

What's up

Friday

CLASS OF 86: Elephant Walk party pictures are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in 216H MSC. For more information contact Sheila Michalski at 845-1515.

SINGING CADETS: are holding auditions for all interested male students Tuesday through Friday. Call 845-5974 for appointments.

MSC RECREATION: will sponsor an ACU-I tournament for men and women at 9 a.m. Saturday in the MSC bowling and games area. For more information contact Tom Blakely at 845-1515.

ASSOCIATION OF AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS: will hold a general meeting in 111 Heldenfels at 7 p.m.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: will hold a "Welcome Back Meeting" in 108 Harrington at 7 p.m.

MSC VARIETY SHOW: applications are available in 216 MSC and are due February 14 in the Variety Show cubicle. For more information call Staci Parkman at 846-6348.

CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will hold a worship and planning meeting in 301 Rudder at 7 p.m. For more information call Bryan Basden, 845-8400.

MSC TRAVEL: is signing up participants for Mardi Gras and Spring Break trips in 216 MSC. For more information contact MSC Travel at 845-1515.

Saturday

SIGMA ALPHA MU: will hold an Open Rush party at Tree House 1 starting at 9 p.m. For more information call David at 846-2957.

TAMU HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION: requests that all members come out early to work at the "Annual Judges' Seminar" at Freeman Arena, 8 a.m.

DELTA SIGMA THETA: will be having a "Missing You" party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in 229 MSC. Admission is \$2.00. For more information contact Yvette Jacquet at 693-2282.

Sunday

TAMU INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS: invites everyone to join them at 8 p.m. in the MSC (check the monitor for room) for teaching and dancing — both beginners and experienced dancers welcomed. Contact Ellen Luckow at 845-2884 or 822-2415.

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE ARTS: starts off this semester's Sunday night film series with "Taming of The Shrew." The movie will be shown in 113 Kleberg Center at 7 p.m. and admission is free.

Monday

RHA FRESHMAN LEADERSHIP: applications for new members are now available in the RHA office, 215 Pavilion. The deadline is Friday, February 7.

AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: will give square dance lessons for singles to begin at 7 p.m. The club will meet from 8:30- 10 p.m.

STUDENT AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL: will hold a special meeting to discuss the Ag Convocation, Constitution revisions, and PCPA Day. The meeting is at 7 p.m. in 123 Kleberg Center.

Publicity from man's defection may aid family

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The lawyer for a Romanian seaman who jumped ship in Houston said Thursday that Secretary of State George Schultz's recent visit to Romania, coupled with extensive publicity, "has done nothing but help" protect seaman Paul Firica's family.

Firica, 44, was granted political asylum Nov. 14.

Austin lawyer Edward Roush Jr. said he recently returned from a trip to Romania to see Firica's family "face to face, to know that they were alive and well."

Roush said he had arranged the trip because of reports that Firica's house in Lumina, Romania, had been confiscated by the government, that the family had endured lengthy interrogations and that the older daughter, Gabriella, had been fired from her job, which was the family's sole means of support.

"None of those facts are true," Roush said.

Asked if he felt what he saw "was for real," Roush said the U.S. Embassy had informed him that the Romanian government "knew of my presence in the country, but I was not impeded in any way."

"I think George Schultz's recent visit there, coupled with the extensive publicity concerning his (Firica's) case has done nothing but help in protecting his family," he said.

Roush said according to the embassy and people in Firica's village, "the government has done everything they can to keep their hands off of Paul Firica's family."

He said the family's only contact with the "secret police" was when they "stopped by and asked for Paul's ID card."

The family told the police Firica had his card, Roush said.

Roush also said he obtained certified copies of birth certificates and the Firica marriage license, which will be sent to the Immigration and Naturalization Service in San Antonio.

U.S. sends battle groups near Libya's border

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age terrorism and keep him guessing about what we might do, not give him an excuse to try it again."

