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Around town

Amnesty International sponsors race

Saturday, Jan. 26 Amnesty International Roadrunners will hold a 5 km "Run Against Torture." The race begins at 8:30 a.m. on Joe Routh Blvd. at G. Rollie White. An awards ceremony will begin at 9:20 a.m. at the starting line. Registration is \$6 in advance and \$8 on the day of the race. Forms can be obtained from AI or Roadrunners at 216 MSC. Proceeds will go to Amnesty International USA.

TAMU After Hours offers driving class

The TAMU After Hours Program will sponsor a **Driver Safety Course** on Jan. 26. This course may be used to have certain traffic violations dismissed and to receive a 10% discount on automobile insurance. Registration is held 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday in 216 MSC. For more information, call 845-1515.

Students may discover MSC committees

Representatives from all MSC committees will be in the main lounge of the MSC 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23 to discuss their activities with interested students. MSC Discovery hopes to provide students with the chance to "discover" the opportunities that exist through participating in MSC committees.

OCA looking for apartment reps

Off-Campus Aggies has positions open for apartment council presidents in the A&M community. ACP's are responsible for off campus poster distribution. Interested persons can sign up in 223 Pavilion or call 845-0688 for details.

Service sorority holds Founders' Day

Delta Sigma Theta is presenting their First Annual Founders' Day luncheon on Sunday, Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. in 201 MSC. Dr. Edith Irlay Jones, president of the National Medical Association will be the guest speaker. Reservations can be made until Thursday, Jan. 24. For more information contact Teresa Brashear at 260-0904 or Karen Williams at 260-8389.

Fellowship offered for spring semester

The W.G. Mills Fellowship Committee is receiving applications for the W.G. Mills Fellowship in Hydrology for the spring semester of 1985. Fellowships in hydrology will be used to provide financial support to four or more highly qualified graduate students in hydrology. Outstanding students interested in hydrology, should call Evelyn Teaff at 845-1851 for information and details.

To submit an item for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald.

Man charged with defraud, FBI issues warrant for arrest

University News Service
COAHOMA, Texas — The people around the West Texas town of Coahoma say Anthony Ginnetti was a super salesman.

Investigators from the FBI, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the Swisher and Howard County Sheriff's Departments say the same thing. The only problem, they say, is that all Ginnetti sold was a "bill of goods."

Ginnetti, who also goes by the names of Terry Lee Ginnetti, Terry Lee Prero, Anthony Culpert and Tony Argus, is wanted by state and federal law enforcement officials on charges of defrauding the Coahoma State Bank out of \$260,000 and a private individual out of some \$150,000.

The dapper-looking fugitive, 37, began negotiating with Coahoma State Bank in October, 1982, to secure an automobile "floor plan" for his Car City Auto Sales and Service business.

The original agreement, say investigators, was for \$38,000 worth of automobile purchases. A total of \$20,000 was to be secured by a certificate of deposit held by the bank as collateral.

But detectives say that between October 1982, and April 1984, Gin-

netti was able to get the "floor plan" raised to \$80,000, with \$30,000 in CD's and the remainder in automobile titles.

During the same period of time, say investigators, Ginnetti was able to defraud the bank in the following manner:

- replacing all good automobile titles held by the bank with illegally acquired titles, thereby effectively reducing a portion of the collateral held by the bank.

- passing insufficient fund checks, which were honored by the bank.

- having the bank release liens on automobiles by telling them he had the vehicles sold and would return with the money; he would never deposit the money in the bank.

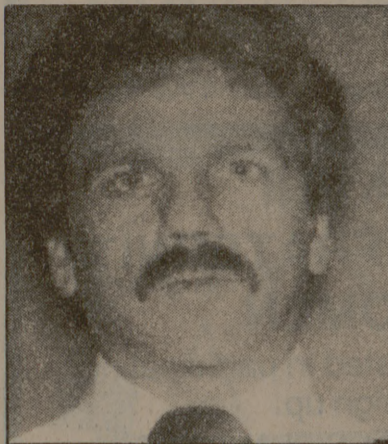
- by writing checks on collected funds which subsequently had "Stop Payment" placed on them.

- by purchasing a large number of automobiles or customer drafts which were honored by the bank, despite the fact there was not sufficient funds on deposit at the bank.

- forging signatures on vehicle titles held by the bank.

- forging his partner's signature to checks and drafts which were honored by the bank.

Investigators caution that while



Tony Ginnetti

Ginnetti might have left the state, there is a possibility that he might still be somewhere in Texas operating in the same manner.

Ginnetti is described as a white male, 5-9, 175 pounds, with blond hair and blue eyes.

This week Texas Most Wanted is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to Ginnetti's capture. To be eligible for the reward, citizens are asked to call Texas Crime Stoppers Advisory Council.

Speaker to talk Wednesday on love, sex

By **PATRICE KORANEK**
Staff Writer

Josh is here. At least he will be in Rudder Auditorium at 8 p.m. Wednesday to talk about maximum sex.

Josh McDowell is a travelling speaker for Campus Crusade for Christ International. The Texas A&M chapter is sponsoring McDowell for the second time since 1981, when he was here for a three-night speaking engagement. He was here for one night in 1983.

