

What's up

Thursday

WELLNESS LECTURE: Dr. Raymond Buck, M.D., will speak on hypertension at 6:30 p.m. at Walden, 2410 Memorial Drive in Bryan.

KANM: will hold a meeting for all interested disc jockeys at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST AND BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: will hold an anti-abortion rally from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Rudder Fountain.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: will hold a Howdy Party at 7 p.m. at the Baptist Student Center.

TAMU POLO CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 604 A-B Rudder.

TAMU EMERGENCY CARE TEAM: will meet at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

MSC SCONA: Host and delegate applications are available in 216 MSC through Friday. Host applications are due Friday and delegate applications are due Monday.

BUCK WEIRUS SPIRIT AWARD: applications will be available between January 26 and February 13 at the Memorial Student Center, Student Activities office, Office of the Vice President of Student Services, and Student Affairs office.

VIETNAMESE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

BRAZOS DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. at the College Station Community Center.

Friday

CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will meet at 7 p.m. in 156 Blocker.

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will meet at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

ASSOCIATION OF AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 111 Heldenfels.

MSC LITERARY ARTS: is now accepting submissions for Litmus. Call 845-1515 for more information.

PARENTS WEEKEND COMMITTEE: applications for nominating 1987-88 Parents of the Year are available in the Commons, Sterling C. Evans Library, the Memorial Student Center and the Pavilion.

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.

Delivery of books by CS store starts new A&M tradition

By Robert Morris
Staff Writer

Call it another proud Aggie tradition or simply an inherently boring annoyance following the start of every semester. By any account, standing in long lines waiting to buy books has become an integral part of college life.

That is, until now. J.E. Loupot, owner of Loupot's Book Store, has instituted a new book delivery service that may change the way students buy books in the future.

The free service is available with a purchase of \$50 or more in books and other items, and will run through Friday.

Virginia Carmody, a junior environmental design major from Shreveport, took advantage of the service earlier this week. She said it was convenient and time-saving.

"I didn't have to stand in line or carry my books around with me," she said.

While Loupot said the financial success of the service couldn't be evaluated until the end of the week,

the delivery system is getting much use.

Still, a large number of deliveries doesn't mean profit, but Loupot said he started the service as a convenience for the "kids."

Business also played a part in Loupot's decision.

"One-third of all books not sold during the first part of the semester are lost," he said. "Either new editions are brought out or a change is made by the school. It is important to sell as many books as we bought during December and January."

Other area book store owners said they have felt no real impact on their business as a result of Loupot's new service, and at this time do not plan to have deliveries of their own.

Loupot said the home delivery would bring long-term benefits for his store.

He hopes it will create repeat business and bring those people who bought books by delivery into the store.

"My whole business is built on friendship and the delivery system is part of that," he said.

Child support laws in Texas face change

FORT WORTH (AP) — New state child support guidelines expected to be approved this week would base payments on net income instead of gross income and give

judges more discretion in individual cases.

The measures were presented Tuesday by Judge Catherine H. Adamski. They replace guidelines approved last May by the Child Support Advisory Committee.

The Texas Supreme Court rescinded those guidelines July 17 after putting them into effect on June 1.

Under the new measures, settlement payments would be set in the range of 19 percent to 23 percent of net income for one child, 24 percent to 28 percent for two children, 30 percent to 40 percent for three children, and 35 percent to 39 percent for four children. For five or more children, the amount of support paid must be at least the same as for four children.

The old guidelines were criticized as unfair because payment was based on gross income and because judges had little discretion. The state Supreme Court asked a panel of judges and lawyers to write new guidelines amending those flaws.

The new measures may be used to modify existing support orders if there has been a material and substantial change in circumstances.

tion beneath the 95 percent capacity, allowing the system to reopen on Monday.

The 95-percent capacity was set in 1983 after a federal judge ordered officials to take steps to reduce crowding in Texas prisons.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice already has issued a contempt order against the corrections department, saying the agency failed to live up to agreements made in 1980 to improve inmates' living conditions and staffing in the prisons.

The judge gave the prison system until March 31 to meet the standards or risk fines of up to \$800,500 a day.

The prison board is planning to appeal the contempt order.

Texas prisons nearing capacity

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Texas prisons remained open again on Wednesday although the inmate population edged closer to the 95-percent capacity that would trigger the nation's second-largest corrections system to again refuse new inmates.

About 125 prisoners were being admitted on Wednesday while 80 were being paroled, Department of Corrections spokesman Charles Brown said.

The latest official count, made Tuesday at midnight and released Wednesday afternoon, showed the system with 38,250 inmates, or 94.72 percent of capacity.

That was up 12 inmates from the previous day and left the system with only a 114-inmate cushion.

Today, however, looms as a critical day with deliveries of prisoners expected from the most populous Texas counties.

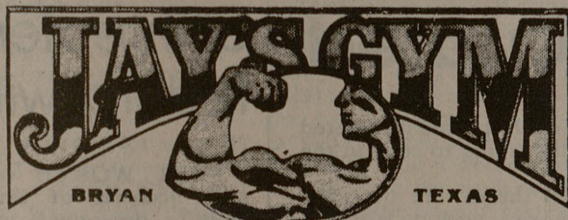
Brown said projections showed about 190 inmates would be brought in.

"We'll get them from Dallas, Tarrant, Bexar and Harris counties," Brown said.

"We will be open for business Friday, I'm sure, but we may end up the same way we did last week," he said.

Inmate population in the 26-unit system, the nation's second largest behind California, exceeded the 95-percent capacity last Friday, forcing officials to refuse new inmates.

Parole officials feverishly worked through the weekend to approve inmate releases to bring the popula-



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