

## What's up

### Tuesday

**PHILOSOPHY COLLOQUIUM:** Richard W. Stadelman will speak on "Whitehead and the Failure of Rationalism: A Learning God" at 3:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

**ENGLISH CLUB:** Janet McCann will discuss "Poetry in Today's Market: How to Write and Publish" at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

**TAMU SCUBA CLUB:** George Lewbell will speak on "High-Dollar Diving: Is it Worth it?" at 7 p.m. in 604 Rudder.

**COMMODORE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP:** will meet at 8:15 p.m. in 105 Horticulture Forestry Sciences.

**KAPPA ALPHA PSI:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

**AGGIE DEMOCRATS:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

**SPANISH CLUB:** will meet at 8 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.

### Wednesday

**MSC CAMAC AND POLITICAL FORUM:** will present "Citizenship for Illegal Immigrants: Red Tape or Reform?" at 7:30 p.m. in 201 MSC.

**MARANATHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** Greg Ball will speak on successfully living and loving in the '80s at 7 p.m. in 203 Zachry.

**CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY:** will meet at 6 p.m. at A&M Presbyterian Church.

**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.

**TAMECT:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 206 Rudder.

**PLANT PATHOLOGY:** will meet at 1:30 p.m. in 206 MSC.

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

**STUDY ABROAD OFFICE:** will present information on Fulbright grants for graduate research and study abroad at 2 p.m. in 251 Bizzell West.

**EUROPE CLUB:** will meet at 9:30 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's.

**PRE-VET SOCIETY:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 230 Veterinary Medical Sciences.

**AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

**SOUTH LOUISIANA HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

**CLASS OF '88:** applications for class council chairman positions are available through April 29 in 216 MSC.

**STUDENT Y ASSOCIATION:** applications for chairmen are available through Wednesday.

**BATTALION STAFF:** applications for fall and summer staff positions are available in *The Battalion* office through Friday.

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

# Symposium marks 25th anniversary of geologic theory

By Suna Purser  
Reporter

Texas A&M's Geodynamics Research Institute will celebrate the 25th anniversary of a revolutionary geologic theory at its 9th annual symposium Wednesday through Friday at Rudder Tower.

Plate tectonics, developed by Harry Hess in 1962, describes the earth's crust as a series of rigid plates, says Richard Carlson, A&M geophysics professor and symposium co-convenor. Driving mechanisms such as heat or subduction cause the massive plates to move slowly.

This theory has provided an answer to such questions as the jigsaw puzzle-fit of South America, North America, Africa and Europe, Carlson says.

"The institute has confirmed 36 speakers, 16 of whom have been identified as pioneers of plate tectonic theory," he says. "The remaining speakers have made significant contributions to the further study of plate tectonics."

President Frank Vandiver has been invited to make the symposium's opening speech, says Linda Anderson, administrative assistant at the institute. Dr. Melvin Friedman, dean of the geosciences college, will make an opening speech and give an overview of geodynamics research at Texas A&M.

This year's symposium will not just rehash past plate tectonic research, Anderson says, but participants will discuss different areas of tectonic study and will look at where plate tectonics research is going.

Carlson agrees, saying there is no set theme, as there has been with past symposiums.

"This is a general symposium," he says.

Symposium co-convenor and institute director Thomas W.C. Hilde says the symposium will cover a full scope of topics covering plate tectonic research — from early geologic history to a critical evaluation of plate tectonics.

"We have tried to give a logical sequence and order to the program," Hilde says. "The first part of the program is devoted to early tectonic framework."

"The earth's development history will then be discussed. Earth processes will be compared to that of other planets and finally, the processes of convergence (where plate boundaries meet) will be covered on the last day."

Tectonic scholars are not the only participants, Anderson says. Representatives from several oil-related companies also will attend, but industry representatives have not submitted abstracts, as symposium speakers have.

"They (oil companies) will participate by interaction and discussion with the scientists who are presenting abstracts," she says. "The oil companies see the symposium as a way to stay up on current research and findings."

Anderson says the oil slump has not really affected industry's involvement in the research-oriented symposium.

"The money is there," she says. "If they (oil companies) want to participate, money is no problem for them."

There is a \$5,000 corporate registration fee, which allows the company to send 10 participants. The fee covers a variety of costs such as local transportation to and from the symposium, bound copies of abstracts and a commemorative medalion, Anderson says.

