What's up

Wednesday

CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL: will meet at 7 p.m. in 302

ALPHA EPSILON DELTA PREMED HONOR SOCIETY: will meet and a speaker will talk at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

YOUNG CONSERVATIVES OF TEXAS: Jaques Jordaan, vice consul of South Africa, will speak at 7 p.m. in 301 Rud-

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS: will meet at 7 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will meet at noon. Call 845-5826 for meeting place.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 145

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: will have Bible study at noon at the Baptist Student Center.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS: will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 225 MSC. BEAUMONT HOMETOWN CLUB: will have a social at 7

p.m. at The Flying Tomato. STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID: will meet at 8:30

p.m. in 308 Rudder. NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGI-NEERS: will discuss "Professionalism and You" at 7 p.m. in

EUROPE CLUB: will meet at 9:30 p.m. at The Flying To-

COLOMBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. at Mama's Pizza.

MANAGEMENT SOCIETY: Mike Thompson will discuss "Career Development" at 7 p.m. in 165 Blocker. AGGIE TOASTERS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 104B Zachry.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: will have an Aggie supper at 6 p.m. at the A&M Presbyterian Church.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES: will meet at 8 p.m. in the letterman's lounge.

MODERN LANGUAGES: Linda Henderson will discuss "Modernism in the Fourth Dimension" at 7:30 p.m. in 701

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ECONOMICS SOCIETY: will meet for happy hour at 5 p.m.

PRE-LAW SOCIETY: will take pictures for the Aggieland at 9:30 p.m. in the Zachry lobby.

HAMILTON COUNTY HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 302A Rudder.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM: Dr. Katherine Dettwyler will present slides and discuss "Infant Nutrition in Déveloping Countries: A Study in Mali, West Africa" at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder.

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

Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police from Nov. 2 through Monday: MISDEMEANER THEFT:

• A student reported that his roommate had several backpacks in their room. Upon investigation, an officer found that one of the backpacks had been reported stolen from Sbisa Dinning Hall. ATTEMPTED THEFT:

• A student saw four men trying to remove the street sign at the corner of Ross and Spence streets. When the student approached the men, they fled in

UNAUTHORIZED SOLICITA-

• Officers arrested several Krishna organization who were soliciting donations at the A&M-La. Tech football game. ATTEMPTED BURGLARY OF

MOTOR VEHICLE: • Someone tried to break into a 1984 Mercury Cougar and a

BURLESON (AP) — The Burle-

son school board has decided not

to change its policy allowing cre-

1983 Toyota Celica in Parking Annex 56 BURGLARY OF MOTOR VE-

• Four vehicles in PA 56 were broken into and four stereos, a set of speakers, a radar detector, cassette tapes and a camera were THEFT OF SERVICE:

• Someone used 24 counterfeit \$1 bills to get change from a campus coin machine.
INDECENT EXPOSURE:

• A student told police she saw a man exposing himself on the second floor hallway of Francis

CRIMINAL TRESPASS: • Officers found several students on the roof of Bolton Hall. The students were given criminal trespass warnings and were told

• A man told police that two men knocked him down and took \$70 from his wallet.

ationism can be taught, but it re-

jected a request to add the subject

ROBBERY

A&M researchers study behaviors of Texas alligators

By Mary McClenny Reporter

From the time Texas alligators appear in March until they retreat to their underwater nests in the fall, Texas A&M professor James R. Dixon studies these intimidating animals for clues to their behavior pat-

terns, sex ratios and lifestyles. For one of his major studies, Dixon, a wildlife scientist, gathers information about alligator nest temperatures with doctoral student Louise Hayes. Dixon says temperature is a key to determining the sex of unhatched alligators.

Hayes says knowing the number of alligators of each sex in the nest and in the wild is the best way to determine the maximum number of alligators that can be taken during the 21-day hunting season without en-

dangering the population.
"This is a huntable animal in the state now," Dixon says. "Primarily we want to harvest excess males, and this is where our research becomes

important.

"If we keep altering the habitat, we may start producing all one sex and they may be males. This would cause the population to drop because we are not getting enough fe-males in the population."

