

# What's up

## MONDAY

**RETAIL SOCIETY:** Greg Milsap, store manager of Dillard's in College Station, will speak at 7 p.m. in 127 Blocker.

**HILLEL JEWISH STUDENT CENTER:** will hold Yom Kippur Service at 10 a.m. and "break-the-fast" at 6:30 p.m. at 800 Jersey.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH:** Debbie Hull will conduct a writing outreach program on "Designing Effective Business Correspondence" at 6:30 p.m. in 153 Blocker.

**STUDENT AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL:** will meet and have dinner at Dean Sutter's home at 7 p.m. Maps are available in the dean's office.

**AGGIE ALLEMANDERS:** will meet and give square-dance lessons at 7 p.m. in 225 MSC.

**JORDAN INSTITUTE COMMITTEE:** will hold a seminar on American Corporations Overseas at 8 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

**CO-OP STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will sponsor a workshop on interviewing techniques for internships, summer jobs and co-op jobs at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder. Representatives from IBM, LTV Aerospace and Defense and Jet Propulsion Labs (NASA) will be present.

**MSC HOSPITALITY:** Four winners of the 1986 Miss TAMU Scholarship Pageant will perform at noon in the student lounge of the MSC.

**SIGMA IOTA EPSILON:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 161 Blocker.

**TAMU SAILING TEAM:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 109, Military Sciences.

**BACCHUS:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 407A-B Rudder.

**PHYSICAL THERAPY CLUB:** will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 164 Read.

**INTRAMURAL-RECREATION SPORTS:** entries open for bowling singles and punt, pass and kick at 8 a.m. in 159 Read.

**AGGIE TOASTERS:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 342 Zachry.

## TUESDAY

**WATER SKI CLUB:** will meet at 8:30 in Rudder Tower. Check the monitor for room number.

**DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION:** USAA will present information on careers in data processing at 7 p.m. in Room 203 of the Ramada Inn.

**MILITARY STUDIES INSTITUTE:** Peter Vigor will speak on "The Soviet View of Disarmament" at 7:30 p.m. in 226 MSC.

**BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION:** Dr. McCulloch will speak on "The Companion Animal — Human Bond" at 7 p.m. in 201 VMS.

**HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION:** Meg Flemming will speak on "Musical Dressage" at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH:** Larry Oliver will hold a writing outreach program on the "Resume and Letter of Application" at 6:30 p.m. in 153 Blocker.

**DEER PARK HOMETOWN CLUB:** will have pictures taken for Aggeland 1987 at 6:15 p.m. in the lobby of Zachry.

**NUTRITION CLUB:** will meet and discuss "Careers in Nutrition" at 7:30 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA, ALPHA PHI ALPHA, DELTA SIGMA THETA:** will hold a forum on "Black Aggies: A Struggle for Unity" at 7 p.m. in 201 MSC.

**CLASS OF '87:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder.

**TAMU PALEONTOLOGY CLUB:** will meet at 8 p.m. in 174 Halbouty.

**TAMU ONE-WHEELERS UNICYCLING CLUB:** will meet at 6 p.m. in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

**CIRCLE K:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

**MANAGEMENT SOCIETY:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 163 Blocker.

**AGGIE REPUBLICANS FOR PETE GEREN:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 205 MSC.

**AGGIE ALLIANCE:** (for H.E. and P.E. majors) will hold its first meeting at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

**AGGIE GOP AND AGGIES FOR JOE BARTON:** Rep. Joe Barton will speak at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

**SPANISH CLUB:** pictures will be taken for Aggeland 1987 at 7:30 p.m. in the flagroom of the MSC, followed by a meeting at 8:30 p.m. at The Flying Tomato.

**AGGIELAND '87:** freshmen and sophomores can have their yearbook photos taken until Oct. 31 at AR Photography II, 707 Texas Avenue across from the A&M polo field.

**INTRAMURAL-RECREATION SPORTS:** entries close at 6 p.m. in 159 Read for flickerball, volleyball, pre-season volleyball, horseshoe singles, swim meet and field-goal kicking.

