

In Advance

Holocaust awareness to be promoted

Activities including a play presented by high school students will be held Thursday near Rudder Fountain as part of National Holocaust Awareness week.

The Campus Ministerial Association is sponsoring the day of remembrance.

Beginning at 9 a.m. names of French concentration camp victims will be read.

"I Never Saw Another Butterfly," a play about life in a concentration camp will be presented at noon by A&M Consolidated High School students.

Rabbi Peter Tarlow, of the Texas A&M Hillel Foundation said Tuesday the play will last about an hour and there will be no charge to those wanting to watch it.

The names of concentration camp victims will be read again from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m., Tarlow said.

At 8:30 p.m. a Memorial Holocaust service will be held at the A&M Presbyterian Church, 301 Church St. in College Station.

Tarlow said the service will last no longer than an hour and everyone is invited.

Aggie helps produce French caving film

By KAREN HELLER
Reporter

A French caving film, which a Texas A&M graduate student helped produce, will be shown today at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

"L'écriture des Eaux" or The Writing of the Waters, sponsored by the Aggie Speleological Society, was filmed in Mexico for French public television.

Speleology is the study of the physical, geological, and biological aspects of caves. A spelunker is a person who studies caves.

Steve Robertson, who helped make the film, says the film examines caves in the Sierra de Zongolica in Mexico.

Robertson attended high school in Mexico and became involved with spelunking through one of his teachers.

Robertson says he was spelunking in Mexico one spring when he met some people working on a project for French public television. He was asked to help with the film.

Of the six people working on the film, Robertson says only one of them had worked on a television program before.

Robertson says most of what he did involved carrying stuff around and doing "slave work," but each person had his own specialty.

Robertson's primary duties involved collecting animals, from both inside and outside the caves.

Robertson said he paid particular attention to a species of blind catfish found primarily in caves.

Much of the filming was done inside the caves, which were between a five hour walk and a one

hour drive from the nearest town, Robertson said.

He said that besides the usual caving gear, the spelunkers had to carry about 50 pounds of batteries and lights for the cameras.

The group spent 10 weeks in the field, and during that time, Robertson said they camped out in paths in the jungle.

"We had electricity sometimes," he said.

Filming the cave was a novel experience, because his group was exploring, filming, and mapping all at the same time, he said.

"We were working in a virgin cave that had never been seen before," he said.

The film, released in 1983, has won several caving film awards.

Robertson said, "It is a unique opportunity to see what caving is like without actually doing it."

Spring events to reap cash for charities

By SUSAN MCDONALD
Reporter

Spring is the season for local charities to raise money.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is one of those charities. America's Love Run to benefit the MDA will be in May. Those who register can either walk, run, jog or ride a bicycle.

Program Coordinator Diane Maxwell said the participants shouldn't change their fitness pattern. They can work out at anytime and at anyplace. The participants collect pledges for at least 5 cents per mile, and at the end of the month send the money to the MDA office in Austin.

There is a \$5 entrance fee. Each participant receives a T-shirt and a Love Run kit, which includes a running log and information about how to collect pledges.

Medals will be given to the top participants based on the number of miles covered and the amount of money collected, Maxwell said. Those who collect \$1,000 or more will receive a gold medal; \$500, a silver; and \$250, a bronze.

Registration forms are available at local sporting goods stores

or by sending \$5 to MDA at 3907 Executive Center Drive in Austin.

Another fund-raising event for MDA this spring will be a biathlon May 4 sponsored by Alpha Tau Omega. Participants will bike 30 kilometers and run 6 kilometers.

Registration fee is \$15. Those who register before April 26 will receive a T-shirt, but registration will continue through May 3 at local sporting goods stores, bicycle shops and 24-Hour Gyms of Texas. A free one-year membership to 24-Hour Gyms of Texas will be given to the first male and female to finish.

The March of Dimes Walk America will be April 27. There is no fee to enter. Sponsorship forms are available at KORA radio station, 7-11 stores and the March of Dimes office. Those who wish to enter can preregister at the office or register at 8 a.m. before the walk. The walk will begin at 9 a.m. at the First City National Bank in Bryan.

April is Cancer Awareness Month, and the American Cancer Society is having a door-to-door crusade, which began Monday and will continue through next Monday.

Betty Miller, the residential chairman for Bryan, said the society is gathering donations and is trying to educate the people about cancer by handing out brochures. Last year the society received \$8,000 in donations from Brazos County during the crusade.

The Cancer Society also is sponsoring a stop-smoking clinic May 6. There is a \$10 incentive fee that the participants will get back if they finish the clinic.

The American Heart Association is having a Dance for Heart fundraiser that began the last week in February and will continue through May 15.

Eleven local dance shops and clubs competed against each other to raise the most money, said Sarah Van Pelt, association chairman. Dancers signed up at one of the dance shops and danced for four hours.

Body Dynamics raised the most money with Jazzercise a close second. A total of \$9,703 was raised during the Dance for Heart Competition.

American Heart Association Assistant Sue Carpenter said the Dance for Heart is expected to raise about \$350,000 state-wide.

Hance renews his loyalty to Democrats, dispels rumor

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Rumors he might be a Republican candidate for office next year are "wild speculation," former congressman Kent Hance said Tuesday.

The Democrat said it is highly unlikely he will switch parties and too soon to say if he will run for anything.

"I don't know what I'll be doing next year," Hance told The Associated Press in a phone interview from his Lubbock law office. "Right now, I'm concentrating on my law business."

Hance, a conservative who narrowly lost the Democratic U.S. Sen-

ate nomination last year, said the party needs to do some "soul searching" about whether it has a place for conservatives and moderates.

However, he said, he isn't planning to join the GOP.

"I don't see that in cards," Hance said. "I've been asked, 'Would you ever, ever switch?' In politics, you learn never to say never — but I don't see that in cards."

Hance decided not to seek re-election to the U.S. House last year, instead making a bid for the Democratic Senate nomination. He lost the runoff by fewer than 1,400 votes to liberal state Sen. Lloyd Doggett, who in turn was overwhelmed by Repub-

lican Phil Gramm in November.

Since the election, rumors have been circulating among Texas politicians that Republicans were courting Hance as a possible GOP gubernatorial candidate.

"All this is wild speculation," Hance said, adding that he knows of no concerted GOP effort to lure him to that party.

"If I go to a reception or something, there's usually someone there who tells me I ought to switch," he said.

Hance, who resumed practicing law after the election, said he has been too busy with that business to devote much attention to politics.



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