

What's up

Friday

COLLEGE BOWL: Deadline for College Bowl registration is today in 216 MSC.

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

CHESS CLUB: will begin the first round of its tournament at 607 Rudder at 7 p.m.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA: will sponsor Prof's Night Out Sept. 24 and 25 for professors and married students who need a babysitter in 601 Rudder from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

INDIA ASSOCIATION: will have Navarathri and Dhasara celebrations in 226 MSC at 8 p.m.

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

STUDENTS WITH CHILDREN: will meet at Hensel Park, Sept. 25 at 3:30 p.m.

LATTER DAY SAINTS STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Col. Robert Wilson will speak in 100 Dexter at noon.

INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will meet and watch "Urbana" in 301 Rudder at 7 p.m.

CLASS OF '89: Applications for Boot Dance, Class Ball, Public Relations and Fundraising committees are available in 216 MSC until Oct. 2.

OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES: Mardi Gras applications are due in 223 Pavilion.

RHA CASINO '88: Applications for co-chairman and sub-chairman are available in 215 Pavilion.

Saturday

TEXAS A&M SPORTS CAR CLUB: will have a rally in Zachry parking lot 51.

AGGIE SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT: Entry forms are available in 223 Pavilion through Sept. 25. The tournament is Sept. 26 at 7 a.m.

CAMAC: will have a fajita cookout at Hensel Park in the afternoon.

STUDENTS WITH CHILDREN: will discuss emergency first aid for children at Hensel Park by the playground at 3:30 p.m.

MUSLIM'S STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet in Rudder Tower at 1:30 p.m. Read the monitor for room number.

Sunday

TAMU INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCERS: will give folkdance lessons in 224 MSC at 8 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.

Hope plans foundation to fight drugs

DALLAS (AP) — Comedian Bob Hope is organizing a multimillion-dollar foundation to conquer drug abuse, a problem he considers the biggest threat to America's youth.

Hope, 84, spoke on Wednesday in the theater named for him at Southern Methodist University, mixing jokes with his appeal that everyone must join the fight against drug abuse.

"This affair is a very serious affair," Hope said. "It's almost what you would call impossible." Drug abuse "has hit us a lot in this country and really hurt us a lot," he said.

"But I am happy to join this group and try to remedy this situation," he said. "It's going to take all of you to do something."

He asked leaders of several Dallas corporations to support the Hope for a Drug Free America campaign. Hope plans to use the support of professional athletes, entertainers, politicians and corporate executives to set up the national foundation.

The group hopes to raise more than \$100 million to sponsor drug counseling, prevention programs and treatment centers.

The fundraising effort will begin with a telethon to air the night before this year's Super Bowl, said Hope, the foundation's chairman. It will feature athletes, movie stars and others and include a toll-free number for pledges of money or questions about drug abuse.

Dallas businessman Lamar Hunt, who hosted the SMU meeting, said the idea for the campaign came a year ago from Vic Maitland, vice chairman of the campaign and a member of the National Football League Alumni organization.

Maitland believed one centralized anti-drug abuse organization might succeed where numerous smaller groups have failed, Hunt said.

"We are not knocking the efforts of other groups," Hunt said. "But this is a unique concept that will allow us to better channel the best of the nation's resources."

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Honors business program offers students challenge

By Tony Poncio
Reporter

Each spring semester an elite group of no more than 35 students are admitted to the College of Business Administration's Honors Program.

The program is for a small group of honor students who "demonstrate a high level of academic achievement and interest in their freshman year," Lyn Fraser, program coordinator, says.

Last semester there were 83 applicants for the 35 spots, Fraser said. A score of 1,150 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and a 3.25 grade-point ratio at midterm are the minimum requirements for admission to the program for students during the first semester of their freshman year, Fraser says.

During the following spring semester, acceptances are made on the basis of SAT scores, GPR, student interest and faculty preference, she says.

Anyone in the program also is able to join the CBA Honors Association, association treasurer Carol Parker, a junior accounting major, says.

The association was developed by the 1986 charter class of the Honors Program and received University recognition in the spring.

The association provides a way for students in the honors program to get to know each other in a social atmosphere, Parker says. "I feel much more relaxed in a class full of people that I know," she says.

Students in the association get acquainted through various activities, Parker says.

Executives speak to the association on career opportunities and the students form study groups and plan field trips to nearby business centers such as this November's planned trip to San Antonio.

Although social activities are important, academics take priority for the group. Association Historian

Connie Miller, a junior business analysis major, says the academic atmosphere in honors courses is different from regular courses.

Students get to know the faculty in the smaller honors courses, Miller says, a faculty that often is of higher quality than in other courses.

"More initiative is there since the professor cares about whether you actually learn the material," Miller says.

Fraser says the atmosphere in the program is one of healthy competition.

"They (students) know they are in classes with students that are interested in learning," she says.

The number of applicants probably will increase with the increased enrollment and higher admission standards for the University, Fraser said, but the program will admit only 35 students each spring, despite the expected increase in interest.

Navy employs high-energy laser as part of missile test procedure

EL PASO (AP) — The Navy has used a high-energy laser to shoot down a drone at White Sands Missile Range, a spokesman said Thursday.

The spokesman, Lt. Tom Derienzo in Washington, said the Navy's laser project was so classified that he did not know what kind of laser and drone were used. A drone is a remote-controlled aircraft.

Navy spokesman John Albertine told the Associated Press that he understood the test occurred last week and was part of the Pentagon's Conventional Defense Initiative, a program designed to improve conventional weapons with new technology.

The Army operates the 4,000-square-mile missile range in southern New Mexico, but shares it with other branches of the armed forces. The Navy's White Sands operation is the U.S. Naval Ordnance Missile Test Facility, devoted mainly to developing upper atmosphere research rockets and surface-to-air missiles.

The Navy has long been interested in developing a laser that could destroy anti-ship missiles such as the French-made Exocet. That missile was used successfully against British ships in that country's war against Argentina for the Falkland Islands.

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