Sarabando, vice president of the society, said the club wants to present a check to the superintendent of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, David L. Moffitt, when he speaks here Nov. 8.

Sarabando said the club invited Moffitt, Class of '61, to speak here as a part of its campaign to raise money for the restoration.

Moffitt has been traveling to major U.S. cities as a spokesman for the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Centennial Commission to raise the \$230 million needed for the restoration.

Statue renovation is to be completed for its centennial celebration July 4, 1986. Ellis Island will reopen to visitors in 1992 for the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America.

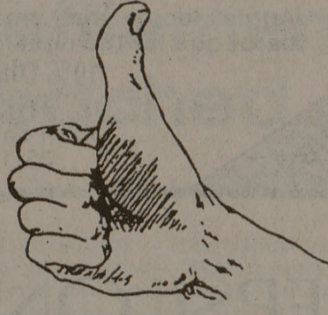
Sarabando, the organizer and originator of the Texas A&M fund-raising project, said the club encourages other campus and community organizations to become involved in the fund-raising.

Historic Resource Society President Marthanne Aleman said the club was formed last February "to create an awareness of the need for renovation" of buildings, land and resources.

The club, which consists mostly of architecture students, is planning field trips to nearby renovation sites including one to Galveston this fall. The members also are planning a photography contest and a campus tour of renovated buildings for the Texas Centennial Celebration.

The lecture and club membership is open to the public. Individuals and organizations interested in becoming involved in the Historic Resource Society or the fund-raising for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island should contact the club advisor, Nancy Volkman, at 845-7877.

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# Maximum security units designated for troublemakers

United Press International

HUNTSVILLE — Inmates classified as troublemakers will be placed in one of six maximum security facilities designated by Texas Department of Corrections in hopes of abating violence among inmates.

The TDC has recorded 267 stabbings involving inmates this year, 12 of which have been fatal. Nine fatal stabbings were reported in prisons in 1983.

Prison officials also announced a plan to form special five-man assault teams to be used to quell violent situations.

Lane McCotter, deputy director for operations, said the Special Operation Reaction Teams will include a sniper and a hostage negotiator.

He said the SORT teams have reduced violence in other prison systems after inmates found out how good they were and quit testing them.

McCotter said the teams worked so well at the Leavenworth, Kan.,

federal prison where he previously served, that "there was no need to use force other than to show force."

He plans four teams initially but eventually hopes to have one or two in each of the TDC's 27 units. The first units will be trained by consultants from the U.S. Army military police school. Potential members of the units took a physical training test Wednesday.

TDC spokesman Charles Brown said the classification system for inmates must first be approved by a special master that is overseeing the court-ordered reform of the prison system.

Three units in Brazoria County — the Darrington, Ramsey Two and Retrieve units — along with Coffield in Anderson County, Eastham in Houston County and Ferguson in Madison County are proposed for the maximum security facilities.

# Finance

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"I think the new title actually reflects the true purpose of the awards better than the old name," Benson said.

• Student employment pay rate changes: The University's personnel office has handled student employment in the past, and last spring revised the pay scale, lowering the student worker minimum wage. After the personnel office made the pay scale changes, responsibility for student employment was shifted to the student financial aid office, since the office also handles work/study and other employment-related programs for students.

"I personally did not agree with the lowering of the students' pay scale," Benson said, "and now that our office has the responsibility of handling future changes, I don't think you'll see any more reductions. I just don't agree with that."

• Checks instead of cash disbursements: When a student receives financial aid from the University, it is disbursed in cash. Some students have expressed concern to the financial aid office about carrying around sums of cash as large as \$2,000, so students receiving funds of \$500 or more can request the money be given to them in a check. This will be

done on a request basis only, and there will be a one-day delay in picking up the money in order to allow the fiscal department time to process the request and make out the check.

• Budgeting seminars: Since the financial aid office distributes a great deal of money to students, Benson said it's decided to help show the students how to handle the money as well. Sept. 11 through Oct. 25, budgeting seminars will be given by the financial aid department and the Student Government's advisory committee on financial aid. For more information on the seminars, contact the Employment and Counseling Section at 845-3981.

• Scholarship availability information: A listing of most of the scholarships awarded at Texas A&M will be available to students in October. The lists include a brief description of eligibility requirements and the name of the donor. The information will be distributed in pamphlet form at various heavily traveled locations on campus. More detailed information will be available in the Information and Counseling or Scholarship Section of the Student Financial Aid Office.

• Enrollment status to be eligible for scholarships and financial aid: Undergraduate students must be enrolled at Texas A&M for at least 12 hours during a regular semester and

six hours during a summer session to be eligible for full financial aid or scholarship benefits. Graduate students must be enrolled for nine or more hours during the regular semester or four hours during the summer sessions to be eligible for funds.

Students who have received financial aid and scholarship benefits based on their status as full-time students and later reduce their course loads to that of part-time students will, in most cases, be required to refund a pro-rated portion of their aid already received and will be cancelled from further disbursements.

• Expanded financial aid counselor services: The financial aid department has two full-time counselors available to see students on a walk-in or appointment basis.

Benson said the counselors will provide information and assistance on financial aid problems. The counseling program is new to the department — a program Benson felt was vital.

"Until now," he said, "there were no counselors around to help students with any financial aid problems they had. Now we have two — and that still isn't nearly enough — but we're in better shape than we have been in the past."

# Poll: blacks to support Mondale

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Walter Mondale will get a big boost among black voters from Jesse Jackson's endorsement but the Democratic presidential nominee faces a backlash from Southern whites, a poll concluded Thursday.

The nationwide poll, a Gallup survey conducted for the Joint Center for Political Studies, found overwhelming support — 88 percent — among blacks for the Mondale-Ferraro ticket.

It found 72 percent of the blacks think President Reagan is prejudiced, while 56 percent of the whites think Jackson is prejudiced.

The poll, conducted the last weekend in July and first weekend in August, included 902 blacks and 1,365 whites — a much larger black representation than most national surveys. It has a sampling error of 4 percent for blacks, 3 percent for

whites.

Participants, quizzed in personal interviews, were asked a number of questions about Jackson, the civil rights leader who brought record numbers of blacks to the polls in his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The poll found 89 percent of blacks consider Jackson both a strong leader and a compassionate man and 94 percent think "he cares about people like me." But 67 percent consider Jackson only one of a number of black leaders and 63 percent prefer to have many leaders speaking for their concerns than just one.

Thomas Cavanagh, senior research associate at the center, a "think tank" specializing in black issues, said polls rarely show leaders as popular with any segment of the population. "You almost think you're seeing the second coming

when you look at these numbers," Cavanagh told a news conference.

Asked whether the Jackson campaign made it more likely that they would vote in November, 65 percent of the blacks and 20 percent of the whites said it would.

Asked whether Jackson's endorsement of Mondale would make them more likely to vote for the Democratic ticket, 56 percent of the blacks said it would and 10 percent of the whites said it would.

But 17 percent of the whites said the endorsement would make it less likely that they would vote for the ticket. Broken down along demographic lines, 19 percent of Southern whites and 21 percent of rural whites took that view.

Cavanagh said that means there is a white backlash against Jackson in the South, but the endorsement means a net minus 7 percent among whites for the ticket nationally.

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