

## Around town

### Aggieland '85 class pictures taken now

Freshmen and sophomores can have their class pictures taken now at the Pavilion from 8:30 p.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Junior, seniors and graduate students can avoid long lines by having their pictures taken now at the Yearbook Associates office at 1700 South Kyle, behind Culpepper Plaza. Don't delay getting your picture taken.

### Rice game is Switch Off for the Kickoff

The Texas A&M Traditions Council is sponsoring Ladies' Choice Weekend, featuring the **Switch Off for the Kickoff** football game against Rice University. Boutonnieres will be on sale in the MSC all week. Ladies, take your favorite guy out and "Show'em how it should be done!"

### Class of '86 picnic tickets on sale now

The Class of '86 is sponsoring a "Buns Bonanza" picnic from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Sunday at Bee Creek Park.** There will be hotdogs, volleyball and softball. Tickets are on sale in 216 MSC for \$3.50.

### OCA — Corps Cross-Dine sign-up now

Off Campus Aggies can dine with the Corps of Cadets Thursday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. Anyone interested can **sign up through Friday at noon** in the OCA office. The meal is \$4.50. For more information, contact Steve Leung at 260-2150 or Michelle Davis at 693-3313

## DA to examine private militia

United Press International

**FORT WORTH** — The Tarrant County District Attorney's office will investigate a proposed private militia organized by the former commander of a defunct Texas State Guard battalion, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

Robert Holloway, the former commander of the 105th Battalion of the State Guard and former Green Beret, announced this week he would reorganize his 60-man unit into the National State Defense Force Association.

"We're not a pack of weirdos or crazies," said Holloway, 36. "It's just a method of keeping the guys together."

But officials of the district attorney's office said they were concerned about the plans.

Steve Chaney, chief of the district attorney's trial section, said: "I'd think this would be something we'd look into. Although it might be a local issue, the state attorney general should look into it too. . . . Texas criminal laws fully describe illegal weapons. If you are using them and are not part of a government force, you are liable for prosecution."

Chaney said automatic weapons and certain explosive devices were

prohibited under the Texas Criminal Code.

"Any group of citizens, whether gun club or militia, as long as it is not possessing prohibited weapons or doing anything illegal, would probably not be the subject of state control or a local prosecutor's involvement," Chaney said.

"But you never know where you might find a law hidden in the codes that could cover something like this."

The all-volunteer Texas State Guard is an adjunct to the federally supported Texas National Guard. It was established to reinforce the National Guard in state emergencies and to replace units called to active service.

State Guard officials ordered Holloway's unit disbanded recently because it had become too independent of the state organization under his leadership.

Holloway was criticized by state military officials for making the unit too "gung-ho" and was removed from the unit last spring. He was accused of violating State Guard policy by switching from the standard green uniforms to camouflage fatigues.

## Recent rainfall may end Corpus rationing

United Press International

**CORPUS CHRISTI** — Water rationing imposed Aug. 25 might end in the next few weeks, City Manager Ed Martin said Tuesday.

Martin said the past two weeks' rainfall in the watershed feeding Lake Corpus Christi brought runoff that nearly doubled the available supply of water. He predicted the lake would continue to rise for at least another week.

Martin said the city staff is carefully monitoring the situation, and a recommendation may be made within two weeks to return to either voluntary or mandatory water conservation, but the ordinance requiring rationing would be eliminated.

City officials began a voluntary water conservation program June 1. They asked area residents to limit outdoor water usage to certain days. The program became mandatory

June 16, with citations issued to violators.

Since the rationing was imposed in late August, residents have been assessed surcharges and citations for exceeding the restricted water limits, which were based on family size.

The water level in the lake dropped to 82.6 feet above sea level, compared to its usual 93 feet. The lake is considered empty at 55 feet.

The water level was 82.65 feet two weeks ago, and Tuesday the lake was at 86.38 feet above sea level, a 3.73-foot increase.

