

What's up

Thursday

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS: will hear from Steve Booth of the student counseling service at 7:30 p.m. in 607 Rudder. For information call Mark, 260-2081.

BETA ALPHA PSI: will hear a discussion from Seidman & Seidman and Kenneth Leventhal on the differences between the "Big 8" and other public accounting firms at 6:30 p.m. in the Hilton. For more information call Tammy, 764-8794.

VIETNAMESE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 401 Rudder. For more information call Hai, 846-8291.

TAMU FENCING CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 267 East Kyle followed by practice.

SWAMP: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder. For more information call Dave, 696-3953.

CEPHEID VARIABLE: will show the Disney version of "Robin Hood" at 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Admission is \$2.

STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: today is the last day to submit photo contest entries on the first floor of the MSC.

STUDENT YOUTH FUN DAY: will have an adviser meeting at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder. For more information call Judy, 260-0103.

MSC INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 604A-B Rudder. For more information call 845-1515.

DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION: Jim Hyndman, a recruiter for Chaplin, will give a seminar on resume writing and interviewing at 7 p.m. in 102 Blocker.

Fontenot trial Jury acquits ex-principal

Associated Press

LIVINGSTON — A state district court jury Wednesday acquitted a former junior high school principal of charges he killed a football coach out of jealousy over his relationship with a school secretary.

Hurley Fontenot, 48, former principal of Hull-Daisetta Woodson Junior High School, had been charged with murder in the April 12 shooting of Billy Mac Fleming, 36, who coached and taught math and science at the school.

The 10-woman, two-man jury deliberated for a total of 12.5 hours over two days.

The standing room-only crowd at the Polk County Courthouse cheered when the verdict was read. Fontenot hugged his attorney Dick DeGuerin and then his wife and daughter.

"This has been like a Barnum & Bailey Circus," Fontenot had said while awaiting the verdict. "When it's all over, I think I'm going to go take a long nap."

The jury earlier in the day had asked to rehear testimony concern-

ing a hotel receipt and several anonymous letters sent to Fleming, which were "very derogatory" of his relationship with Laura Nugent, 36, the school secretary, according to prosecutors.

Before the verdict was reached Polk County District Attorney Peter Speers had said, "If they can be convinced that he wrote those letters, then they'll be convinced that he killed Bill Fleming."

About 100 people, many who attended the six-week trial and listened to testimony from 86 witnesses, also waited in the courtroom.

Some of the spectators, who had pushed and shoved to get a seat, wore buttons proclaiming, "I Survived The Courtroom Stampede."

Defense attorneys claimed Liberty County investigators were trying to frame Fontenot for a murder he did not commit, saying they discarded or ignored evidence that pointed to other suspects.

Prosecutors, however, insisted Fontenot, who once dated Nugent, was jealous of Fleming because he planned to marry her.

Suit filed to block soft-drink mergers

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Plans to combine the nation's top four soft-drink producers into two companies controlling more than 80 percent of the market are being challenged in federal court.

The class-action lawsuit, filed by three individuals on behalf of themselves and other soda-pop consumers, seeks an injunction to keep

Coca-Cola Co. from buying Dr. Pepper Co., and to prevent Pepsico Inc. from acquiring Seven-Up Co.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court on Tuesday, contends the acquisitions would violate antitrust laws by reducing competition, which could result in soft-drink price increases.

Coca-Cola, the nation's largest soft-drink company, would control

about 46 percent of the domestic soft-drink market under its plan to buy Dr. Pepper for \$470 million.

Dallas-based Dr. Pepper, owned by Forstmann Little and Co., currently is the fourth largest producer.

Pepsico, which said a month ago it intends to buy Seven-Up for \$380 million, would have 35 percent of the \$30 billion-a-year soft-drink market under the plan.

Pepsico is the nation's second-largest soft-drink producer.

Seven-Up, owned by Phillip Morris Inc., is the third largest.

Pepsico spokesman Jim Griffith said, "The suit is totally without merit and will have no impact on the FTC (Federal Trade Commission) review process."

Jury deliberations begin in Chagra's retrial

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Jurors began deliberations Wednesday in the retrial of Elizabeth Chagra, charged with plotting to kill the federal judge scheduled to preside over the drug racketeering trial of her husband.

Chagra, 32, is charged with murder conspiracy, accused of delivering a \$250,000 payoff for the 1979

assassination of U.S. District Judge John H. Wood Jr. She was convicted in 1982, but an appeals court overturned the conviction because of improper jury instructions.

Wednesday, the jury was sent home after several hours without reaching a verdict. Deliberations were to resume Thursday morning.

At the time of Wood's death, he was scheduled to hear a case involv-


ing Jamiel "Jimmy" Chagra, who was accused of making up to \$10 million a year smuggling boatloads of marijuana into Florida.

Mrs. Chagra, the principal defense witness in her trial, which began Feb. 5, claimed she knew nothing about plans by her husband and his brother, Joe, to kill Wood.

The government claimed through

witnesses and seven reels of wiretap tape made by the FBI at the federal prison in Leavenworth, Kan. — where Jimmy Chagra was incarcerated for drug convictions — that she was part of the conspiracy.

Joe Chagra, who pleaded guilty to murder conspiracy in the assassination plot in a bargain with the government, said Mrs. Chagra had no part in the scheme.



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