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On Monday, February 25, the employers listed below will have booths in Zachry Engineering Center. These employers will be primarily interested in hiring co-op students, but if you are interested in either summer employment or full-time employment, please feel free to stop by. The Co-op will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. with the exception of a lunch break from 12:15 to 1:00.

EMPLOYER	LOCATION
Baker Sand Control	Houston, Texas
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Lockheed Missiles & Space Co.	Austin, Texas
LTV Aerospace & Defense Company	Dallas, Texas
MCI Telecommunications Corp.	Richardson, Texas
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NASA/Johnson Space Center	Houston, Texas
Texas Utilities Generating Company	Dallas, Texas
Texas Instruments	Dallas, Texas
Union Carbide Corp.	Texas City, Texas
Weyerhaeuser Co.	Tacoma, Washington

Pornography, violence topic of NOW lecture

By **TRAYCE BERTLING**
Reporter

Pornography and violence toward women will be problems discussed by Dr. Wendy Stock, a Texas A&M psychology professor, in a lecture at 7 p.m. today at the College Station Community Center.

Stock will show a slide presentation from various magazines such as Harper's Bazaar, Playboy and hardcore pornography magazines such as Hustler.

"The purpose of the showing is to display how some segments of the media are degrading women," Stock said.

"This is not an anti-sex crusade," Stock said. "This is an objection to making violence look erotic."

She said she wants to familiarize the public with the popularization of the abuse of women in the media.

The serious problem of violence against women is being made into something cute and funny in magazines and advertisements, Stock said.

She also said one out of every two married women has been beaten by her husband.

Pornographic magazines are trying to create an illusion that women are sex objects, Stock said.

"We need to rethink how we are depicting sex," she said.

Stock also will discuss adult and child pornography and the effects it has on society.

The lecture is sponsored by the Brazos County National Organization for Women and will be given during the regular monthly meeting of NOW. All NOW meetings are open to the public.

New club provides prof, student forum on regional issues

By **CHERYL CLARK**
Reporter

Water problems and other regional issues are the focus of the newly formed Regional Studies Club.

The Regional Studies Club, organized by Dr. Robert Cornish and students in the urban and regional planning department, was created to provide a way for students and faculty to exchange ideas and discuss problems related to regional areas, Cornish said.

A regional area is a natural geographical region such as the Hill Country around Austin, he said.

"The purpose of the club," Cornish said, "is a forum for regional topics."

"People can learn more than they normally would about the problems faced by regional planners."

The club meets at noon the last Thursday of each month at different locations each meeting. Both faculty and students are welcome to join the club.

Cornish said the Regional Studies Club, a University-recognized organization, is the only club on campus that has faculty and students as members.

Cornish said professors and students with various interests, including geography, agricultural economics and civil engineering, have attended the lectures.

Senators propose mortgage reforms

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Two lawmakers on Monday proposed a constitutional amendment that would allow second mortgages, freeing Texans to borrow on the equity built up on their homes.

Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, and Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston, said their proposal would not put borrowers in undue jeopardy of losing their homes to creditors.

Under the current homestead exemption law, a Texan can borrow against his home only for a first mortgage or home improvement loan.

A home also can be sold to clear a tax debt.

Brooks said second mortgages are needed by families who have "paid 18-20 years on the property, have their first lien down to \$15,000-\$20,000, have a home worth \$70,000 and want to send the child to college or they have a catastrophic illness."

"We're only trying to let people use equity for a purpose that is important to them," he said at a news conference.

"This allows Texans to borrow on the equity of their homes," said Danburg.

"The money is rightfully theirs."

Texas is the only state that bars second mortgages, according to Brooks and Ms. Danburg.

The Texas Consumer Association says that unique status has served the state well.

"The homestead exemption has played a role in the economic stability of the state and has worked well

for Texas citizens," the association said in a position paper.

Danburg said second mortgages could be used to help Texans start businesses.

But the consumer association said loans for new businesses, and most other purposes, now are readily available.

"The reason lenders will not make most new business loans now is that they realize the high risk involved and yet they want to encourage people to mortgage the family homestead on propositions with the same degree of failure," the association said.

Brooks said opponents of second mortgages are using decades-old "horror stories" involving old ladies losing their homes.

"Almost all of them involved things that were against the law or unethical in the first place," he said of the "horror stories."

The consumer association maintains the bill is favored only by "large national corporations who see Texas homesteads as ripe for picking."

These corporations include, Citicorp, Sears, Transamerica and other lenders who have formed Texans for Home Value Access to push legalized second mortgages.

House Speaker Gib Lewis said Monday he is not ready to take a stand on second mortgages.

"I think it's something we ought to let the committee look at and study," he said.

Senator pushes timeshare regulation

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A lawyer for the state said Monday high-pressure promoters who refer to customers as "ups" or "units" are selling timeshares in Texas.

"They're either the best salesmen in the country or the best con artists," said Assistant Attorney General William Goodman.

Goodman testified before the Senate Economic Development Committee on a bill by Sen. Ray Farabee, who said timeshares "appeal to the desire of people who work 50

weeks a year and want for two weeks to go to some far-off place."

One example of a timeshare, which Farabee's bill would regulate, would be to buy two weeks on an annual basis at a vacation resort. There are arrangements where a person can exchange his two weeks in Colorado, for instance, for two weeks in Florida.

