

What's up

Friday

OCA YELL PRACTICE: Meet at Mt. Aggie for yell practice at 11:30 p.m.
COLOMBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 305A-B Rudder.
UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: will have a peanut-butter fellowship at 11:30 a.m. at Rudder Fountain and a Bible study at 6:30 p.m. at the A&M Presbyterian Church.
TAMU BADMINTON CLUB: will practice at 7 p.m. in 351 G. Rollie White.
NAVIGATORS: will meet at 8 p.m. at the Hillel Building, 800 Jersey St.
CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: will meet at 7 p.m. in 108 Harrington.
NAVIGATORS: Harris Poole will discuss "35 Years in Africa" at 7:30 p.m. in the Corps Quadrangle lounge B.
LDSSA: will have a conference with Elder Paul H. Dunn at 7:30 p.m. at the LDS Chapel on Barak Lane.

Saturday

HILLEL, JEWISH STUDENT FOUNDATION: will have a picnic in the Sukkah followed by a reception at 11 a.m. at the Hillel Building, 800 Jersey.
CHESS CLUB: will have the second round of its tournament at 7 p.m. in 607 Rudder.
TAMU ASSOCIATION OF MARTIAL ARTS: will have class at 9 a.m. in 267 Read.
CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT: will have an open house for former students, faculty and friends from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the lobby of the Civil Engineering Building on Ross Street.

Sunday

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a Bible study at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.
A&M TRAP AND SKEET CLUB: will have shooting practice at 1:30 p.m. at the Brazos Valley Gun Club.
TAMU INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS: will teach and review couple and line dances at 8 p.m. in 230-231 MSC.
WILEY LECTURE SERIES: will have a mandatory member workshop from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in 601 Rudder.
SCONA: will have a committee member retreat at 4 p.m. in 212 MSC.
TAMU SCUBA CLUB: will play underwater football at 2:30 p.m. at P.L. Downs indoor pool and a barbeque at Hensel Park at 4 p.m.

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District judge plans to fight retirement

HOUSTON (AP) — State District Judge William Hatten says he wouldn't enjoy retirement and he doesn't intend to try it. Mandatory retirement, however, is what Hatten faces when he turns 75 on Aug. 26, 1988 — four months before his term expires. "There are people who enjoy retirement," Hatten said. "I can't do it." Instead, the judge wants to complete his term and run for re-election. So Hatten, who acquired the nickname "Wild Bill" after he became a judge, filed a lawsuit Wednesday seeking to invalidate the mandatory retirement provision in the state constitution.

"The big problem here is that a person is presumed to be senile at 75," Hatten said. "I resent this not only for myself but for other people my age. This should be a class-action suit."

The colorful jurist began his judicial career when he was appointed to a court of domestic relations bench in 1964. He was appointed to a criminal court bench in 1971. Two years ago, he helped chase an escaped convict down several flights of courthouse stairs. In the early 1970s, he grew his stark-white hair to shoulder length, wanting to see how it felt and how people would react.

As far as physical fitness goes, Hatten said he walks a mile and a half daily and does odd jobs at his home and rental property.

"I've never been sick a day in my life," he said.

Named in the suit is Secretary of State Jack M. Rains, who oversees elections. The suit asks for a temporary injunction to prevent Hatten's seat from being declared vacant.

Hatten also asks that a judge declare that the law violates the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. He claims in the suit that the retirement age discriminates against those over 75.

Program offers opportunity to expand business careers

By Ronnie Calhoun
Reporter

Each spring the Texas A&M College of Business Administration chooses 40 of its brightest students to participate in a fellows program that is the only one of its kind in the country, said program director Dr. Lyle Schoenfeldt.

The fast-track business program is designed to identify students with management skills and potential, Schoenfeldt said.

Schoenfeldt said students interested in joining the fellows program should submit a resume application during their junior year. Applicants are interviewed to evaluate their management skills.

After the prospective fellows are interviewed, they are given questionnaires which test for various management skills. These are scored and evaluated, and then the top students are interviewed again.

The final decision is made by Schoenfeldt, Associate Director Les Fichtner and a graduate assistant, Greg Broussard.

