

# What's up

Thursday

**CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** will meet at 6 p.m. in 110 HECC.  
**CO-OP ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Flying Tomato. All current and prospective co-op students are invited.  
**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES:** will hold a Bible study at 6:30 p.m. outdoors between Rudder Tower and the Memorial Student Center.

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

## America's first school for youth drill teams has 30th anniversary

By Evelyn Sanders  
Reporter

The American Drill Team School is celebrating its 30th anniversary as the first educational training school for drill teams in the United States. Texas A&M has hosted a variety of these camps throughout the summer.

Joyce Pennington, president of the drill team school, says the camps are an educational experience, as well as lots of fun. "These camps aren't just focused on dancing — but helping teams learn how to motivate and discipline themselves," Pennington says.

ADTS offers first-class contests open to junior-high and senior-high teams wishing to compete in individual, officer and team categories. Top performers are chosen to compete at special performances such as at Dallas Mavericks' basketball games, the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dallas and Six Flags Over Texas, Pennington says.

During officer camp high school drill team officers learn a specialized curriculum to take back to their teams, Pennington says. Guest instructors with professional dance backgrounds challenge the girls with current dance combinations and warm-ups.

Each officer receives a \$25 scholarship to attend line camp or custom camp. Line camp teaches unity versus individual achievement, Pennington says. Teams learn basic marching instructions, parade and stand routines. "Rap" sessions are offered as a

way for instructors to emphasize motivation, goal setting and self-discipline, she says.

In the custom routine camp, however, teams select the music, style and ability levels of four routines. This camp requires a minimum of 30 girls, so some teams combine with others that have fewer members.

"ADTS places great importance on team evaluation at camp instead of competition because teams need to concentrate on learning each day and growing as a unit," Pennington says.

For over 10 years, ADTS has also provided camps, clinics and contests for pee wee and junior drill teams for girls in kindergarten through the ninth grade. The same professionalism in instruction and services is provided in the junior program as in the other ADTS programs, Pennington says.

The first night at each camp, teams get a chance to show off a routine from home. During the Creative Night, instructors select top teams, and the winners receive a trophy and ribbon.

On the final day, a dance evaluation is held allowing the girls to perform as a team, in which each team is evaluated on a standard of excellence for each of their divisions.

This is the fourth year A&M has held the camps, with the intramural department as the sponsor.

"I enjoy coming to A&M because the intramural department is so cooperative with the camps," Pennington says. "Also, the pride is evident and that makes the spirit of camp more exciting."

## FBI agents join search for woman

GALVESTON (AP) — FBI agents scrapped plans to bring in sophisticated electronics gear and joined a foot search Wednesday for the remains of a Texas City woman who disappeared 13 months ago.

The size of the area and dense underbrush where investigators are looking for the body of 19-year-old Shelley Sikes prompted officials to cancel plans to bring the gear from Washington, FBI spokesman Johnny Joyce said.

Joyce said the FBI might decide to bring the tools in later if officials can narrow the search area.

FBI agents joined deputies from both Galveston and Harris counties in the search, using dogs to try to locate the body, he said.

Meanwhile, two men accused of kidnapping Sikes are to be questioned in connection with the slaying of another waitress, officials said.

Seabrook detective David Greco said officers will question John Robert King, 29, of Bacliff and Gerald Zwarst, 32, of Seabrook in the August 1983 slaying of Susan Eads, whose nude body was discovered in a field near her workplace.

The 20-year-old woman had been strangled, beaten and sexually assaulted.

"There are similarities," Greco said. "They were young women. The suspects live in the area," and Eads and Zwarst were known to patronize the same tavern.

King and Zwarst are charged with abducting Sikes as she drove home from her waitress job in Galveston in May 1986. She has not been seen since.

The two are being held on \$100,000 bond each and murder charges against the two are pending, said Galveston Sheriff Joe Max Taylor.

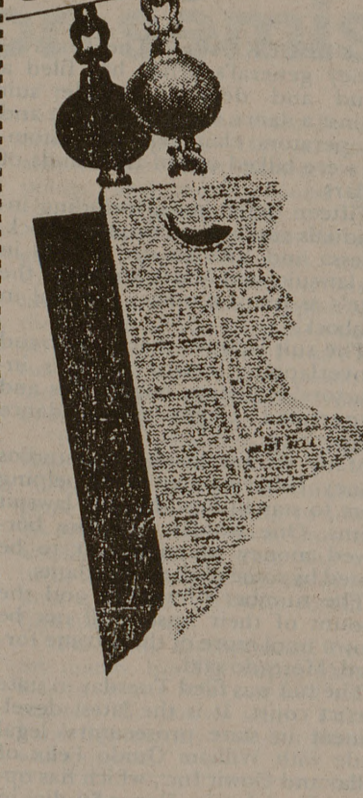
Customers at the John Brown Saloon in Webster said the night of Eads' disappearance, she had refused a dark-haired man's offer of a drink and a dance.