The United States has accused Libya of supporting a Palestinian terrorist group suspected of mounting the Dec. 27 attacks on the Rome and Vienna airports. Khadafy responded during the first week of January by putting his military forces on alert, claiming the United States was planning an invasion.

The Soviet Union, which supports Libya, responded by increasing its surveillance of the U.S. 6th Fleet and by moving two more combat ships into the Mediterranean from the Black Sea.

The United States currently has 31 Navy ships in the Mediterranean,

of which 20 are combat ships. The combat forces are led by two aircraft carriers.

A combat incident between the United States and Libya occurred on Aug. 19, 1981, when two American F-14 fighters flying off the aircraft carrier Nimitz shot down two Libyan jets over the Gulf of Sidra.

According to Pentagon statements at the time, the two F-14's were flying a routine mission as part of a two-day exercise when the Soviet-built SU-22 fighters appeared about 60 miles off the Libyan coast and suddenly attacked without provocation. The Pentagon said one of the Libyan jets fired an air-to-air missile at the jets, which missed. Each of the F-14's then fired a single Sidewinder missile, downing both Libyan aircraft.

Good communication helps process

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semester," Perry said. "It may have to wait until summer or the following fall."

"The only limitation is you must initiate the appeals process, and that means you must appeal to the instructor within the next long semester."

Perry recommended students be organized when going through the appeals process.

"The important thing is from the very beginning to sit down and write out your appeal in a coherent way so

that at each stage when you give it to the person they have something to look at, something to get a hold of," he said. "Because a lot of times, when you just talk to people, you don't really get to the point."

"Plus, sitting down and writing it sort of solidifies things in your mind and makes you think of other things you wouldn't have thought of or would forget to say in a meeting."

Perry also said the student should always be communicating with everyone else involved in the appeals process.

"What I would do if I was appealing a grade is give the instructor a copy of what I was giving to the department head just so he'd know," he said. "Or, if you wanted to, I suppose you could go back to the instructor and say, 'Look, here's the way I really feel after talking to you and I'd just like to touch base with you one more time before I go through with this process.'"

Perry said the procedure for appealing suspensions or blocks of enrollment is not as complicated as the one for grade appeals.

"A suspension or block of enrollment is made by a representative in the dean's office of your college," he said. "And in this case you need to see only two people."

The first person to see is the dean's representative, Perry said. If he denies the appeal the student can then go to the chairman of the appeals panel.

Perry said that at a regular meeting the panel usually hears from two to six appeals. This semester the panel heard two, both of which were grade appeals.

Controversy over Marcos' war record not new

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role of the country's guerrillas during the war," he said.

After his usual reference to the five wounds, he told the campaign crowd, "My opponents now say that Marcos is not a genuine guerrilla, that he did not really fight."

"I don't know where they get such foolishness. You who... fought under me, you be the ones to answer these crazy individuals, especially the foreign press."

He said he will ignore his detractors because they are all going crazy.

Some American war veterans came here as Marcos' guests to testify against the newspaper We Forum when he shut it down. The closure later was reversed by the Supreme Court.

At a campaign rally Wednesday, both he and his wife Imelda took watches off their wrists and handed them to an elderly Filipino. Marcos said the man, Dionisio T. Dagandan, was with him during the war and told of both escaping from crocodiles while eluding the Japanese.

A book on Marcos the government produced in 1978, during an eight-year period in which he ruled by martial law, said, "The young Marcos' feats of skill, endurance and courage in battle are the very stuff of legend."

The book describes many exploits, including one in which Marcos, then a lieutenant, led three young recruits in a raid behind Japanese lines in which they killed 50 enemy soldiers.

It said he was captured but escaped to perform other acts of hero-

ism for which he was recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Journalist Bonifacio Gillego wrote in the We Forum series that led to its closure that Marcos got all but six of his medals well after the war, 11 while he was a powerful senator preparing to run for the presidency and one in 1972 as president.

Gillego quoted several former Filipino military officers as denying that Marcos performed heroic deeds or was wounded.

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