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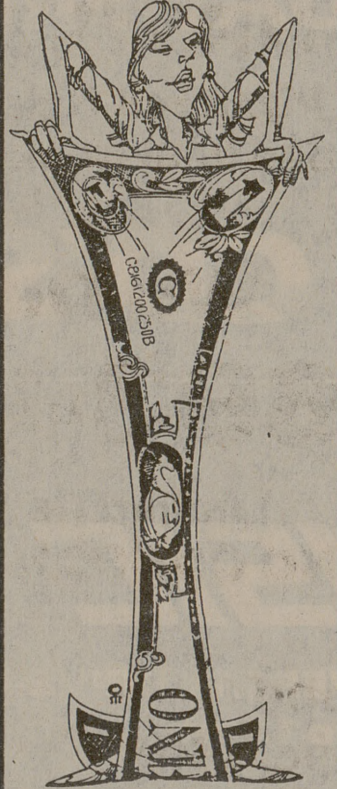
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Woman sues Geraldo Rivera for \$30 million

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman arrested last year during a televised raid is suing the show's host, Geraldo Rivera, for \$30 million, claiming he libeled her by portraying her as a prostitute and drug dealer.

Terry Rouse, who filed the suit Wednesday, also claimed Rivera invaded her privacy. Earlier, Rouse had filed a similar lawsuit concerning her televised arrest but dropped it without explanation.

She was arrested by the Harris County sheriff and other officers on the Dec. 2, 1985, television special, "American Vice: The Doping of a Nation."

During the show, officers were shown staging the raid with Rivera saying, "A pimp and his prostitutes are supplying truckers with coke and speed," according to the first suit she filed.

Drug possession charges filed against Rouse were thrown out by a judge, but she was rearrested in January on three marijuana delivery charges not related to her televised arrest.

In August, she was placed on a year's deferred adjudication, a type of probation during which the judge withholds a finding of guilt and dismisses the case if the probationer stays out of trouble.

What's up

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TAMU TABLE-TENNIS CLUB: will meet in 304 Read.
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UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: will have a peanut-butter fellowship at 11:30 p.m. at Rudder Fountain and a Bible study at 6:30 p.m. at the A&M Presbyterian Church.

AFRICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

HART HALL: will have a bicycle auction from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of Rudder Tower.

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Saturday

TAMU HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION: will have a Christmas party at 8 p.m. at the Brazos Center.

TEXAS A&M SPORTS CAR CLUB: will have a championship rally at 2 p.m. at Zachry Parking Annex 51.

Sunday

TAMU SCUBA CLUB: will play underwater football and hockey at 6 p.m. at the Downs natatorium.

BRAZOS FAMILY ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP: Erika Gonzales-Lima will speak at 3 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

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

Study: Corporation drug abuse may not be as serious as thought

By **Connie Johnson**
Reporter

Drug abuse in corporate America may not be as serious as the public believes, according to a recent study done by a Texas A&M management specialist.

Dr. Gerald Ferris conducted the study last summer with Shannon L. Ratcliff, an A&M graduate, and Dr. Maric F. Masters of the University of Pittsburgh. One thousand members of the American Society for Personnel Administration were surveyed and about half of the one-third who responded were women.

Of the respondents, only three percent said drug abuse was the major problem in their organization. In fact, representatives of more than 80 percent of the firms that responded did not say drug abuse was a major problem. Even though employees of 37 percent of the firms considered drug abuse among the top three problems, most of the respondents considered alcoholism, stress and others of more serious concern than drug abuse.

Ferris said the study was conducted because there was no basis for making statements that drug abuse is a major problem in corporate organizations.

"We felt that people were in the position of possibly taking serious actions without any facts," Ferris said. "Most of what exists to date on drug-testing is opinion."

Other studies are also being conducted to "hopefully yield the same results" as this study, Ferris said.

Ferris said the message of the study is not to say if drug-testing is good or bad but to caution organizations to make a careful diagnosis based on the situation in their individual organizations. The "bandwagon effect of everybody going out to develop a drug-testing program" is his major concern, Ferris said.

"It has gotten almost blown out of proportion today because of statements and policies enacted by the federal administration," Ferris said. "Reagan has taken a strong stand on the issue and all of this is sort of attacking the moral side of the issue — drugs are bad."

It appears that everyone is implementing a drug-testing program. However, the study showed that organizations are not engaging in drug-testing as much as the public thought. In fact, only 24.3 percent of the respondents' firms have drug-testing programs. Seventy percent of those were installed within the past year.

The study also revealed that women personnel managers in the workforce "felt less positive" about mandatory drug testing and were more likely to oppose it than men, Ferris said. Men were more likely to deny employment to a job applicant who refused to take a drug test, the study said.

More than 59 percent of the respondents' firms agreed that employers should be able to give job applicants a drug test, and 34 percent agreed that employers should be able to test only employees.

Ferris said his major interest in the study was the fact that many organizations might be implementing a drug-testing program without considering the long-term consequences. Organizations don't consider the message they are sending to employees, which might destroy a good, cultural work environment, he said.

"The program might identify a few people with a drug problem but what are the potential benefits of identifying these few people versus the long-term consequences of employees not trusting you and maybe leaving and taking jobs elsewhere?" Ferris said.

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