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

## Tutoring given in some classes for \$3 an hour

By Carol Czyz  
Reporter

Students who are having problems with certain math, physics and engineering classes can get help from a special tutoring program that has been operating at Texas A&M for a year now.

Bill Varvel, a petroleum engineering student with a degree in chemical engineering, says he started the program to help students prepare for difficult subjects.

He says the program costs \$3 an hour to make it affordable for students.

"About two years ago, a group of professors from the math, physics and engineering departments got together because they saw a need for freshmen and sophomores who had not had any of these subjects in high school to help them through those classes," Varvel says.

Many students who come here from smaller schools have not been exposed to calculus or computer programming, they aren't ready for A&M classes, he says.

With the assistance of professors and other students, Varvel started a tutoring program that is different from any other, he says.

"We are not looking to take any of the students away from the private tutor market," he emphasizes. "We are here to teach them everything in the class they don't understand."

"We are set up into a classroom situation where we teach them the basics and everything they learn in class we go over again."

"A private tutor is for those students who understand the basic material but need a smaller amount of assistance."

A need for this kind of program arose from an increase in class size and the amount of research being done by professors, he says.

The small class situation, on the other hand, gives the students the attention they need if they have problems understanding the materials, he adds.

Varvel says that classes meet three times a week for two hours, on and off campus.

The classes have 10 to 15 students, he says. Tutors must have done well in the particular class that they want to teach, he says.

Varvel says tutoring is offered in Chemistry 101, 102, 227; Math 130, 141, 151, 152, 253, 308; Physics 201, 207, 208; Business Analysis 217; Accounting 229; Computer Science 110; Biology 113; Mechanical Engineering 210, 211, 212, 213, 327.

The program started last year and has about 450 students, he says. "We had 175 A's, 100 B's, 150 C's, 25 D's and only 2 F's," he says.

"The students who received A's and B's said that they would not have made them without the tutoring program," Varvel said.

The program has a 94 percent pass rate, he adds.

He says he is hoping to expand the program, but he doesn't see that happening in the near future.

Varvel explains that between tutoring and attending school, he constantly is busy and doesn't have much time now to work on the program's expansion.

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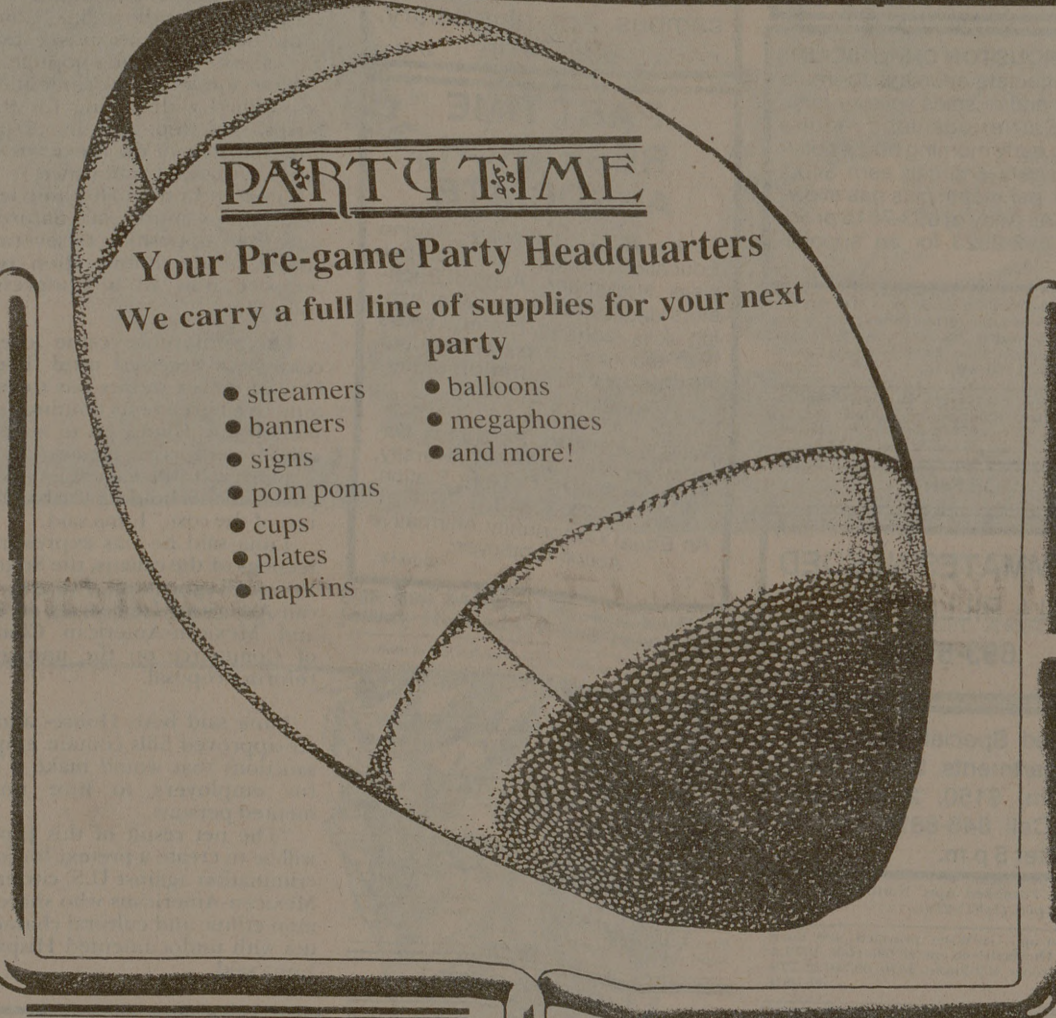
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## Defector said to be official once in U.S. Communist Party