"Our biggest problem with the exchange program is overbooking... and the only time you can get two weeks in Florida is the middle of the summer," Farabee said.

What's up

- Tuesday**
- AGGIE ALLIANCE:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder. Guest speaker will be Frank Thomas.
 - AGRONOMY SOCIETY:** will meet at 7:15 p.m. in 1011 and Crop Sciences. Dr. Fambrough will speak on soil usage in an oil and gas lease.
 - BIG EVENT:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 704 Rudder. All volunteer organizations need to attend.
 - ENGLISH DEPARTMENT:** will have two mini-courses: "Quoted Material" at 1 p.m. in 206 O&M and "Persuading Effectively" at 2 p.m. in 206 O&M.
 - FAITH IN ACTION:** will hold an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in 507 A/B Rudder. This is a non-denominational service club. Both students and non-students are welcome.
 - IU-REC SPORTS:** horseshoe doubles entries close at 7 p.m. in 159 E. Kyle.
 - MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE:** will show "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" at 8 p.m. in 601 Rudder. Admission free.
 - MSC HOSPITALITY/1985 MISS TAMU SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT:** will hold a contestant talent preview at 7 p.m. in the MSC Lounge.
 - POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY & PI SIGMA ALPHA:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder. New members are encouraged to attend.
 - POLO CLUB:** will hold practice 6 p.m.-10 p.m. at the Pearce Pavilion. Everyone is invited to watch.
 - PRE-MED/PRE-DENT SOCIETY:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 201 Harrington. Kathleen O'Brien of Scholl College Podiatry will speak.
 - STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICE:** will hold a career relationship workshop on "Role Exceptions and Role Stereotypes" at 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Locations vary. Interested couples call 845-1651.
 - TAMU FLYING CLUB:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the MSC Clubhouse. Non-members welcome. Call 696-9339 for more information.
 - TAMU ONE-WHEELERS:** will meet at 6 p.m. in the MSC Newcomers. Call 260-1988 for more information.
 - TEXAS A&M ROADRUNNERS:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder. Mike Sherman will talk about "Carbohydrates for the Runners."
 - YOUNG DEMOCRATS:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder. New members welcome.
- Wednesday**
- BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM/BLACK AWARDS DINNER:** presents a panel discussion at 7 p.m. in Rudder. Call 693-2783 for more information.
 - CLASS OF '85 RING DANCE:** decorations committee meeting for all those interested at 8 p.m. in 410 Rudder. Call 846-5689.
 - DEL RIO HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.
 - ENGLISH DEPARTMENT:** is holding a mini-course on "Avoiding Wordiness" at 11 a.m. in 135 Blocker.
 - HISTORY DEPARTMENT:** will show "My Son John" at 7 p.m. in 100 HECC.
 - MSC HOSPITALITY-1985 MISS TAMU SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT:** will hold a Mr. Aggie contest at noon in the MSC lounge.
 - ON-CAMPUS CATHOLICS:** will meet at 9:30 p.m. in the MSC lounge to discuss Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season.
 - STUDENT ADVOCATES OF FREE ENTERPRISE:** will meet at 7 p.m. at 501 Rudder.
 - STUDENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL:** will hold an engineering careers seminar, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. in 224-225 MSC.
 - TAMU SAILING CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder. Everyone welcome — no experience needed.
 - TEXAS A&M REAL ESTATE CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder. Call 693-3089 for more information.
 - UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY:** will meet 6 p.m.-7:20 p.m. at the A&M Presbyterian Church.
- Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three days prior to the scheduled publication date.**

Optimization

Lecture on problem-solving mathematics at 8 tonight

By **MEG CADIGAN**
Reporter

How do you figure out how many bartenders are needed at the Dixie Chicken to keep all the customers happy on a Thursday night? Optimization.

Optimization, a mathematical technique used to solve finite problems, and its applications to linear programming will be the topic of a lecture given by Dr. John Mote, assistant professor of business analysis, tonight at 8 in 156 Blocker.

Linear programming involves computerizing sets of equations to solve complex problems in a very short time, Mote said.

Joe Michels, a Texas A&M industrial engineering doctoral student, said a common type of optimization problem is the backpack problem.

In a backpack problem, you must fill a backpack with pounds of essential equipment. Optimization helps the person decide which items it would be most beneficial to take, Michels said.

Two other types of optimization problems are queuing and dynamic programming.

He said this mathematical technique is used mainly in the statistics, industrial engineering, and mathematics.

Mote said that during his lecture he would concentrate on the mathematics involved in optimization, a more sophisticated level.

Senator pushes timeshare regulation

Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, also cited cases where a timeshare is sold and then the corporation selling the timeshares fails and the buyers don't get their money back.

His bill would allow a customer three days after a sale to change his or her mind and get out of the deal, unless the transaction had been arranged by a licensed real estate agent.

Goodman said most timeshares are advertised through direct mail or by telephone, and often tell a prospective customer that the customer already has won a prize. One processor "turned out to be knives, Goodman said.

He said firms will bring consumers at the same time, "you've never seen such excited, intense, high-pressure techniques."

After three hours of Goodman said, "consumers exhausted that they're willing to up."

"The bottom line, the subject is not to give consumers an intelligent decision."