

What's up

Wednesday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will meet at noon. Call 845-5826 for location.
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: will meet at 8:30 p.m. Call 845-5826 for location.
MSC CAMAC: will meet at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder.
PEER ADVISORS: will hold an information session at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder.
STUDENT COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN: will have a parent panel to discuss children with handicaps at 7 p.m. in 205 MSC and an information table in the Memorial Student Center.
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 203 Zachry.
AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder.
PI SIGMA ALPHA: will meet at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder.
EUROPE CLUB: will meet at 9:30 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.
UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY: will hold an Aggie supper at 6 p.m. at the A&M Presbyterian Church.
SOUTHERN BRAZORIA COUNTY HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 9 p.m. in the main lounge of the Memorial Student Center.

Thursday

WILEY LECTURE SERIES: Paul Warr, a political science professor, will hold a pre-program lecture on "Interpreting the Constitution" at 7:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder.
SOCIETY FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND NEW VENTURES: Phil Springer, owner of a Bryan-College Station McDonalds franchise, will speak on franchising at 7 p.m. in 228-229 MSC.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will meet at 12:15 p.m. Call 845-5826 for location.
ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS: will meet at 6 p.m. in 402 Rudder.
STUDENT COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN: will tour Geranium Junction, Wonder World and Brazos Rehabilitation Center at 9:30 a.m. Call 693-7715 for location.
STUDENT PEACE ACTION: will show a slide show on Guatemalan refugees in Mexico at 7:30 p.m. at the College Station Community Center.
STUDENTS WITH CHILDREN: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 342 Zachry.
MEXICAN-AMERICAN ENGINEERING SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.
LEBANESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 604 A-B Rudder.
TAMU MACINTOSH USERS GROUP: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 101 Soil and Crop Sciences.
ASIAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will hold a Bible study at 7 p.m. in 704 A-B Rudder.
WATER SKI CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder.
TAMU MEN'S TENNIS: will play Southern Methodist University at 1 p.m. at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.
BRAZOS DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB: invites students, faculty and any beginners to come at 7 p.m. to the College Station Community Center.
TRANSFER CAMP '87 STUDENT Y: applications for transfer camp counselors are available through Friday on the second floor of the Pavilion.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES BUDGET WORKSHOP: will hold a funding workshop for treasurers of eligible student organizations at 4 p.m. in 701 Rudder. Budget request forms are due at 4 p.m., March 31 in 217 MSC.

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.

Murder trial held for man after 22 years

PAMPA (AP) — Prosecutors vow to show no mercy for a man who escaped prosecution for his wife's slaying more than 22 years ago after authorities decided he was mentally unfit for trial.

Albert Branscum, 56, is on trial in connection with the shooting death of Glenna Branscum. He originally was indicted on a murder charge two months after the October 1964 shooting at the couple's Pampa home but was never prosecuted.

Authorities at the time believed two bullets he fired into his own head after his wife's death had left him a "mental vegetable," unfit for trial.

Jury selection began Tuesday in the case, which was reopened last year by the Gray County district attorney after it was discovered that Branscum has been operating a salvage yard in Konawa, Okla., for 20 years.

"I cannot recommend probation for murder," prosecutor Harold Comer said. "We will be asking for a substantial time in the Texas Department of Corrections."

Former Assistant District Attorney David Hamilton said that although a judge dropped the old case in June 1972, Branscum never learned of the dismissal.

"He'd been expecting somebody to come to the door for 22 years," Hamilton said.

A grand jury in this Panhandle city re-indicted him in September after a nine-month investigation by Hamilton and investigator Michael Hartsock.

Texas retirees found museum on their past

RULE (AP) — Their experiences as teachers, hunters and gold miners have given Leon and June Biffle a wealth of materials for a museum.

Their museum, the L & J Rule Memorial Library, is as unique as the retired Rule couple.

"Going back and forth to Alaska each year," Biffle says, "We saw that every small town had a museum."

"We had this large collection, so we got the idea Rule should have a museum, too."

The Biffles have been working on their museum since September. When it is finished, the Biffles plan to keep it open one or two days a week and by appointment.

The museum features a number of antiques, some of which were donated by local residents. In addition, the museum features artifacts and mounted animals from Alaska.

Animals shot by the Biffles on African safaris are displayed, as are some local wildlife.

Since both were teachers, the Biffles are ready to lecture to visiting school classes, scout troops and other groups.

Highway connecting A&M, UT campuses inadequate

Poor roads hinder research cooperation

By Robert Morris
Staff Writer

It's time for Texas A&M and the University of Texas at Austin to share the wealth of knowledge and research capacities they currently are unable to fully utilize.

The one roadblock to better cooperation lies in the lack of an adequate highway between the two campuses.

In a presentation to the Texas highway department Tuesday, several A&M representatives stressed the need for better roads connecting Austin and College Station due to the large amount of research done by both schools.

"Taken together the two systems conduct over 80 percent of all the research activity in the state," said Duwayne M. Anderson, associate provost for research at A&M.

The National Science Foundation currently ranks A&M 11th and UT 18th in research.

"We know that both will grow (in research) because they are growing at a very rapid rate now, (more than 10 percent annually) but, at the same time, neither one of these universities are equal to a Stanford or a Cornell," Anderson said. "However, these two universities are located in relatively close proximity to each other. If A&M participated in joint

programs and shared facilities with Austin, they both, coordinated, could equal a Stanford or Cornell or MIT.

"We need to focus on the fact that this state has in place a very significant resource and asset in these two big institutions. We are not going to

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be able to maximize the strength of either one of these universities without arranging for close collaboration between them."

That collaboration must be accentuated by accessibility to bring about rapid research advances.

"In order to capitalize on our collective strengths, we need much better accessibility and communica-

tions," Anderson said. "We must work on improving our air and ground transportation links.

"We must improve the time it takes to travel the distance between the two places and this depends very strongly on the type of roads that are available . . . and the way access is controlled."

A&M and UT jointly operate 125 different research programs.

"But we are prevented from developing these programs further or initiating new ones because of the inadequate ground transportation links," Anderson said.

Also important in the advance of research are the improvements and additions to Easterwood Airport.

While the \$13 million overall project won't be completed until May 1990, the plans have already been drawn and construction on the second phase of development has already begun, said Gen. Wesley E. Peel, assistant vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction at A&M.

"Certainly it will generate traffic," Peel said. "It will be a regional airport and will improve the air link between here and Austin. It will also cause additional traffic to occur at least from Caldwell to the entry way at the north terminal."

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