This year's group is made up of 19 accounting and 11 finance majors, and the rest are spread out throughout the college, Schoenfeldt said.

Grades are not used to determine who will be selected, but the average grade point ratio this semester is above 3.0, he said.

Schoenfeldt said he started the program in 1983 when the former CBA dean, Bill Muse, asked him to propose something innovative for the brightest students. The program is designed to show the students they have the capability of achieving high levels of career success and gives them self-confidence to "go for it," Schoenfeldt said.

Schoenfeldt wants students to get a head start on their careers, and he

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works with them for 1½ years. The program starts in the spring semester of the students' junior year. They are then assigned an internship for the summer.

"The internship gave me a chance to apply some of the knowledge I picked up in my field of study at A&M," said Robert Keehan, a member of the program.

Keehan, an accounting major, spent the summer working for Arthur Andersen and Co. in Houston.

The internship helped him learn to manage his time better, he said.

Heather Rust, a finance major, spent the summer working in London for British Gas.

"I heard about this program my freshman year and always wanted to be a member," Rust said.

Other members of the program held internships in Houston and Dallas. Some went to Detroit, some to Mexico and some as far away as Hong Kong.

After the internships, students meet once a week to start an in-depth study of a single organization, Keehan said. This year the group is studying American General of Houston, the fourth-largest insurance company in the United States.

The students are divided into six groups for business simulations, Keehan said.

Schoenfeldt said this part of the program helps the students learn co-operation skills.

"The group is like a family of 40 people doing different things," he said. "We have the same disagreements and issues a family would have."

Once the students are finished with the program, they will have many contacts and should have the self-confidence to sit and talk with anyone in business, Schoenfeldt said.

Suspect denies any involvement in 1980 Conroe rape-slaying case

GALVESTON (AP) — James Dexter Robinson, identified by two witnesses as participating in the 1980 rape-slaying of a teen-ager, denied Thursday any role in the killing for which Clarence Brantley faces death.

Robinson, 27, who now lives in Greenville, S.C. but worked as a janitor at Conroe High School from May to July 1980, said he had left Texas two weeks before Cheryl Ferguson was killed at the school and never returned to the state until last year.

"I know for a fact I was not at the school that day," Robinson testified at an evidentiary hearing that could result in a new trial for Brantley.

He also accused a polygraph examiner used by Brantley's attorneys of badgering him during hours of the detector tests last summer — his first visit to Texas since leaving on Aug. 7, 1980. Robinson was identified by two earlier witnesses as being present when 16-year-old Miss Ferguson was slain.

One of them — former janitor Gary Acreman — later denied Robinson's presence. Acreman, 27, testified last week his videotaped statements given to defense investigators implicating Robinson were false.

On the tape, Acreman said he saw Robinson throw clothes in a garbage dumpster outside the high school after the girl's abduction. A week ago, he said he could not be certain Robinson was even at the school that day.

John Sessum, 46, another janitor, also testified last week that a man identified as Robinson helped Acreman hold the girl as she called for help.

Sessum identified Robinson as the "man without

teeth," although a state investigator later testified that dental records showed Robinson had most of his real teeth at the time of the Ferguson killing.

Prosecutors have discounted Sessum's testimony because the janitor, an alcoholic who can neither read nor write, has changed his story several times.

Robinson's name surfaced when his former common-law wife, Brenda Medina, told defense attorneys a year ago that in 1980 he told her of killing a girl and needing to get out of town quickly.

In testimony Thursday, Robinson said his statement came during an argument with Medina in June 1980.

"I said I killed one bitch and I'm going to kill another," he said.

But Robinson has said he made the statement only to scare Medina. On Thursday, he denied killing Miss Ferguson.

"Did you have any part of the abduction, rape and murder of Cheryl Ferguson on Aug. 23, 1980?" Assistant District Attorney Rick Stover asked him.

"No, sir," Robinson replied. Robinson said he drew his last paycheck from the Conroe school district on Aug. 5 and left Texas two days later.

A sister, Debbie Clardy, of Greenville, S.C., testified Robinson was present at her daughter's birthday party Aug. 17, 1980. An uncle, Odis Salters, also of Greenville, said Robinson had remained in South Carolina and was there the following weekend when the slaying occurred in Texas.

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