

State and Local

What's up

Friday

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: will sponsor an international dinner in the BSU. For more information call 846-7722.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT: applications for External Communications and Public Relations will be available through the summer months. Please come by 221 Pavilion from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to pick up applications. For more information call 845-3051.

COMMODORE BRAZOS USERS' GROUP: anyone interested in free tutorial on Commodore 64 or 128 systems can call David Gruben at 845-8889.

STUDENT SERVICES BOOK EXCHANGE: will be held from August 18-29. Go to the second floor of the Pavilion to sell your used books and save money buying books. For more information call 845-3051.

Monday

AGGIE SPACE DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY: will show video highlights of the report of the National Commission on Space at 7 p.m. in 604D Sterling C. Evans.

Tuesday

TAMU SCUBA CLUB: will have a dive planning meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center lounge by the piano. For more information call Jeff, 696-2163.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three days prior to desired publication date.

A&M students study abroad

By Jean Lennox
Reporter

Despite the terrorist threat that devastated European travel this year, over 100 A&M students participated in the Texas A&M Study Abroad Program this summer.

The Study Abroad Program struggled in May when students were panicking about terrorism in Europe and the Texas economy was declining.

"So many rumors were going around," Karen DeMoss, a graduate assistant for the Study Abroad Program, said. "Someone would say that Texas Tech cancelled its trips and then SMU, but no one really did; it was all rumors."

Cathy Schutt, secretary of the Study Abroad Office, said that none of the departments cancelled their trips.

The marketing department almost called off its trip because of last-minute cancellations, but instead decided to change its trip from Europe to the Orient.

"Students weren't cancelling because of terrorism," Schutt said. "Most of the students decided not to go because of the economy in Texas."

"A few parents called their children and just told them that they could no longer afford the trip."

Dr. Candida Lutes, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said the terrorism scare was treated comically in Europe.

Lutes said she went to Italy for one week with the study abroad program and brought back a T-shirt reading "I survived Europe '86."

Dave Booty, a graduate student who traveled in Europe alone, said no one bothered him.

"Of course you've got to be care-

ful, but you have to be careful in any city in the United States," he said.

Annie Appleby, a senior modern languages major, went to Europe with the Study Abroad Program and says she wasn't scared at all. She says her only concern was that her trip would be cancelled after she'd waited so long.

Schutt said that many of the students who passed up the international trips said they now regret not going.

The only problems she heard were the typical ones, she said.

"You always have the problem of students getting homesick, but when they get home they always say, 'Wow! I had a great time. I was a little homesick, but I had a great time,'" she said.

Lutes said many students have told her they had a wonderful time

and they experienced new things on the trip. She said that one student wrote and said the program had opened new doors for him.

Lutes said, "The program also gives students and professors a chance to interact in a way the classroom setting doesn't allow."

Trips were offered to the Orient, Europe, the United Kingdom and Great Britain. The College of Liberal Arts also sponsors trips to Spain, France and Germany.

The Study Abroad Office already has started publicizing next summer's programs. Lutes said the College of Liberal Arts is trying to add a trip to Russia.

Schutt said that with the new language prerequisite required by the University, more and more students are going to be taking advantage of the Study Abroad Program.

Texas county halting free care for indigents

LIBERTY (AP) — Residents needing free health care services no longer can turn to the Liberty County indigent care program except in cases of emergency.

The program, \$5,000 in the red, has been closed temporarily.

Only residents with life-threatening emergencies can receive free treatment at Kersting Memorial Hospital, since the county no longer will pay for doctor visits, prescription medicine or non-emergency health needs.

"If you don't have any money, what else are you going to do?" said Bonnie Ward, administrative assistant to the county judge.

"If somebody has a high fever and vomiting, we can't help them," she said. "But if they've been in a car wreck or had a serious accident on

the job, they can go to the emergency room for help."

In the past five years, the number of people seeking indigent care in the county has risen 75 percent. Officials budgeted \$108,000 for indigent medical care, autopsies and mental health commitments, but that amount dwindled to \$200 by June.

County auditor Harold Seay pumped an additional \$25,000 in revenue sharing funds into the account, but expenses mounted faster than he could find money to pay them.

Since the county's indigent care office closed, at least 15 people requesting non-emergency medical aid have been turned away, officials said.

