

What's up

Friday

MANAGEMENT 481: A. Doyle Cloud, vice president of regulatory affairs at Federal Express will speak at 10 a.m. in 114B Blocker.

INTELVARISTY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Lorie Godz will speak on "Discipleship" at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

LATER DAY SAINT STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Dr. Mattis will speak on "A Glimpse of China" at noon at the LDS Institute at 100 E. Dexter.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY: will meet for a peanut-butter-fellowship at 11:30 a.m. at Rudder Fountain and for Bible study at 6:30 p.m. at A&M Presbyterian Church.

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

CHBS CLUB: will sponsor a one-round USCF-rated tournament at 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

TAMU BADMINTON CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 351 G. Rollie White.

STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: will present information on Fulbright grants for graduate research and study abroad at 11 a.m. in 251 Bizzell West.

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES: deadline for student organizations to apply for office/cubicle/cabinet space on the 2nd floor of the Pavilion is today in 208 Pavilion.

HONORS STUDENTS: students enrolled in honors courses who plan to attend the picnic at Hensel Park on May 2 must sign up by Monday by calling 845-1957.

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

Saturday

TAMU MOO DUK KWAN TAE KWON DO CLUB: will present a Tae Kwon Do demonstration at 8 p.m. at Brazos County Pavilion.

TAMU SAILING CLUB: will meet at Yegua Creek for an all-day outing.

Sunday

TAMU SCUBA CLUB: will play underwater football and hockey at 2 p.m. at the indoor pool in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

TAMU SAILING CLUB: will meet at Yegua Creek for an all-day outing.

DMBALL HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet for a picnic at noon at Central Park. Call 754-7661 for more information.

Monday

ETERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: will meet at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: deadline for recognized student organizations to submit dates to the 1987 Summer Calendar is Thursday.

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

Texas firm defending drug tests

AUSTIN (AP) — Drug testing of employees at Minco Technology Labs Inc. was proposed because of declining productivity and rumors about drug abuse by workers, the company's chief executive says.

"We have to rid our company of drugs," Liz Coker testified during the civil court trial seeking to stop company plans for the tests.

The suit was filed by Brenda Jennings, an employee who contends that requiring her to give a urine sample for a drug test would violate her right to privacy.

The Texas Civil Liberties Union is representing her in the case, saying it is the first in Texas involving urine tests by private companies.

Coker, testifying Wednesday, said the tests are necessary to ensure a quality product and maintain the company's reputation.

Minco tests, processes and distributes computer chips and semiconductor devices primarily for space and military contractors.

Coker said rumors of drug use among employees have mounted in recent years. She said Minco's productivity has declined in the past 18 months.

Absenteeism has increased, she said, and employee errors have been found in paperwork and visual inspections of computer chips.

She also said there was a \$250,000 to \$300,000 theft of computer chips last year by an employee who tried to sell them to support a heroin habit.

Perot joins campaign for education

DALLAS (AP) — Businessman Ross Perot, who helped persuade lawmakers in 1984 to approve education reforms and the taxes to pay for them, has joined the lieutenant governor in a campaign to protect education funding.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby's campaign to protect funding for public schools and colleges comes as Gov. Bill Clements is pushing for a no-new-taxes budget.

"There's nothing more important to the future of this state than to have the best education system in the world," Perot said in an interview published by the *Dallas Times Herald* Thursday.

Perot, a billionaire, led efforts three years ago to establish the country's first preschool program for disadvantaged 4-year-olds, a teacher incentive pay plan and smaller class sizes in the early elementary grades.

College and school officials say Clements' budget proposal would undermine those reforms and cripple higher education.

Perot's involvement in the closing weeks of the legislative session represents a major windfall for Hobby, a Democrat who is locked in a budget battle with the Republican governor.

Although his previous efforts were concentrated on the public schools, Perot said he also will work on behalf of state colleges and universities in the latest campaign.

"Let's keep going forward," Perot said. "This isn't the end — we're not broke. We need to continue to improve education."