Besides the corporate registration fee, the \$39,000 symposium will be funded in part by an \$8,000 donation from NASA and a \$1,500 donation from Inter-Union Commission on the Lithosphere (ICL), Anderson says. Other funding will come from the A&M geosciences department.

In addition to industry donations, the symposium will be funded by a \$100 registration fee that all participants, including A&M staff, must pay. This fee entitles them to the same things as the corporate participants, Anderson says.

# Wealthy family's private guards allow Fort Worth 'to come back downtown'

FORT WORTH (AP) — After spending hundreds of millions of dollars refashioning the downtown skyline, the reclusive billionaire Bass family is lavishing millions more on a "private army" of security.

Their cloak of hidden cameras, secret codes and panic buttons blankets 24 busy square blocks in the heart of downtown. Guards, trained in anti-terrorist tactics, scan thousands of faces passing before 150 video cameras.

A computer spits out the names of people as they use card keys to enter restricted areas. Armed security agents — wearing discreet, behind-the-ear headphones — patrol the streets.

City Center Security, named after the Basses' downtown development company, not only guards family members and looks after their property but also patrols the public streets.

"There is nothing sinister in this," said Joel Kenneth Glenn, a former Secret Service presidential bodyguard who heads City Center Security. "We perform a civic duty that allows Fort Worth to come back downtown again."

Members of the Bass family — father Perry and brothers Sid, Robert, Edward and Lee — deferred all questions about their security operation to Glenn.

Some police officers and people from a nearby downtown shelter grumble that City Center guards are heavy-handed in their treatment of the disadvantaged. Others, such as a tenant in one of the Bass buildings, fret about the implications of private police patrolling public streets.

"It's kind of like a private army patrolling our streets," the tenant told the *Dallas Morning News*. "It's a little unsettling."

But most city and business officials offer raves for the youthful, uniformed, clean-cut guards on patrol.

"They do not police the public area in the same sense that the Fort Worth Police Department does, but they do perform a tremendous public service," said Police Chief Thomas Windham. The private patrol presence, he said, "is a deterrent to crime in that area."

City Council member Louis Zapata said the Bass family's interest in protecting its property also provides for the public beefed-up security downtown.

"It's self-serving, but it helps Fort Worth," Zapata said.

City Center Security employs about 100 armed and unarmed guards, consultants, instructors and managers, according to the Texas Board of

Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies.

Guards, walking beats or driving Suzuki Samurai jeeps, patrol the quarter of the business district that includes the two City Center office towers, the Worthington Hotel, Caravan of Dreams nightclub and Sundance Square.

The guards, who carry large-caliber stainless-steel revolvers, also escort business people, as well as bar and restaurant patrons, to their cars after hours.

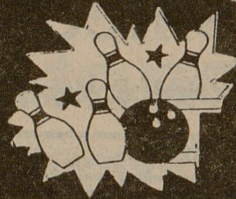
City Center Security officers easily outnumber city police patrolling downtown, officials say. Glenn said about half his force patrols the 24-block area. Police have fewer than 20 officers for all of downtown.

City Center guards go through a five-week training program, four weeks more than is required by the state. About one-third to one-half are seminary students, as is their training director, Brent Ferren.

Not everyone gives Glenn's guards and operations high marks. In one incident, the officer said, police responded in full force after City Center Security reported a robbery, only to find a guard dealing with a drunk.

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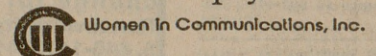


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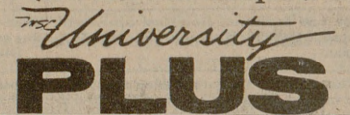
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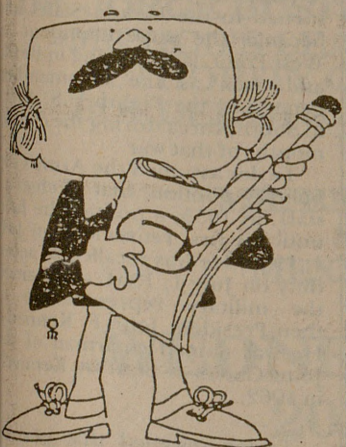
## Battalion Staff

Applications for both the Summer and Fall semesters are now available to interested students in 216 Reed McDonald.

Open positions include:

- Columnists
- Cartoonists
- Editorial Cartoonists
- Staff Writers
- Reviewers
- Photographers

Complete applications must be returned by Friday, April 24.



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