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Houston cancer researcher who moved to the Soviet Union with his family was an official of the Southern California district of the U.S. Communist Party in the early 1970s, the *Los Angeles Times* reported Sunday.

The *Times* said Arnold Lockshin, 47, who surfaced Wednesday in Moscow with his wife, Lauren, and their three children, was district organizer and executive secretary of the chapter from about 1971 until at least 1973.

The paper, quoting three unidentified sources, said Lockshin enjoyed considerable power within the chapter, which saw its membership rise during the early 1970s, but that he and his wife were extremely dogmatic on party issues.

At a Moscow news conference and in interviews, Lockshin denied being a Communist, although he said he had been a Communist Party organizer at one time.

Lockshin said he moved to the Soviet Union because he and his family were harassed for political activism, including opposition to U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.

He said he was fired from a cancer research center

associated with St. Joseph Hospital in Houston because of his political beliefs, but the hospital said he was fired for poor job performance.

The *Times* said prominent former members of the party requested anonymity because they didn't want to be linked to Lockshin.

One source, described as a longtime party member who left in 1973 because of differences with party leadership and with the Soviets' 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia, said Lockshin's political views were rigid and without any human feelings.

Another said Lockshin came to Los Angeles from Boston, and had been a member of the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation. That group dedicated itself in the 1960s to the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which investigated suspected Communists.

Lockshin was a researcher at Harvard in the 1960s and worked at Los Angeles County USC Cancer Research Center in the late 1970s, University of Southern California officials said. University records show he stopped his research from 1969 to 1977 while he worked as a bookstore clerk, a writer and an editor.

## Leaky well shafts pose problems

DALLAS (AP) — The possibility of leaky well shafts allowing oil, gas and saltwater to seep into streams, lakes and water tables is growing as the financially-strapped Texas Railroad Commission struggles to fill abandoned wells.

The task of pouring concrete down a tapped-out well is falling to the commission as more drillers and

companies are driven under by depressed oil prices.

The average well costs about \$4,000 to plug, railroad commission spokesman Brian Schaible said.

"The size of the problem is big in terms of the number of wells," he said. "They're inactive wells, unplugged, and something needs to be done about them."

Schaible says the commission is

not certain how many unplugged wells dot the Texas landscape, but some estimates are as high as 50,000.

Schaible says wells that pose an immediate threat to water supplies are filled as quickly as possible, but in most cases the commission first tries to find out whether the well's operator has enough money to do the work without state help.

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