

Around town

Juniors and seniors must take exam

Any junior or senior in the College of Science who has not previously taken the **English Proficiency Examination** should plan to do so tonight from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. In order to qualify as a candidate for a degree in the College of Science, each student must demonstrate an ability to express himself or herself in acceptable English. Students in the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics should register for the exam in 152 Blocker no later than April 23.

Student organization workshop offered

The Student Activities Office is offering a workshop for all TAMU recognized student organizations. The workshop will provide the opportunity for all student organization officers to gain knowledge of basic skills required in leading a group. Dean Mobley will be the guest speaker, followed by independent sessions for presidents, vice presidents, publicity, secretaries, treasurers, service and advisers. The workshop is free and open to all students and advisers of recognized organizations. Initial session begins tonight at 7 p.m. in 201 Rudder.

Class of '86 positions available

Interested in getting involved with the Class of '86? Then apply now for a chairman position. Applications are now available for Ring Dance, Senior Banquet, Public Relations, Special Events, Distribution, and Communications/Newsletter chairmen in 216 MSC at the secretary's desk. Applications are due Friday at 5 p.m. Interviews will be April 28, 29, and 30. Please sign up for an interview when application is returned.

Women's chorus presents annual concert

The Texas A&M Women's Chorus is having their annual Spring Concert in Rudder Theater Friday at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the MSC box office. General admission is \$4 and student price is \$3.50. For more information, call 845-5974.

Faculty Senate speaker

Milford won't run again

By KIRSTEN DIETZ
Staff Writer

The Faculty Senate should be representative of the entire faculty and should not take on the personality of the speaker, says Dr. Murray Milford, currently the Faculty Senate speaker.

Milford, whose year as speaker expires at the May 13 Senate meeting, has decided not to run for the position again. As of Wednesday, Sen. Jaan Laane, professor of chemistry, has filed for the position. The new speaker will be elected at the May meeting. Filing ends Tuesday.

Milford says he is following the example of Sen. John McDermott, his predecessor, who also served only one term.

"I think I feel pretty much as I sense he felt, that the Faculty Senate should be representative of the faculty," he says. "It need not take on the personality and be associated with an individual of the faculty."

He says that serving as speaker

has been a great honor, but that it's an opportunity that as many Senate members as possible should have.

"I don't think it's healthy for any of us to develop the idea that we're indispensable in the role, that we can do it any better than anybody else," Milford says. "As a matter of fact, I think we tend to lose our enthusiasm a little bit."

A year is enough time for a speaker to present any new imaginative or creative ideas he might have, he says.

Milford says he had two goals as speaker: to represent the Senate as he perceived it to the Board of Regents, and to conduct Senate meetings in such a way that all members would feel they were treated fairly.

"I think on the whole, for a body in its second year, it's gone pretty well," he says.

Milford says he is slightly disappointed that the Senate did not act on five issues he considers important and which are currently at subcommittee or committee stages: the core

Professors selected for shuttle flight

Associated Press

SPACE CENTER — Three university professors have been chosen to fly on space shuttle science missions in the next two years, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced Wednesday.

Selected for a spring 1986 flight were Dr. Francis A. Gaffney, 37, of the University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas; and Robert W. Phillips, 56, a professor of physiology and nutrition at Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

Named to a flight tentatively set for 1987 was Dr. Millie Hughes-Fulford, 39, an associate professor of biochemistry at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in San Francisco.

Hughes-Fulford is the first woman to be named a prime payload specialist for a space shuttle flight.

Gaffney, an associate professor of medicine and cardiology, is director of the Echo cardiography at the Dallas university. Echo cardiography uses a device that can check the function of the heart visually while in orbit.

Phillips, a veterinarian, will study a number of research animals, probably monkeys and rats, on the flight.

Gaffney and Phillips are assigned to a mission called Spacelab Life Sciences 1. The flight will concentrate on 30 life science experiments in human and animal physiology and gravitational biology.

With the two scientists on the flight will be a crew of seven astronauts. Vance Brand is the commander. Astronauts David Griggs and John Fabian will be pilots, and Dr. Rhea Seddon and Jim Bagian will be mission specialists.



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New law enables courts to give death sentence for mass murders

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Legislation to include mass and serial murders under crimes that are punishable by death was signed into law Wednesday by Gov. Mark White.

Under the old capital punishment law, a person could commit several murders without being sentenced to

death unless the killings occurred during a felony or the victim was a police officer or fire fighter.

The bill's co-sponsor, Rep. Tony Polumbo, D-Houston, said the old law failed to allow the death penalty for someone who "travels across the state of Texas killing people to find

out how it feels to kill people."

In signing the bill, White said the measure included provisions from his criminal justice agenda.

"It will enable the courts to impose the harshest penalty on offenders convicted of mass or serial murders," he said.

Student joins Peace Corps, receives honor from Reagan

By MICHAEL CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

When most college students think of traveling overseas during the summer, they think of touring the ruined castles of Europe or of spending the day on a tropical beach. Borgia Graves thinks of Africa.

But Graves isn't going on a safari, she's going to join the other 2,400 Peace Corps volunteers now working in Africa.

"I know pretty much that it's going to be a lot of give and take," the Texas A&M graduate student says. "It's going to have unbearable, oppressive heat. It's going to require a lot of adjustment."

Graves will be working at a fishery, studying the lakes and reservoirs in northern Cameroon, and trying to instruct that country's people in how to maximize the harvest potential for the central African country.

It's a job which will last for the next two years. But first, she says, she will go through an extensive three month training period.

Why does she want to do it?

"Partly for personal reasons and partly because I know that I have a lot of energy to go over and help some of these people," Graves says. "I had no qualms or concerns about leaving some of the hassles and materialism of the U.S. for a couple of years... There's a lot of opportunity for you to feel self-satisfied in helping others and you benefit too."

"You learn to appreciate your culture and what we have as Americans — which I feel we too often take for granted."

Graves says she is "110 percent" ready to go.

Slightly larger than California, Cameroon is a poor country. In 1979, its per capita income was only \$628. Its population is comprised of more than 200 tribes and its literacy rate is 34 percent. Graves' commitment has already earned her a trip to the White House.

Graves was one of 45 volunteers honored this week by President Reagan during "National Volunteer Recognition Week." She says she will never forget shaking the president's hand in the rose garden.

"I said 'God bless you.' He was so moved that he grabbed both of my hands and squeezed them tightly. I thought I was going to faint, I really did. He's really a personable man and he was taking the time to speak to all of us... It made me proud to be an American."

Graves says that Reagan is promoting the Peace Corps after its president made a national appeal for volunteers. Since that appeal, the Peace Corps says applications have been pouring in. But, Graves says, as long as someone is qualified, they won't be turned away.

While in Cameroon, Graves will earn the minimum wage of the host country as well as have \$175 a month set aside by the Peace Corps for use when she finishes her tour.



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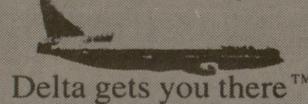
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