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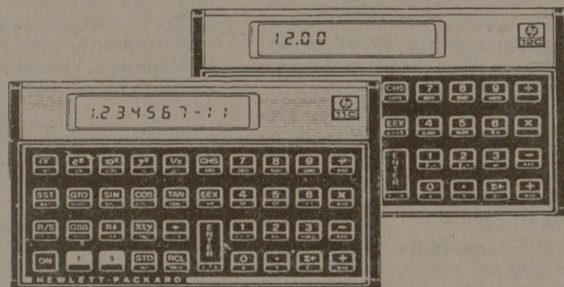
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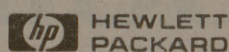
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Spring graduates must apply now for '86 Who's Who

By TAMARA BELL
Staff Writer

Applications are now being accepted for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Who's Who is an acknowledgment of a senior's or graduate student's outstanding accomplishments at Texas A&M, said Dr. J. Malon Southerland, assistant vice president for student services.

May 1986 graduates who meet the requirements can pick up applications at eight locations on campus including the Memorial Student Center, Student Activities Office in the Pavilion and Sterling C. Evans Library, Southerland said. The deadline for applying is Sept. 27.

Students must meet certain standards to be eligible for Who's Who. The criteria include:

- Undergraduate students and professional students, those enrolled in the Colleges of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, must have 92 credit hours as of September 1985. At least 30 hours must have been taken at Texas A&M.
- Undergraduate and professional students must have an overall grade point ratio of 2.5 or better.
- A graduate student must have completed one semester at A&M during which he completed 12 credit hours for grade points. Graduate students must have a grade point ratio of 3.5 or better.

- The student must be active in campus and/or community activities and show qualities of leadership in student/community organizations.

- A student may be selected to the Who's Who roll for one year only.

- Those selected are responsible for remaining eligible throughout their college career.

From the qualified applicants, 55 students will be selected by a committee chaired by Dr. Carolyn Adair, director of Student Affairs, and composed of students, staff and faculty, Southerland said. The selection process will continue throughout the fall semester because of the many applications that will be reviewed.

The vice president for student services will notify the chosen students and the national Who's Who office will contact the students for biographical information for the 1985-86 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

A Who's Who reception honoring the recipients is scheduled to correspond with Parents' Day weekend on April 11, Southerland said. The honorees will be presented with a framed certificate.

"The key benefit to being named in Who's Who is the recognition by a student's peers for the high level of accomplishment in four years at the University," Southerland said.

Program created to reduce young minority pregnancies

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Community leaders must show young blacks that sex is not the only "free entertainment" available, a state lawmaker said Monday in announcing a program designed to reduce pregnancies among minority teen-agers.

Austin Rep. Wilhelmina Delco said sports should be revived as an alternative to teen-age sex.

Delco and Dallas Rep. Paul Ragsdale were named honorary chairmen of the National Council of Negro Women's program that will match adult "role models" with black teens.

At a Capitol news conference, Ragsdale offered statistics showing that almost one of four black females become pregnant before age 18. Among 18 and 19-year-olds, the pregnancy rate for blacks is five times the rate for whites, according to the statistics.

Among younger teen-agers, the black pregnancy rate is eight times that of whites, he said.

"We are here today to address a problem that has grown to epidemic proportions in black communities

across the United States and Texas," said Ragsdale, chairman of the Black Legislative Caucus.

Delco, a caucus member, said teen pregnancy is a problem in all segments of society, not just the black community.

"There are a couple of reasons why people do this," Delco said. "Once I heard young people say, 'Well it's the only free entertainment.'

"It may be, but it isn't something like you go to a movie and when you leave the movie you're through. This has a tremendous impact.

"It's not really free. You take a chance. It's like Russian roulette. You take a chance every time you have that free entertainment of producing a child that could alter your life for the rest of your life."

The challenge is to show young people the "alternatives to sex as entertainment," Delco said, mentioning basketball, football and women's sports as possibilities.

"For years, for young people, sports have been a healthy, acceptable alternative," she said. "We have kind of let that go down in favor of TV."

Around town

Who's Who applications now available

Applications for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will be available at boxes located at eight different campus locations from 8 a.m. today through 5 p.m. Sept. 27. Applications can be picked up at the Commandant's Office, Memorial Student Center, Student Activities Office, Zachry Engineering Center, Sterling C. Evans Library, Kleberg Center, the Office of the Dean of Veterinary Medicine and the Office of the Vice President for Student Services.

Defensive driving class begins today

The Bryan-College Station Noon Optimist Club is sponsoring a defensive driving course today and Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Brazos Center on Briarcrest Drive in Bryan. The course can be used to receive a 10 percent reduction in automobile insurance rates or for the dismissal of a traffic fine. The fee is \$20. Call 779-1111 for more information.

Federal report says theft of explosives on the rise in Texas

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas topped the nation in 1984 in the number of explosive thefts, with 3,571 pounds being taken in 21 incidents, according to an unpublished report by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

When Dallas police and federal agents raided a Rockwall residence and a Dallas business April 27, 1984, they confiscated stolen military explosives ranging from hand grenades to detonators to practice mines.

The raid, which led to the arrests of eight people, was described by federal agents as one of the largest single seizures of stolen explosives in U.S. history and the largest recovery ever of stolen military munitions.

The agents said the raid helped expose a growing, often deadly trade in black market explosives in Texas.

They said the trade can be as profitable as it is perilous.

"It's something we've been in a running gun battle with for years," said Jack Killorin, ATF chief of public affairs.

Smokeless powder, black powder and other blasting agents found in the Dallas armory were among the 980 pounds recovered in Texas last year, said Steve Sheid, an explosive specialist with the federal agency in Washington.

In part because of the Dallas seizure, the state also led the nation last year in the amount of stolen explosives recovered by officials, according to the new ATF report, which the Austin American-Statesman said is expected to be issued in late September.

The crime might be on the upswing in the state, but it is not new, officials said.

Only Kentucky recorded more explosive thefts than Texas in 1983, when 16 incidents were investigated by local, state, and federal authorities, according to ATF figures.

Armed with stolen explosives and illegal fireworks, criminals are using bombs for a variety of motives — vandalism, revenge, protests, extortion, insurance fraud and murder, investigators said.

There were 37 bombings in Texas last year, according to the federal report.

Bombings across the nation in 1984 killed nine people, injured 160 and inflicted \$7.1 million in damage.

The most popular bombs are pipes or bottles filled with flammable liquids, smokeless powder or black powder, officials said.

"It's up to the imagination of the person making the bomb, and depending on their intelligence they can make simple ones or very complicated ones," Sheid said.

Thieves in Texas have turned their attention to rock quarries and to the oil and gas industry, both of which are major users of explosives.

"First of all, we have a large geographical area in Texas, and we also have a lot of legitimate businesses that require explosives," said Richard Garner, a special agent of the agency in Dallas.

Regulated storage facilities for oil and gas and other industries are the most frequent targets for explosive thieves in Texas, Garner said.

Phil Chojnacki, an assistant special agent for the ATF bureau in Houston, said eight explosive thefts were recorded in the Houston district between October and March.

The enforcement office in Houston oversees the southern half of Texas and southern New Mexico.

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