Lauri Reese, media coordinator for Texas A&M's Campus Crusade for Christ, says McDowell will talk about love, dating, sex and marriage with a biblical perspective.

McDowell has spoken at more than 600 universities in 62 countries during the last 16 years. He is the author of several bestselling books and has been featured in many films.

Wherever he goes, McDowell is preceded by a promotion blitz featuring posters that announce "Josh is coming" and "Josh is here."

The public relations coordinator for the Josh McDowell Ministry says the group sponsoring McDowell is responsible for the promotion work.

"When Josh comes to a campus a lot of preparation beforehand is required," said coordinator Mary Nelson, "and the student group that is sponsoring him is given a book full of material that has been helpful at other schools. The student group decides how to promote Josh's lectures. The bottom line idea in promotion is to attract attention.

"The promotion is in no way mock advertising. Josh does talk about sex, dating and marriage."

Nelson says the advertising is not aimed at a particular audience and it is not aimed at just Christians or non-Christians.

"Josh thinks all people want to be loved and he thinks the answers are in the Scriptures," Nelson says.

Sierra Club opposes water bill

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A water package put together by state leaders and targeted for quick legislative action drew Sierra Club opposition Tuesday in a House committee.

"Texas needs a comprehensive water resources policy, not just the appearance of one," club spokesman Ken Kramer said in a presentation prepared for the House Committee on Natural Resources.

The committee, chaired by bill sponsor Tom Craddick of Midland, began hearing testimony on the package Tuesday.

The water plan crafted by Gov. Mark White, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and Speaker Gib Lewis proposes \$600 million in state bonds to fund water projects.

The state also would set up a \$250 million bond guarantee program to help local governments build water projects.

White has tagged the measure as an "emergency" that needs quick action.

Craddick's committee seems eager to get the package to the House floor for debate next week.

Charles Nemir, executive director of the Texas Department of Water Resources, told the committee it would take \$16.1 billion worth of water projects to meet the state's water needs through the year 2005.

But the Sierra Club said the latest effort to put together a comprehensive water program falls short of the mark.

"The worst thing that could hap-

pen would be to pass a package that gives the people of Texas the impression that we are coming to grips with our water problems without really doing so," Kramer said in his prepared remarks.

"We know the heat is on to pass this water legislation quickly," he said. "But we believe that haste is not going to produce the needed result."

Specifically, the Sierra Club said the proposals do not go far enough in municipal and agricultural water conservation and bay and estuary protection.

The bays and estuaries portion of the package would dedicate 5 percent of the water from new reservoirs within 200 miles of the coast to fresh-water flow.

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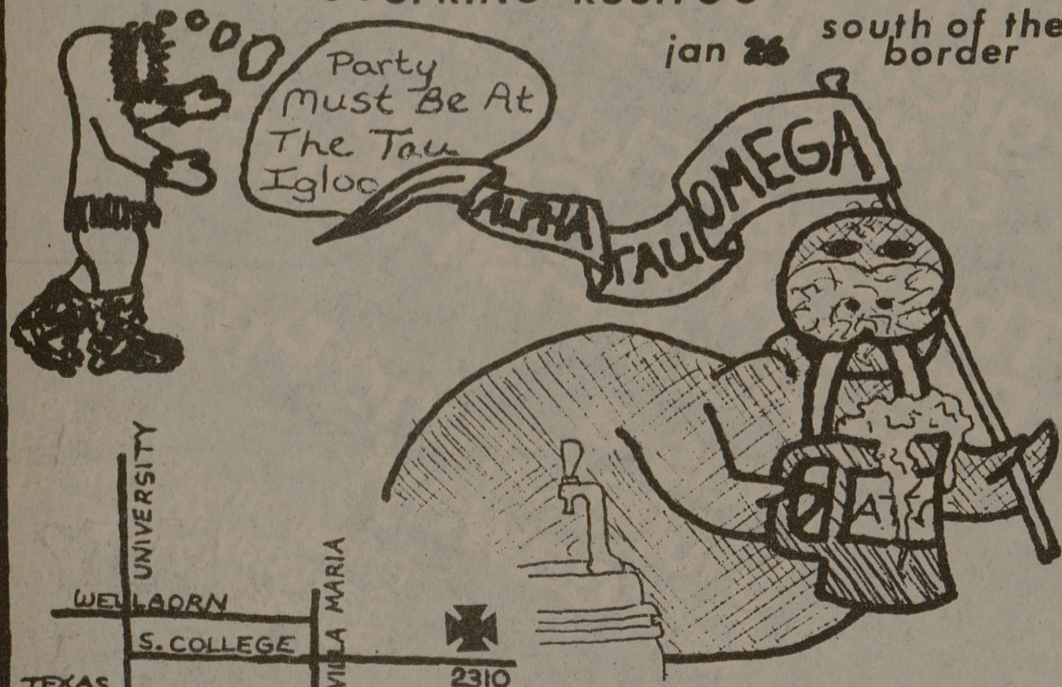
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