League City police also are interested in talking to the men about three unsolved murders of young women in that area.

King and Zwarst were placed in a line-up Tuesday before four witnesses, but authorities declined to say what the lineup revealed or who the witnesses were.

Investigators said neither man admits to killing Sikes, but that King said he and Zwarst forced her off the road, smashed her car window and pulled her out. King also allegedly offered to lead officers to a grave, but later reneged.

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## State attorney general sues Teacher Retirement System

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas attorney general's office filed suit Wednesday against the \$17 billion state Teacher Retirement System, alleging that control over some \$34 million in assets was wrongfully transferred to a non-profit corporation.

Attorney General Jim Mattox told a news conference he was seeking an injunction, dissolution of the non-profit corporation, restitution to the retirement system and damages.

The TRS is one of the nation's largest investment pools. Mattox said he was concerned that "tens of millions in TRS assets may have been squandered."

TRS officials responded that the transfer, involving a foreclosed-on Houston office building, to a system-controlled unit was a legal and prudent action that protects the fund.

"We believe this was the safest and most prudent course to take on behalf of the retirement fund, and that it was perfectly legal and appropriate

under Texas law," said Edward H. Wicker, chairman of the system's board of trustees. "We would be delighted for the district court to review this arrangement."

The TRS fund, whose investment earnings pay pensions for public school teachers, financed a \$34 million mortgage on a Houston building called One Eldridge Place in 1985.

In late 1986, the fund foreclosed on the property after the primary tenant filed for reorganization under federal bankruptcy laws.

The retirement system set up the non-profit corporation to hold the building in trust. Bruce Hineman, TRS executive secretary, said the trust insulates the fund from lawsuits that might arise because of accidents, fire, or other liabilities with the building.

Hineman said creation of such a corporation is an action investors such as banks and insurance companies frequently take to handle such properties.

"The reason it was established in the first place was to insulate the \$17 billion in assets that belong to the teachers," Hineman said. "The board (of trustees) was acting prudently to protect the interests of the teachers," Hineman said.

"It's still a viable asset, and we still own the building, which we will sell when the economy turns around."

Mattox alleged that the non-profit corporation, called TRST No. 1, was "unlawfully organized and a sham."

He said state law pertaining to the retirement system says all system business must be transacted in its own name, including investments and property held.

Mattox also charged that private investment firms were hired to acquire and manage TRS investments, and that the firms "were paid an exorbitant fee of nearly \$10 million from public trust funds to manage TRS assets."

He alleged that retirement system officials "stonewalled" when asked by his office about the arrangement.

## Bodies of four Texas men spotted by plane wreckage in Wyoming

CODY, Wyo. (AP) — The bodies of four prominent Texas men were found Wednesday near the wreckage of their private plane which had been missing since Sunday, Don Easton, Park County coroner, said.

The wreckage of the plane was sighted earlier in northwestern Wyoming's rugged backcountry, which hindered efforts to reach the crash site, authorities said. Although the site was only about 14 miles northwest of Cody, the steep mountainsides of the Shoshone National Forest's Sunlight Basin where the wreckage was spotted prompted authorities to summon a helicopter to fly rescuers into the area.

But thunderstorms delayed the aircraft's arrival, Park County search and rescue officials said.

"It'll delay us," Biff Beck said. "It's already delayed the helicopter coming in from Mammoth (Hot Springs) to Cody."

Wyoming Aeronautics Commission Director Richard Spaeth was unsure how long it would take to reach the downed Cessna 421 because authorities did not know how close the helicopter could get to the crash site, which was at an elevation of about 11,400 feet. Rescue workers "may have to be dropped somewhere

near the site and hike in, and we don't know how long that could take," Spaeth said.

The wreckage, spotted early Wednesday afternoon by a search plane, appeared intact but there was no immediate sign of its occupants, Spaeth said.

On board the plane were George L. Clark, 49, chairman and chief executive officer of MBank Dallas; pilot Hugo W. Schoellkopf III, 43; Dr. Trevor E. Mabery, 51, a Dallas surgeon; and the Rev. V. Creath Davis, executive director of the Christian Concern Foundation.

"The search aircraft has been able to get low enough and identify the airplane," Spaeth said. "We're basically convinced it is the airplane. At this point what we're doing is . . . getting a helicopter with a rescue team on board to try to get them up there to the crash site to determine if there is anyone alive on board and get them out as soon as possible."

Spaeth added that rescue workers would not be able to rappel down a rope to reach the wreckage because the helicopter could not hover at that altitude.

The plane was en route to Addison, Texas, a suburb of Dallas, on a flight plan through Livingston, Mont., and the Wyoming cities of Cody, Worland, Casper and Cheyenne.

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