

Around town

Chemistry club sponsors conference

On Friday, the TAMU Chemistry Club will hold its 4th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference on Chemistry. The conference will consist of research papers given by 23 students judged by a panel of faculty and graduate students. The conference will be held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on the 6th floor of Rudder Tower and is open to any interested party.

Plant fair slated for Saturday

The Floriculture-Ornamental Horticulture Club, the Horticulture Club, the Student American Institute of Floral Design, Horticulture Faculty and Extension Service have joined efforts to sponsor a **Plant Fair** Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the new Horticulture-For-estry Sciences Building on west campus. Houseplants and exotics, vegetable transplants, roses and blackberries will all be on sale. Students, faculty, and extension agents will answer questions and solve problems. The SAIFD will have a flower-arranging demonstration. Bring your ailing plants.

Off campus center sponsors program

The Off Campus Center and the Off Campus Aggies will sponsor an informative program titled "Moving Off Campus". The program is designed for residence hall students planning to move off campus and it features information about off-campus living. The program will be presented on Sunday and April 2, at 7 p.m. in the A-1 Lounge and on April 1, at 7 p.m. in the Commons Piano Lounge. For more information, contact the Off Campus Center at 845-1741.

KANU features student writers

"Alternating Frequencies," a weekly program on KANU-FM (99.9), will feature students reading stories from their own lives to-day, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Station Manager Chris Dominy will host the writers, who are enrolled in two sections of English 103, a composition course, under graduate teaching assistant Joan Penzenstadler.

Corps will march to river Saturday

The Corps of Cadets will hold its annual **March to the Brazos** benefiting the March of Dimes on Saturday. The Corps will assemble at 8:30 a.m. and will march about 4 miles to the Brazos River. Tomorrow night, a mixer will be held at Lakeview Methodist from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. All proceeds will go towards the March to the Brazos fund.

Political Science society holds contest

Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science Honor Society, is sponsoring its annual paper contest. The contest offers a \$100 first prize and \$25 second prize, with certificates to be awarded for the top three places. Deadline for entry is April 1. All papers must have been written since the Fall 1982 semester. Papers are to be submitted to the Pi Sigma Alpha box in room 130 Bolton. See the Political Science Society/Pi Sigma Alpha bulletin board for further details.

Showdown set for pass, play reform

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Senate Education Committee, which wants to "fine tune" last summer's school reform bill, erupted into controversy Wednesday when it tried to discuss a no pass, no play compromise.

No votes were taken, but Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, committee chairman, scheduled a showdown hearing on the eligibility rule for extracurricular activities and other school matters for Monday.

The argument began when the committee was offered a subcommittee report recommending a bill by Sen. Bill Sarpalus, D-Canyon, to revise the no pass, no play eligibility rule approved by the State Board of Education.

Currently a student is disqualified from playing or practicing athletics or other extracurricular activities for at least six weeks if he fails to make a grade of at least 70 in any course.

Sarpalus' bill, approved by the subcommittee Tuesday, would require students only to maintain passing grades in the 21 courses required for graduation, not electives. The required courses include English, mathematics, science, social studies and history.

"We say as long as you pass required courses you are eligible to take part in extracurricular activities," Sarpalus said. "If you fail one you can't play again until you make up the grade."

Kent Caperton, D-College Station, said, "Actually, what you are doing is saying a student taking three required courses and three electives, can fail three of his courses."

Sen. Chet Edwards, D-Duncanville, said, "You are setting lower standards than you should. You could flunk 23 courses at six-week intervals and still participate in athletics. That sends out a terrible message to students of this state."

Sarpalus argued, "My bill provides an incentive to make up their grades."

Caperton said, "I think the State Board of Education needs greater flexibility in setting the grading period."

Forces play war games

Associated Press

FORT BLISS — A war broke out at this Army post Wednesday. The U.S. military was battling itself.

The conflict — simulated "force-to-force" combat — was part of a \$30 million war games operation dubbed Border Star '85. The operation is designed to test the preparedness of the nation's military and to teach coordination between different military branches.

More than 15,000 Army, Air Force and Marine units, as well as a Canadian Forces Airborne battalion, are participating in the five-day field maneuvers, which are described by military officials as fundamental to a strong U.S. defense.