\$524 million Halliburton loss largest in 62-year history

DALLAS (AP) — Halliburton Co., the giant oil field services and engineering company, reported a loss of \$524.6 million Thursday, the largest quarterly loss in the company's 62-year history.

The company, one of the world's largest in the oil field service business, said more than 90 percent of the loss came from after-tax write-downs of \$488.7 million on inventory, property and equipment.

Thomas H. Cruikshank, president and chief executive officer, blamed the downturn in oil prices

for the company's decline in exploration, which resulted in lower marine engineering and construction revenues.

Guy Marcus, director of investor relations, did not rule out the sale of more assets in the future as a way to reduce expenses.

Marcus said the company has laid off enough employees since the first of the year to account for a personnel savings of \$250 million over a 12-month period. He declined to estimate the total number of layoffs.

FBI probes diplomat's beating

HOUSTON (AP) — An FBI investigation continued Thursday into allegations that two Houston police officers beat and insulted a Bolivian diplomat and two of his relatives.

FBI spokesman Ron Kettler said agents were working with the Houston Police Department's internal affairs division to determine whether Luis Fernando Poppe Valdez's rights were violated when he was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of hindering an arrest.

Valdez said he was not claiming diplomatic immunity on the charge because he was in the United States as a Lion's Club representative and not as a government official.

But defense attorney Ernest Lucas said he and Assistant District Attorney Alex Azzo were trying to determine if Valdez, a member of the Bolivian foreign service and a former mayor of La Paz, has diplomatic immunity.

Shortly after midnight July 21, police went to the Gonzales home apparently to issue Roman Gonzales a warning about trespassing at a condominium complex where one of the officers worked off-duty as a security guard.

But Gonzales was arrested on charges of allegedly assaulting a police officer and Valdez, 45, and Tony Gonzales, 51, also were arrested on charges of hindering an arrest, authorities said.

Special Budget Session

White hopes public will support tax hike

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Mark White, saying he saw no option but a sales tax hike to help balance the state budget, voiced hope Thursday that the public would convince lawmakers to raise taxes.

"I am hopeful that the people of Texas will give guidance to their elected representatives," he said.

The governor on Wednesday proposed to solve the budget deficit crisis with \$1.4 billion in spending cuts and a one-year increase in the sales

tax from 4.125 percent to 5.25 percent.

White said he and his staff worked right up to his speech to the Legislature's special session. He said he repeatedly ordered aides to find enough cuts to save the \$2.2 billion he believes will close the budget deficit.

"I think I fired my staff two or three times . . ." he said. "I'd say, 'Well try this, try this, try this.' And they'd go back and do it again and do it again."

\$33.8 million cut for TDC may violate order

AUSTIN (AP) — The House Appropriations Committee voted Thursday to strip the Texas Department of Corrections of \$33.8 million prison officials say is needed to hire additional guards required by a federal judge.

"We're in trouble," said Bill McCray, TDC assistant director for budget.

The panel is working agency-by-agency to find budget cuts that could

solve the state's cash flow problem.

TDC has saved \$33.8 million since Gov. Mark White asked agencies in February to make spending cuts. Prison officials now want to use that money to make changes required by U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice of Tyler, including hiring 1,955 additional guards.

The state has agreed to hire the additional guards, McCray said.

But Rep. Bill Ceverha, R-Richard-

son, won overwhelming committee support for taking the money away from TDC and applying it to the overall state debt. He said the move would "make no noticeable difference" in TDC's operation.

Justice, who is presiding over the implementation of prison reform orders, held a contempt hearing in June to see whether TDC has complied with his orders. His ruling is pending.

"Let's see how far they can go," he said.

Poll finds Texas Legislature split on tax issue

FORT WORTH (AP) — After polling every member of the Texas Legislature, a television station reported Thursday night that sentiment in the Texas House of Representatives is heavily against either broadening or increasing the state sales tax.

Texas senators, on the other hand, are just as strongly in favor of

new sales tax revenue, KXAS-TV in Fort Worth reported, noting, however, that any new tax legislation must begin in the House.

The legislators' views reflect the same stance as their leaders, the poll shows. House Speaker Gib Lewis opposes new taxes, while Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby has been making appearances around the state to rally sup-

port for his proposal of a permanent hike in the sales tax and expansion to include some services not currently taxed.

KXAS-TV said it gathered the views over a three-week period ending Thursday. They used mailed polls and followed up with telephone calls.

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