

What's up

Friday

CHESS CLUB: will meet in 607 Rudder at 7 p.m.
RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION: will have an RHA beach bash at the Grove at 8 p.m.
DATA PROCESSING MANAGING ASSOCIATION: will have a fall social at Oak Forest Club House at 8 p.m.
UNITED CAMPU'S MINISTRY: will have a Bible study at the A&M Presbyterian church at 6 p.m. and a peanut-butter social at Rudder Fountain at 11:30 a.m.
TAMU BADMINTON CLUB: will practice and collect dues in 351 G. Rollie White at 7 p.m.
INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: The topic to be discussed is "Fellowship With God." A cookout will follow in 301 Rudder at 7 p.m.
TAMU MOO DUK KWAN TAE KWON DO: will practice in 266 G. Rollie White at 6 p.m.
LATTER DAY SAINTS STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a sandwich seminar with Edgar Wolferts speaking at the LDS Institute Building, 100 Dexter at 12 p.m.
COLOMBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet in 704 Rudder at 7 p.m.
PUERTO RICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet and have officer elections in 402 Rudder at 7 p.m.

Saturday

PEER ADVISER: will have a reunion titled "A New Year's Eve in September" in 221 MSC at 8 p.m.
ECKANKAR: will host "Eckankar: Key to Secret Worlds" in the Bryan Public Library at 12:30 p.m.

Sunday

TAMU SPORTS CAR CLUB: will hold an autocross at parking lot 71 by Kleberg at 9 a.m.
QURANIC STUDY GROUP: will meet to discuss the Quran in 504 Rudder at 10 a.m.
TAMU INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE CLUB: will meet for beginning folk-dance instruction in 226 MSC at 8 p.m.
CAMP SBISA REUNION (Fish Camp): will meet for a reunion in 601 Rudder at 4 p.m.

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

State executes convicted killer in Huntsville

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Joseph Starvaggi, convicted of killing a probation officer while the man's wife and daughter huddled in terror nearby, was put to death Thursday by Texas prison officials.

Starvaggi, 34, had no final statement and shunned the traditional final evening meal given to condemned prisoners.

He was pronounced dead at 12:30 a.m., eight minutes after the lethal drugs began flowing through his arms.

"Oh, good!" said Grace Denson, whose husband, John, was slain in the 1976 attack during a burglary at their rural Montgomery County home about 50 miles north of Houston. "One down, one to go."

Starvaggi, whose record also included arrests for burglary and marijuana possession, was one of three men convicted for Denson's death. Starvaggi and G.W. Green were sentenced to death.

Glen Earl Martin received a life prison term. Green remains on death row.

Starvaggi lost appeals Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Houston and the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans before the U.S. Supreme Court, on a 6-2 vote, also rejected pleas for a reprieve.

The Denson burglary and slaying occurred the evening of Nov. 19, 1976 as Starvaggi and at least two other men forced their way into the family's home. Denson's wife and 13-year-old daughter, tied hand and foot and forced to lie under a blanket, heard Denson — already shot once — beg for his life before Starvaggi allegedly shot him two more times, killing him.

School remains top priority for married Aggie couple

By Melissa Currie
Reporter

Jason Griffith, 18, is a junior mechanical engineering major and most of the time he can be found with Scarlet Griffith, 17, a sophomore business major. They're younger than most of their classmates, but they enjoy football games, yell practices and bonfire like most couples in Aggieland.

However, there is a twist to the young couple's relationship — they're married.

Scarlet says people tend to stereotype young married couples as unambitious and as coming from lower-income families.

But both Jason and Scarlet, who are probably the youngest married couple ever to attend Texas A&M, are ambitious and say a good education is important.

At 15, Jason took his first college-level course, engineering calculus 102, and received an A. He completed high school in three years and graduated when he was 17. Because

he had taken so many college courses prior to entering A&M last year, he has moved through school a lot faster than most students his age.

Scarlet also was able to graduate from high school when she was 17 because she skipped the fourth grade and took college-level courses during summers in high school.

She went to Blinn this summer and currently is enrolled in her first semester at A&M, but she is classified as a sophomore because she tested out of 14 college-credit hours before starting college.

Jason and Scarlet exchanged vows in Killeen in March. Although their friends and family were concerned that they were too young to make this commitment, they are happy that they did.

They met just like any other couple — mutual friends introduced them at a lake. After dating for five months, they decided to get married.

"My friends were really shocked," Jason says. Education has always been impor-

tant to both of them and marriage hasn't changed this.

"If you're not married, then you are going to be spending a lot of your time socializing," Scarlet says.

Jason says, "There are really only two kinds of people in college — the brilliant and the determined."

Even though they are married, Jason and Scarlet are still active and they do things any dating couple would do.

"We are almost like a girlfriend and boyfriend," Scarlet says.

"If, when you get married, you've had a good boyfriend-girlfriend relationship, then your marriage is going to be exactly the same," she says. "Your relationship is not going to change just because you both have wedding rings."

To them, being the youngest married couple at A&M isn't a real achievement.

Jason says, "I'm happy. I'm still myself and she is still herself and I still feel the same way about her. It hasn't changed anything."

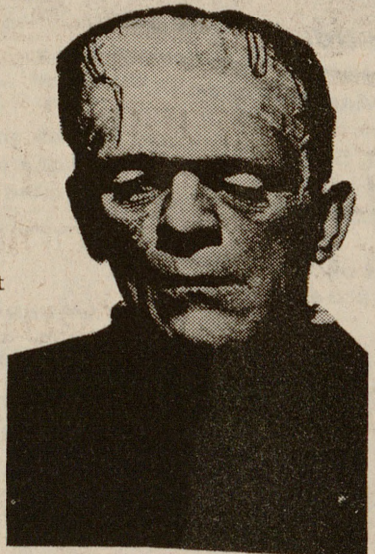


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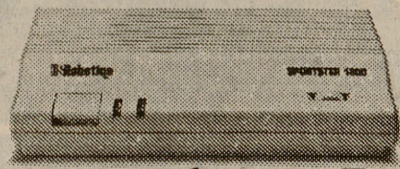
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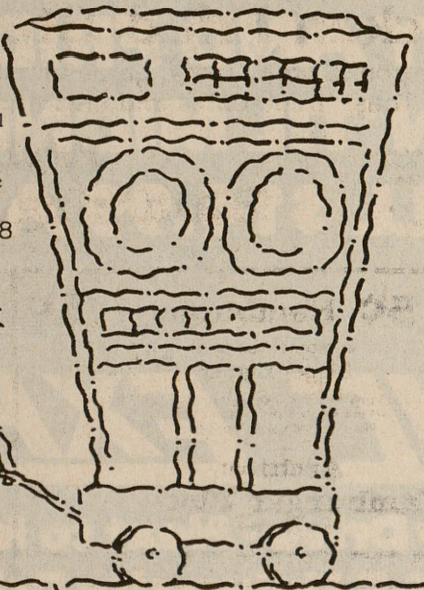
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