With funding from various agen-

cies in the United States and abroad, Dixon and graduate students in the Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Department conduct research activities in alligator-inhabited areas that need

Hayes is now working on a mark-recapture study she conducts in the J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area near Port Arthur.

Hayes is researching sex ratios of alligators in different Texas climates. She does this by placing electronic devices in selected alligator nests to monitor temperature.

In the study, Hayes captures alligators up to four feet long — sometimes longer — tags their feet and then turns them loose. She checks them periodically to determine growth and survival rates.

Hayes sacrifices the eggs in these nests to determine the sex of each al-

"There is a definite relation between nest temperature and sex of the alligators. With a higher temperature, you get males, and lower, you get females."

 Louise Hayes, doctoral student

"There is a definite relation between nest temperature and sex of the alligators," Hayes says. "With a higher temperature, you get males,

and lower, you get females."
Hayes says it's important to know about different alligator habitats because it allows her to know which sex is coming from each area and if

there is a variation. Dixon says they are trying to find out how Texas alligators respond to their environment.

"We want to find out if we are getting mostly male or female or if we are getting a good mix," Dixon says.

He says the research is helpful in

managing and hunting alligators. In past hunting seasons, there have been between 900 and 1,000 al-

ligators taken. Hunters keep the hides and the meat, but scientists obtain much of the remaining alligator carcasses for

"You have to know a lot about the biology of a species to be able to harvest it," Dixon says.

"You just can't go out there and indiscriminately shoot and expect to keep that population around. You will probably overshoot it."

Dixon says one problem with alligator hunting is that different agencies have opposing ideas about the validity of hunting these animals.

"You have to satisfy both of the

opposite extremes — the hunters and the conservationists," Dixon says. "We have to make them realize there is a place for both. We are the predators now, and it is our responsibility to sustain this population."

FSLIC begins lawsuit against shareholders

Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. filed a \$279 million lawsuit on Tuesday against the former chief executive of First South Savings & Loan Association of Pine Bluff, Ark., and two Dallas developers who were among the thrift's shareholders

and principal borrowers.

The FSLIC alleges they engaged in a pattern of racketeering conduct. The suit named developers George S. Watson and A. Starke Taylor III, both of Dallas, and Howard J. Wiechern Jr., FirstSouth's for-mer chairman of the board and chief

Charles Boardman, chairman of

the science department at Burle-

son High School, said he and the

teaching staff will continue as be-

executive officer. The FSLIC's suit came four days after Watson and Taylor filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles seeking \$30 million from the agency, which was

Burleson School board votes against teaching creationism

December after federal regulators

declared the institution insolvent.

The FSLIC suit alleges that the defendants became involved in racketeering activity in 1982 and continued through 1986, during which time Watson and Taylor were controlling shareholders of First South.

According to the suit, Watson and Taylor - without investing any of their own funds - benefited from more than \$300 million in loans, as well as millions in cash through other transactions financed by the savings and loan.

FSLIC seeks to recover damages arising from the alleged misapplica-tion of First South loans used for speculative real estate deals in Dal-

add creationism to the curriculum,

said the group was not asking that

the Bible be brought into the class-

She said the group just wanted students to hear other theories on

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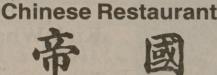
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ationism to be taught along with The board added that teachers fore and not introduce creationism other theories about the origin of will not be required to offer cre-Attorney Marilyn Walker, repationism as an alternative to evolu-

to its curriculum.

In a 5-2 vote, the board advised its school staff Monday that cre-





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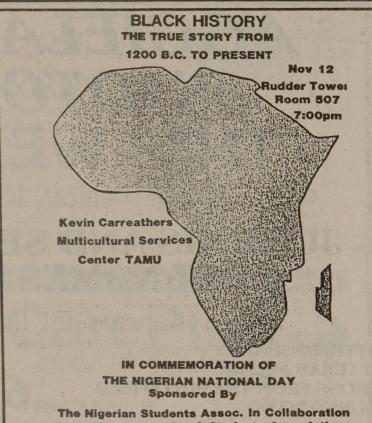
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