Gen. Wallace H. Nutting, commander of the operations, said be-

cause it is unlikely any future war would involve just one branch of the military, joint preparedness is, "fundamental to the operation of our system."

Nutting, commander-in-chief of the U.S. Readiness Command and director of the Joint Deployment Agency, said the mock war at Fort Bliss and at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, would allow troops to, "improve individual and collective skills."

Almost 200 aircraft, 3,000 military vehicles and 15,000 additional support personnel were brought to Fort Bliss for the exercises.

The lightly armed, highly mobile 9th Infantry Division was designated the "friendly" force for Border Star and was pitted against the somewhat slower, but heavily armed 3rd Ar-

mored Cavalry Regiment of Fort Bliss and the Canadian force.

Nutting said Fort Bliss and White Sands were selected for the war games because the type of terrain was right.

"It's important in this operation to see what the terrain limits are for the fast-attack vehicle in a desert environment," Nutting said. "We hope that we will be able to exploit open areas, open terrain ... be able to move through hilly areas and get behind the enemy."

While at Fort Bliss, most of the 31,000 participating troops have been housed in tents.

The simulated battles take place in a 22-by-30-mile restricted area. The victor, all participants agreed, will be the U.S. military.

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Pro: Since homosexuality is an inherent trait, gays are a viable minority and must be protected by the law.

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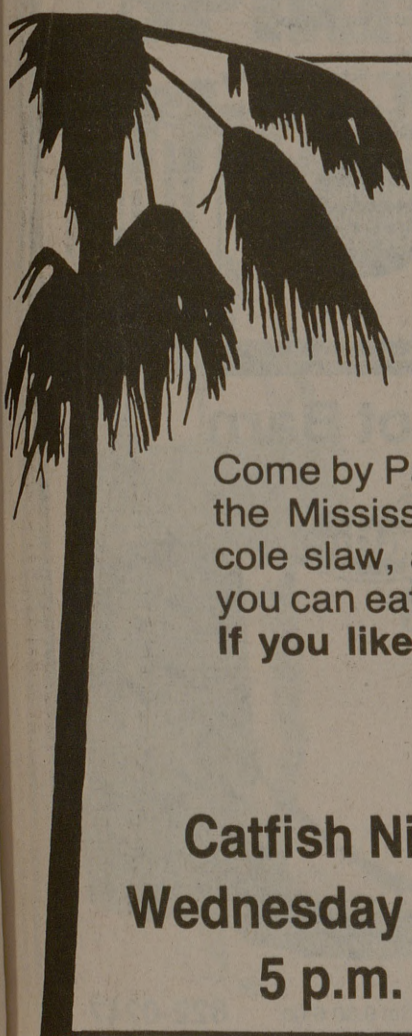
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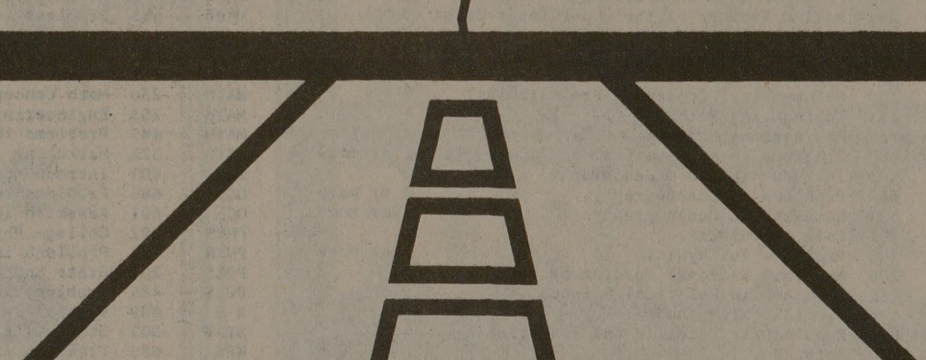


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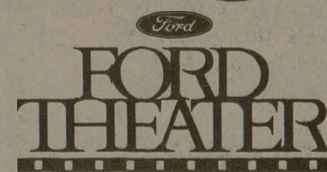
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