

Around town

Applications for Battalion staff available

Staff applications for the spring semester are available now in 216 Reed McDonald, City editor, opinion page editor, news editor, At Ease editor, sports editor and photo editor are due by 5 p.m. today. All other staff applications must be turned in by 5 p.m. Friday.

Food challenge issued to departments

A challenge has been issued by the Department of Aerospace Engineering to all University departments to collect canned food goods. Anyone interested should contact Susan at 845-1600. All items collected will be distributed to needy families in the Bryan-College Station area. Give from your hearts to make the holidays special for someone less fortunate than yourself.

University press holds warehouse sale

More than 300 new and backlist titles published by Texas A&M University Press, TCU Press, Rice University Press, Texas State Historical Association, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and others will be discounted up to 80 percent at the press's Christmas warehouse sale. Damaged copies will be available at even greater savings. Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the John H. Lindsey building on Lewis Street, adjacent to the bonfire site. For more information call the press at 845-1436.

Fellowship to hold winter conference

Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship will host a conference with the theme "Celebration of Discipleship" Jan. 2-6 in San Antonio. Its purpose is to equip students to make a spiritual impact on their campuses. All students interested in this winter celebration should contact Paul Wyatt at 896-6847. The cost is \$99.

S. Africa may let blacks own land

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The government said Wednesday it will propose next year that blacks be allowed to own land for the first time in 72 years, but the laws will not lift restrictions on where they can live.

The proposal would apply only to the approximately one-sixth of the nation's 24 million blacks who already have the right to buy transferable 99-year leases on property.

A prominent critic of the govern-

ment's racial policies said the announcement was "important to black people in an emotional way" but was "not a dismantling of apartheid."

National police headquarters in Pretoria said officers shot a black man dead in a battle with stone throwers in the black Crossroads squatter camp outside Cape Town and fought black rioters in live other Cape Province townships late Tuesday and early Wednesday.

A statement said nine blacks were

wounded and 31 arrested later Wednesday when police quelled six outbreaks of arson and three of stone-throwing, mostly in Cape Province.

About 900 people have been killed, nearly all of them black, in 15 months of violence against apartheid, the official policy that reserves privilege for South Africa's 5 million whites and denies rights to the black majority.

Water commission to begin crackdown

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dition over water quality violations since Sept. 1 of this year," Woodfin said. "Prior to that, an agency called the Texas Department of Water Resource had jurisdiction. One of the reasons that agency no longer exists is because they were not enforcing water quality and waste water discharge permit standards with very much tenacity.

"That's something that we are in the process of correcting."

Woodfin said permit violators will not be immediately fined for their actions. The maximum fine per violation is \$10,000 a day until the problem is solved.

"It's a little bit unfair to all of a sudden jump all over people when they've been operating one way for so long and they've been doing it with the knowledge of the people

who were supposed to be regulating them," Woodfin said.

He said the list of Texas' worst water polluters is one of the ways the commission is letting people know its intentions are serious.

"We're hoping that people will get the message very quickly and they will correct their problems before we have to take enforcement action," Woodfin said.

McFarlane resigns security adviser post

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the United States was about to land forces on the tiny island.

McFarlane and Regan, both ex-Marines, clashed both in personality and over control of foreign policy and defense issues.

Regan, a strong-willed, impatient former corporate executive used to getting his way, was reliably re-

ported to be perturbed by McFarlane's direct line of access to the president.

McFarlane, a soft-spoken, reflective analyst, was said to be concerned by the insistence of Regan, a Wall Street broker, to play a major role in shaping foreign policy and defense decisions.

In some measure, McFarlane appeared to have been shunted aside during Reagan's summit in Geneva with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

It was Regan — not McFarlane — who wound up sitting next to Gorbachev at an elegant dinner given by the president.



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