

## What's up

### Tuesday

**AGGIE RED CROSS:** will hold the Brazos County Blood Drive, noon to 6 p.m. at Our Saviors Lutheran Church.

**HISTORY CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 507 Rudder. Officers will be elected.

**IU-REC SPORTS:** will close archery singles and doubles at 6 p.m. in 159 E. Kyle.

**MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

**MSC COLLEGE BOWL:** will hold orientation for anyone interested in membership at 7 p.m. in 704 Rudder.

**ON-CAMPUS CATHOLICS NORTHSIDE:** will meet at 9:30 p.m. in A-1 Lounge to discuss sidewalk evangelism.

**SEEC:** will meet at 6:45 p.m. at MSC Pulse machines for the organizational meeting to be held in G. Rollie White.

**SIERRA CLUB:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder to plan weekend outing to Big Slough Wilderness area.

**STUDENT AFFILIATE OF BRAZOS VALLEY SPCA:** will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 113 Herman Heep Building for nomination of officers.

**STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICE:** will hold a dual-career relationship workshop on "Social Needs and Leisure Time." Locations vary. Interested couples should call 845-1651.

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS:** will hold an organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. in 274 E. Kyle. People who wish to participate as coaches or field persons should attend.

**TAMU HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg for officer elections.

**TAMU ONE WHEELERS:** will meet at 6 p.m. at the Grove.

### Wednesday

**DEL RIO HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 507A,B Rudder for officer elections.

**HURST-EULESS-BEDFORD HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder to discuss officer elections and Spring party.

**PRE-VET SOCIETY:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 230 Veterinary Medicine Complex for officer elections.

**SAN ANGELO HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 407 Rudder to discuss Special Olympics project.

**TEXAS A&M SPORTS CAR CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder for officer nominations. Aggiecross details to be discussed.

**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY:** will meet 6 p.m.-7:20 p.m. at A&M Presbyterian Church for an Aggie Supper.

*Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three days prior to desired publication date.*

## Group's publicity prompts chairman to resign position

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — John Allen, leader of a group of intellectuals that receives millions of dollars from Fort Worth millionaire Edward Bass, has resigned as chairman of the company that oversees most of the group's business ventures.

Terrill Lamb, a Washington publicist, said Allen resigned from Decisions Team Ltd. after a March 30 story in The Dallas Morning News detailing the group's worldwide business and cultural activities.

Former members of the group told the News that Allen and the group have implemented programs they believe will equip them to survive the death of Western civilization.

The group has used money provided by Bass, 39, to fund ranches, scientific expeditions and research facilities in eight countries. The group's holdings include the multi-million-dollar Caravan of Dreams restaurant-theater complex in downtown Fort Worth, underwritten by Bass.

In his resignation letter, dated Thursday and quoted in the News Monday, Allen said: "I am resigning, effective immediately, as director of the venture capitalist management corporation Decisions Team Ltd., in order to free you from any embarrassment connected with the malicious and reckless Dallas Morning News story."

Allen, 55, has been called perhaps the world's last beatnik. He is still Kerouac-ing across the world in his Goodwill clothes, living, he says, on \$65 a month and the kindness of friends, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Sunday.

Some former members of Allen's group have gone into hiding because, they say, they fear reprisals — physical assaults, the ruination of their careers or bogus criminal charges.

Both Bass and Allen deny the reports of violence, or that Allen has any particular control over Bass.

In a telephone interview from Australia, where he has been for several months, Bass called such allegations regarding Allen a complete "fabrication," the Star-Telegram said.

"No one has anything else to say at this point," Lamb said. "Everyone considers the matter closed."

Carol Line, a former group member who has been charged with theft since leaving her job with Caravan — a charge she denies — said Allen's resignation is meaningless.

"He resigns regularly," she said. "Anytime they (the group) are threatened with any kind of exposure he resigns. It doesn't mean any-

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Bass hooked up with Allen's group of self-proclaimed artists and scientists in Santa Fe in about 1973 after leaving Yale University. At that time the group was made up of aspiring actors, including Bass.

But the group, fertilized with Allen's imagination and Bass's money, blossomed rapidly into real estate holdings and projects on four continents and more than 40 different corporations and legal entities, the Star-Telegram said.

There are two ranches in Australia, a forest preserve and research station in Puerto Rico, a conference center and farm in southern France, an art gallery in London, a hotel in Nepal, a conference center in Arizona, several related theater troupes and a "ferro-cement Chinese junk" sailing the oceans.

In addition, Allen reportedly is thinking of building a spaceship.

About 11 people, including Allen and Bass, make up the boards and officers of most of those companies.

Laurence Veysey, an historian from the University of California at Santa Cruz, wrote about the Santa Fe group in a book on American communes published in 1973 and revised in 1978.

He wrote about the commune's strict philosophies on work patterns, meals, personal relationships, even gardening.

"(Allen)'s domination of the group is open and for the most part undisguised," Veysey wrote. "One soon realizes that every small practice which makes up this complicated rhythm of daily life carries the stamp of his considered approval, and that the major outlines are wholly the product of his mind. ... Living here, one quickly falls into the pattern of unconsciously wishing for his approval in everything one does."

Friends of Ed Bass say he is uncomfortable with his own wealth and is psychologically influenced by Allen.

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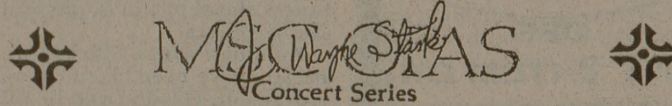
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