

What's up

Thursday

ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY-SIGMA TAU DELTA: Today is the deadline for applications for STD. Turn them in at the English Department, 2nd floor Blocker.

TEXAS A&M EMERGENCY CARE TEAM: will meet at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

POSSUM KINGDOM AREA HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. Call 260-8437 or 846-2596 for place.

BETA ALPHA PSI: Arthur Anderson will speak on "Audits of Casinos" at 6:45 at the Hilton Hotel.

OFF CAMPUS AGGIES: will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Mt. Aggie to go to yell practice.

REGIONAL STUDIES CLUB: will meet in 221 Civil Engineering Bldg. at 12:30 p.m. to hear Carson Hoge speak about the proposed state water plan.

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS CLUB: will have a banana split party at 6 p.m. at Olsen Field Park. BYOB: Bring your own banana. \$1 for non-members.

MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE: presents "Cloak and Dagger" at 7:30 and 9:45 in Rudder Theater. Admission is \$2.

DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION: will hold its ICDP Series at 7 p.m. in the Ramada Inn Penthouse. Features presentation from Mobil. Business attire required.

TAMU FENCING CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 267 E. Kyle.

TEXAS A&M MACINTOSH USERS GROUP: will meet at 7 p.m. in 101 Soil & Crop Sciences Bldg.

Friday

MSC AGGIE CINEMA: presents "Amadeus" at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. Midnight movie: "Richard Pryor Live On Sunset Strip" in Rudder Auditorium.

VENEZUELAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will meet at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

CHINA CLUB: will show the movie "Acrobatic Wonders" at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

MSC NOVA: will hold open gaming at 7 p.m. in 352 MSC. Lessons on how to play "Top Secret" at 7 p.m. in 350A MSC.

TAMU CHESS CLUB: will hold open gaming 7 p.m.-10 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY: will meet for Bible study at 6:15 p.m. at the A&M Presbyterian Church offices.

1986 MISS TAMU SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT: Applications available in 216 MSC through Oct. 18.

LUBBOCK A&M CLUB: is having a barbeque at 4 p.m. Saturday, before the Texas A&M-Texas Tech football game. It will be held at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, next to Jones Stadium. Admission is \$5 with a student ID.

FAA says criticism of Delta Flight 191 controllers unfair

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Air traffic controllers directing the doomed Delta Air Lines Flight 191 are being unjustly criticized because of transcripts of the jet's cockpit voice recorder, federal officials said.

In the transcripts released this week, the plane's captain made disparaging remarks that seemed aimed at the controllers moments before the Aug. 2 crash.

"Getting kinda hot in the oven with this controller. See, that's what a lack of experience does," Capt. Edward M. Conners said. He remarked at another point, "He's sleeping. Get him out of bed."

But Federal Aviation Administration officials said Tuesday that Conners wrongly referred to a veteran of 16 years in air traffic control as inexperienced. The other statement, they said, referred to a member of Conner's flight crew, not a controller.

C.R. "Tex" Melugin, administrator of the FAA's Southwest Regional Office in Fort Worth, told a news conference Tuesday:

"I'm uptight and the controllers are uptight" because of the transcripts.

Norman Scroggins, manager of

the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport control tower, said:

"They (the controllers) feel they have been mistreated."

"It really seems to be to some extent a perception that there has been a concerted effort to discredit not only them but the whole system."

The comments came one day after the National Transportation Safety Board released transcripts of the flight recordings from Flight 191, which crashed one-half mile short of the runway, killing 136 people.

NTSB officials issued a clarification of that remark Tuesday, saying the pilot apparently referred to his flight engineer and not the controller.

But FAA officials expressed anger over suggestions the flight had not been handled properly and noted that the Fort Worth controller guiding Delta 191 had 16 years of experience.

Those controllers also had no way of knowing that the rain cell Flight 191 entered was becoming severe, officials said, adding that they believe the controllers will be vindicated during safety board hearings on the accident that are scheduled to begin Oct. 29.

Gonzales fetes cannon's role in Texas independence

Associated Press

GONZALES — For residents of Gonzales, celebration of the Texas Sesquicentennial comes a bit early. Wednesday marked the 150th anniversary of a dispute that led to the first fight in the war for Texas independence. The fight centered around possession of a small cannon.

Residents began a three-day celebration of the contribution of the cannon, now a memorial, to the Texas battle for independence. Historians say it really was not much of

a battle, but it did touch off the revolution that led to the establishment of the Republic of Texas.

The Mexican government gave the settlers the cannon, but demanded it back when settlers became hostile to the Mexican government.

The settlers mounted it on a wagon and fashioning a flag out of two yards of white cloth, bore a drawing of the cannon and the message: "Come and Take It."

On Oct. 2, 1835, they fired the cannon into the Mexican troops. The revolution had begun.

Association keeps students informed

By FRANK SMITH
Staff Writer

The leader of the Texas State Student Association said Tuesday that students can make a difference in government if they take an interest in issues affecting them.

"Right now students don't seem involved in, say, the water plan or maybe security deposit laws or tenant code laws," said John Hatch, president of TSSA and a senior political science major at Texas A&M. "And sure, those things don't strike everybody as being very exciting. But if you're from West Texas the water plan is something you take at heart because you've lived with limited resources of water for most of your life."

"If you are an A&M student who happened to be living in one of the now-bankrupt apartment complexes, you know what a pain it was to just lose that \$150 you put down as a security deposit."

Hatch was elected in March to head the TSSA. He describes the organization as an information network which works with student governments of universities and junior colleges across the state and keeps them abreast of upcoming issues affecting students.

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"Every school of higher education in the state of Texas from junior college on up is automatically a member of TSSA, simply because they are an institution of higher education," he said. "They can choose to become active members, which means they pay their dues and get voting privileges and all of the other services we provide."

One of those services is a service information office currently located at East Texas State University, Hatch said. "They are responsible for keeping on file more or less a data base of all service information related projects — constitutions of all the schools, by-laws, different programs and projects they've all done," Hatch said.

He said if a member university's student government is preparing to launch a new program, the service information office can give it all the

details of related programs which have been implemented at other schools.

Another service available to TSSA members is a legislative information office currently located at the University of Texas at El Paso, Hatch said. This office monitors issues pertaining to students on both the federal and state levels.

"For instance, the current administration on the federal level is trying to cut financial aid," he said. "Our objective there would be to watch this and to periodically send out information to the student leaders saying, 'This is what is happening on the federal level. This is what it will do. Take whatever action you deem necessary.'"

Hatch said its apolitical nature makes TSSA different from its previous entities, which have existed under different names since 1949.

Prior to the official formation of TSSA in the fall of 1984, the organization, then called the Texas Student Association, was a student lobbying group, he said.

The organization always had about 20 active member schools each year, he said. Hatch said he expects 20 to 30 schools to be active by the end of the year.

However, Hatch said, the organization could triple its active memberships by the fall semester of 1986 if members of the Texas Junior College Student Government Association join the TSSA.

"What we're trying to show now is that it's to their advantage to become a member and get the information," he said. "Plus, we have a few other things that are in the making that will make it much more to their benefit to be a member."

Hatch said those "other things" include:

- Obtaining information on available internships from all state agencies and distributing a major listing to the student governments of all active member schools.

- An effort to convince different agencies or officeholders to commit one internship from their offices to the TSSA.

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