Although agricultural interests have charged that drought conditions have been in existence for two or three years, city officials had not been forced to take steps to correct the city's water problems until this year, because rain has always refilled the lake.

## NASA says souvenirs don't reveal secrets

United Press International

**SPACE CENTER, HOUSTON** — A tourist shop at the Johnson Space Center cafeteria has been selling commemorative envelopes that show details of a top-secret Navy satellite program, an authoritative trade journal reported this week.

Aviation Week & Space Technology reported that for \$1, tourists have been able to buy souvenir envelopes that provide accurate drawings of Project Whitecloud surveillance satellites.

However, Dave Alter, spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Houston, said the drawings of the spacecraft and the information provided on the envelopes are not classified.

"I don't see any high details in it," he said. "This particular drawing to my knowledge is not classified." Several Project Whitecloud satel-

lites have been launched to provide ocean surveillance of Soviet ships and submarines. The souvenir postal covers carry a 13-cent stamp, a Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., postmark, and indicate the first Whitecloud launch occurred there April 30, 1976.

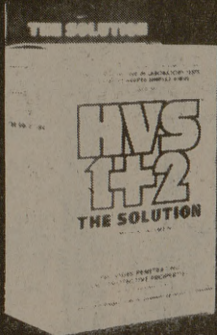
The envelope drawings show a mother spacecraft carrying three smaller satellites that are sent into separate orbits to provide wide-ranging ocean coverage.

The souvenirs show the subsatellites are released in 700-mile-high orbits and transmit data to parent spacecraft in order to cover a larger ocean surface.

Lt. Peter Johnstone, a Navy spokesman in Washington, said Project Whitecloud was the unclassified name of a classified project which existed between 1975 and 1976.

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# Richard Smith

## State Representative

When the students of Texas A&M needed a friend, Richard Smith was there.

Last Spring, the Democrats (led by Gov. Mark White) called a **Special Election for State Representative during Spring Break**. When the Aggies would not be in town to vote. The Battalion Editorial Board called the scheduling of the election by the Democrats 'an attack on Texas A&M students, staff and faculty members,' as reported Friday, Jan. 26, 1984. The Bryan/College Station Eagle Editorial Board said 'Let's face it, this whole thing smacks of partisan politics at its most petty level,' Sunday, Jan. 29, 1984.

Richard Smith, George Strake (Chairman, Republican Party of Texas) and local Republicans worked to change the election date as did Student Government leaders. Not only would the Democrats not change the date but they would not even meet with Student Government.

George Strake said, 'Mark White, probably in consultation with the Democratic candidate in Brazos County, undoubtedly looked at the high Republican vote totals in Texas A&M precincts and decided to give an edge to his candidate over Republican Richard Smith...'; as reported in The Eagle Thursday, Jan. 26, 1984.

Richard Smith said, 'This act of political expediency is another sign of the lack of sensitivity of the state Democratic party and our state Democratic elected officials for Texas A&M University', as reported in The Eagle, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1984.

Then Richard Smith went one step further to make sure as many students would be allowed to vote as possible, despite Neeley Lewis and the Democrats. **Richard Smith personally provided for a shuttle bus system to take Aggies to the polls to vote absentee.** Students who wanted a ride were taken to the polls, with no regard to party affiliation or who they were voting for. When Texas A&M and its students come under attack, Aggies stick together.

When the students of Texas A&M needed a friend, Richard Smith was there. Where was Neeley Lewis?

### Richard Then:

- Member, Squadron 22
- Varsity Swimming Team
- Distinguished Student
- BS Mechanical Engineering, Class of '59
- 4 Years Active Duty U.S. Air Force
- Captain, USAF Reserve

### Richard Now:

- Former Mayor, Bryan (5 years)
- City Council Member (3 years)
- Founding President, Brazos Animal Shelter, Inc.
- Member, Century Club, Association of Former Students
- Varsity Donor, The Aggie Club