Reluctance to adequately fund public schools, colleges and universities in the face of a budget crunch, coupled with last year's cuts in higher education, threatens to turn Texas into a "national joke," he said.

The governor maintains his budget provides small increases for education, while the non-partisan Legislative Budget Board staff says it represents actual cuts of several hundred million dollars.

Bills before Senate, House aim to prevent viable fetus abortions

AUSTIN (AP) — Bills restricting abortions if approved, would force doctors to stop doing the procedure and would send women to unregulated facilities, an obstetrician said Thursday.

The bills before the House and Senate would make it a second-degree felony for a physician to perform an abortion on a fetus that at the time of the abortion was capable of living outside the mother's womb.

"Legal, lawful physicians are not going to risk their medical license to practice, to provide services that could even get close or potentially infringe upon their ability to continue practicing medicine," said Dr. Dave Kittrell of San Antonio, a member of the executive council of the Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

"Therefore the legal and lawful safe medical care would be taken away from those individuals that require it," Kittrell said. "Many of those individuals would seek illegal, unsafe availability elsewhere."

State law now allows abortion up to the day of birth, although few of these are performed.

The bills would require physicians to fill out reports no later than 30 days after performing abortions. If a physician aborts a fetus which could live outside its mother's womb, the doctor could face up to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The woman would not face charges, under the bill.

The threat of prosecution would prevent abortions that are performed on fetuses diagnosed with birth defects and for mothers whose lives are in danger, Kittrell said.

"Many of our patients are not mentally, emotionally or financially able to deal with a fetus which will not have a normal chance of survival or be severely retarded," Kittrell said.

The bills do contain a provision allowing doctors to justify the abortion if they say it was necessary to prevent the death or "serious impairment of the health, whether physical or mental, of the woman."

Local volunteers offer time in highway cleanup effort

By Melisa Hohlt
Reporter

More than 240 people in Brazos County will spend their Saturday picking up trash on more than 50 miles of "adopted" state highways as part of "The Great Texas Trash Off."

Volunteers will pick up trash along FM 2818 between Texas Avenue and Wellborn Road, around FM 2154, along state Highway 21 and along state Highway 6.

The largest one-day cleanup effort in the country will include more than 15,000 volunteers throughout the state, said Nick Turnham, a state transportation department public affairs officer.

The goal of the program, which is only one part of the highway department's war against litter, is to eliminate the discarding of litter on Texas highways, Turnham said.

During the day, about 2,000 miles of Texas highways will be cleaned

and volunteers hope to fill the 40-gallon garbage bags with 1.5 million gallons of trash, Turnham said. In this first effort at statewide cleanliness, Turnham said several beaches and cities will be cleaned up along with the highways.

The groups involved in this program also participate in the Adopt-a-Highway program, sponsored by the state Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Turnham said. The Adopt-a-Highway program is the only one of its kind and is a model for other states that are developing similar programs, he said.

Adopt-a-Highway initially began in the Tyler area and was introduced throughout the state in March 1986, he said. The program has expanded to include business and employee association participation.

"The Great Texas Trash Off" is part of the highway department's "Don't Mess With Texas" program


aimed at convincing litterers to put trash where it belongs.

"Don't Mess With Texas" is a hard-nosed campaign designed to stop littering, Turnham said. The campaign is credited with a 29 percent reduction in litter since it began in 1986, he said.

"Nice campaigns don't work," Turnham said. "A few years ago, the campaign was 'Pitch In' and it didn't work at all. We have to get tough to get the message across."

The cost for maintaining clean highways has increased 17 percent to 20 percent every year since 1970. In 1985, Turnham said, Texas taxpayers spent \$24 million to remove litter from state highways.

The "Don't Mess With Texas" campaign is aimed at the 18- to 35-year-old male who drives a pickup and who the transportation department calls "Bubba," Turnham said. Studies show that "Bubba" is an accurate description of the compulsive litterer, he said.



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