What's up

CO-OP ASSOCIATION: is meeting at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder. Ann McDonald, Assistant Director of the A&M placement center will speak on interviewing and re-

Wednesday

BCAUS: is meeting at 7 p.m. in 102 Teague.

A&M CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: is meeting in 101 Soil and Crops Sciences. There will be music, refreshments and

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

16,000 are expected at church conference

SAN ANTONIO - More than 16,000 delegates are expected to arrive this week for the biennial conference of the Assemblies of God, which describes itself as the world's largest and fastest-growing Pentecostal denomination.

Meetings of the church's governing General Presbytery began Sunday and were to continue daily until

the convention begins Thursday.

A highlight of the six-day conference will be a live, two-hour nationwide broadcast of the Sunday afof God churches nationwide.

The Assemblies of God, an arm of the Pentecostal movement, got its start in 1914 and since has grown to more than 15 million adherents, church officials say.

Most of the church's membership lies outside the United States, which claims 2 million members.

The Assemblies of God has held steadfastly to its belief in the "baptism of the Holy Spirit," characterized by speaking in tongues and claims of miracle healings.

Groups claim EPA lax on enforcement

Associated Press

AUSTIN - The Sierra Club and Sportsmen's Clubs of Texas threatened Monday to file suit against the Environmental Portection Agency or not enforcing clean water stan-

"Unless major steps are taken soon to come to grips with our state's major water pollution problems, Texans will awake one day to find water made stagnant by our lack of action and an economy made stagnant by our degradation of that water," Ken Kramer, Sierra Club spokesman, told a news conference.

We're sick and tired of all these fish kills," said Alan Allen, executive director of SCOT. "We've tried to work within the system but we have finally just had too much and want

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to do something about it.

Allen said SCOT officials were particularly incensed by last month's kill of about 286,000 fish "due to sewage in the Trinity River alone."

Austin attorney Rick Lowerre said EPA was given the required 60-day notice Monday that the lawsuit was being prepared.

Lowerre said the suit claims that EPA approved Texas Water Quality Standards knowing that they did not comply with the federal Clean Water Act. He said the suit alleges that EPA has even failed to require Texas to assure that the discharge of pollut-ants in Texas lakes and rivers comply with the state's own laws.

"SCOT and the Sierra Club will sue to force the EPA to take over the review and certification process (of water quality guidelines) since Texas has failed to establish an adequate

Female cadets

A&M women becoming more active in Corps despite traditionalists' scorn

By BRIAN PEARSON Staff Writer

Women are playing a more active role in the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets, although fight-to-the-death tradition upholders at the University

continue to stand in their way.

The female Corps cadets — from the first who joined the Corps in 1974 to the three who recently joined the Aggie Band — under-stand the problems associated with becoming a member of the tradition-ally all-male organization.

Roxie Pranglin, who joined the Corps in 1974, remembers what it was like being one of the first women to join the Corps.

About 25 women joined the Corps at this time as freshmen and sopho-

Pranglin, who is now Corps area coordinator at A&M, said she experienced her share of scorn and rejection during her first year in the

Corps.

"There wasn't much change that first year," she said. "It was all negative except for a few people.

During the fall of the first year, the women in the Corps marched in civilian clothes because no uniforms were available.

They also lived either off campus or in campus housing away from the Quadrangle, the Corps dormitory area, because there was no Corps dormitory for women. The female cadets were fitted for

uniforms in the spring of 1975 and moved into a Quadrangle dorm by the next fall.

Pranglin said joining the Corps at that time was a "radical move."

"I guess when you're 18 or 19 years old you look at things differently," Pranglin said, "but back then

"Each year I think we made some steps forward in terms of positions applied for . . .," — Roxie Pranglin, who is now Corps area coordinator at

I really felt like the Corps was an active student organization and if you were involved with that, you were actively involved with all phases of stu-

But she said women have gained more acceptance as the years pass.

Each year I think we made some steps forward in terms of positions applied for or recognition in certain positions," Pranglin said.

She said that women in the Corps

have accomplished more in the past three or four years than they have in all the other years they have been in The most recent step forward for women cadets has been the accep-

Pranglin said whether the women make it as band members "depends on how much support they get from everybody" including band mem-bers, fellow women in the Corps and

tance of three women into the Aggie

administrators. Currently, the Corps must "en-tion

courage" women to join Corps organizations such as the band and Ross Volunteers, an elite outfit.

A January court agreement, which settled a 1979 suit filed by for-

Retired Lt. Col. Donald Johnson, assistant commandant of the Corps,

'Based on what's been printed in the papers, I think that most people would believe that Melanie Zentgraf applied for the Aggie Band and every other organization and was denied membership in all of those,

Corps organization, was based "s-trictly on ability and how she got along with other cadets.'

"There was another young lady at the same time who was asked to apply for membership to the Ross Vol-

"Several of the Ross Volunteers told her that they would vote for her if she applied, but she would not ap-

ply," he said.

That woman was Doriot Mascarich. Although Mascarich did not become the first woman in the RVs, she did go on to be battalion commander, one of the highest Corps

Johnson said at least one woman will apply for the RVs for the fall 1985 semester.

If accepted, she will be the first woman to join that Corps organiza-

mer cadet Melanie Zentgraf, forced the Corps to encourage women to join Corps organizations.

said the Corps received negative newspaper attention because of the Zentgraf case.

which is simply not true," Johnson He said the rejection of Zentgraf's application to the Color Guard, a

Attorney says competency tests discriminate

Associated Press

TYLER — An attorney representng several minority groups and stunts argued in federal court Monday that competency tests for potential teachers are discrimina-

Albert Kauffman, an attorney from the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, sked U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice to issue an injunction

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Albert Kauffman, a San Antonio attorney for MALDEF, said because the state uses the PPST as the sole admission policy to teacher educa-

keeping state officials from testing tion institutions, it is not acceptable sophomore teacher education stu-

If the injunction is issued, stulevel courses and receive a bachelor's degree in education. Teacher certification would be de-

termined after the suit is settled.

Kaufman is representing several organizations and some students.

result in fewer minority teachers in the state's classrooms.

But state attorneys feel the test

serves other purposes. the state, said, "This case comes down to whether the state can require students to know reading, math and writing before they are allowed to teach.

Remedial programs are offered at junior colleges for students who do He claims the testing program will not pass the test.

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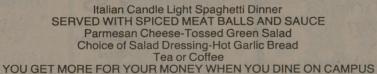
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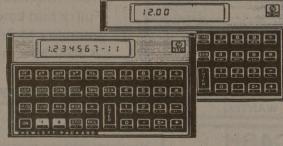
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