

What's Up

Thursday

FACULTY FORUM: Dr. John McIntyre will speak about "Why Modern Science Was Born in a Christian Culture" at 12:30 p.m. in 607 Rudder.

DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION: Exxon will offer information on careers in data processing at 7 p.m. in the University Inn penthouse suite.

SADDLE AND SIRLOIN CLUB: will have an ice cream social at 6 p.m. in Kleberg.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM: Dr. Anthony S. Jou, from the soils and crop sciences department will speak about "New Horizons in Tropical Agriculture and Resource Management" at 8:30 p.m. in 607 Rudder.

THE SOCIOLOGY CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.

TAMU SURF CLUB: will have a party at 8:30 p.m. at 710 Swiss Court.

AGRICULTURE ECONOMICS CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 113 Kleberg.

INTRAMURALS: will meet with flag football team captains at 5 p.m. in 601 Rudder and 16" softball team captains at 6 p.m. in 167 Read.

30 LOVES: will have a general information meeting at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

AGGIE SPACE DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY: will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 027 MSC.

Friday

MANAGEMENT 481: Creed Ford, executive vice president of Chili's, will speak at 10 a.m. in 114 Blocker.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington.

TAMU MOO DUK KWAN TAE KWON DO: will have a workout and new member signup at 5:30 p.m. in 255 G. Rollie White.

DELTA SIGMA PI: will meet from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. at the Flying Tomato for lunch. All business students are welcome.

COLOMBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: a speaker will discuss "In Hope of Christ's Return" at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

ECUADORIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 6 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.

WESLEY FOUNDATION: will have a welcome back dance at 7:30 p.m. at the Wesley building.

INTRAMURALS: entries close for exercise classes at 5:30 p.m. in 159 Read.

PLACEMENT CENTER: will have an orientation session for all December, May and August graduates at 10 a.m. in 504 Rudder through Friday.

THE AGGIELAND: Freshmen and sophomores may take their yearbook photos from Sept. 12 to Sept. 23 at Yearbook Associates behind Campus Photo at Northgate.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

Business deals of Delta crash raise questions

AUSTIN (AP) — Some lawyers have raised questions about State Bar of Texas President Jim Sales' role in preventing illegal or unethical soliciting of business from victims of the Delta Flight 1141 crash, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported Wednesday.

Sales denounced what he called "scurrilous charges and innuendo that (some plaintiff's lawyers are) trying to insert into the media to discredit what has been the first effective deterrence of prohibited lawyers' conduct before it happened."

Within hours of the crash that killed 13 people Aug. 31 at the Dallas-Fort Worth airport, Sales announced an aggressive bar effort to prevent improper solicitation of business from victims or their families.

But the *American-Statesman* reported that in the past week, some trial lawyers have called attention to the fact that Sales is chief of litigation for the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski of Houston. The firm has among its clients U.S. Aviation Underwriters, Delta's insurance company, the newspaper reported.

Sales said the firm's connection to Delta's insurance company had nothing to do with the State Bar program. He said the attacks on him probably were motivated by the success of the effort to stop what is legally known as "barratry."

Fulbright & Jaworski, he said, doesn't represent Delta. It has represented the insurance company only in minimal ways in the Houston area, he said.

The trade publication *Texas Lawyer* reported this week that an examination of state district court dockets showed the law firm representing the insurance company in two cases in Houston, neither involving Delta.

Sales said the bar had received some complaints about lawyers' conduct after the crash and that the bar's general counsel, Steve Peterson, is investigating. He declined to give details about the complaints.

David Perry, president of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, said that Sales should have disqualified himself from participation in the Dallas program because of his firm's connection with Delta's insurer.

Perry said the bar's program should cover lawyers for insurance companies trying to get quick and cheap settlements as well as lawyers seeking a contingency fee by suing the insurer. He also said he was concerned because it appeared the bar had advised victims of the crash and their families not to seek legal counsel when legal counsel was critically needed.

A news release issued by the bar on the day of the crash said, "At a time of intense emotional distress, no one need make immediate decisions concerning legal matters or legal representation."

Sales said the advice to victims was that they wait a little while and then consult with people they trust. "At no time did we suggest they not hire a lawyer," Sales said. The advice to victims was that they wait a little while and then consult with people they trust, he said.

Police Beat

The University Police Department received the following reports between Sept. 7 and Sept. 13:

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:

- A student reported that someone removed the right front parking light assembly from his 1985 Toyota, which was parked in Parking Annex 56. Another student reported the theft of all four hubcaps and outer chrome rings from his 1969 Chevy Camaro, which also was parked in that lot.

- A library staff member reported that someone stole his son's passport from the table on which he had left it in the Sterling C. Evans Library.

- An ornamental plant was stolen from the lobby of the Old Veterinary Hospital Building.
- Also reported stolen this week were 11 bicycles and five backpacks.

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- A resident of Clements Hall reported that she has been receiving annoying telephone calls at odd hours.

FELONY THEFT:

- Someone removed a student's 1987 Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle from where he had parked it next to Lounge F on Sept. 8. The motorcycle was returned on Sept. 10, with about \$1,500 in damages.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

- While on surveillance of the west campus area, officers observed two students knocking over pylons in Parking Annex 56, which had been set out by the Sports Car Club.

- Staff members in the Chemical Engineering Office reported that someone put green slime on their office door.

- Officers responding to a call discovered that five fire extinguishers had been emptied into the third floor men's restroom of the Civil Engineering Building.

- Someone removed a department money box from a room in the Oceanography and Meteorology Building.

- Grounds Maintenance reported that someone stole an Allied "Hole Hog" underground piercing tool from the maintenance compound.

Four men plead not guilty to charges of engine theft

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Four men indicted on charges of stealing helicopter engines that later were confiscated from national powerboat owners and a tractor pull competition will face trial next month.

The four pleaded innocent to federal charges accusing them in connection with the theft of 10 helicopter engines in 1986 from the Corpus Christi Army Depot.

Marvin Kottman of West Point, Neb.; Raymond Kovic and Clem McClane, both of Mineola; and William Felts of Corpus Christi were released on \$10,000 personal recognizance bonds each after an appearance before U.S. Magistrate Eduardo De Ases.

All four men will be tried at the same time, U.S. Attorney Robert Berg said. Their trial is scheduled to begin Oct. 26.

A federal grand jury indicted the men Sept. 2 on two counts each — conspiracy to steal, then stealing the T-55 turbine engines.

The FBI and the Army started tracking the engines after it was discovered that they were missing from the helicopter repair facility at the depot following an inventory in late 1987.

Federal agents confiscated the 10 engines in May from powerboat owners on the national racing circuit and from a competition tractor puller in Kentucky. Owners had purchased the engines from independent dealers for at least \$22,000 each and apparently were unaware they had been stolen.

Merchandise trade deficit shows biggest improvement in 6 years

AUSTIN (AP) — The U.S. merchandise trade deficit showed the biggest improvement in almost six years in July, a dramatic 28 percent narrowing that reflected a big decline in Americans' appetite for foreign goods, the government reported Wednesday.

In July, down \$3.6 billion from a June deficit of \$13.22 billion.

The Reagan administration lost no time hailing the huge decline as proof that the administration's economic strategy of fighting soaring trade deficits with a devaluation of the dollar was paying off.

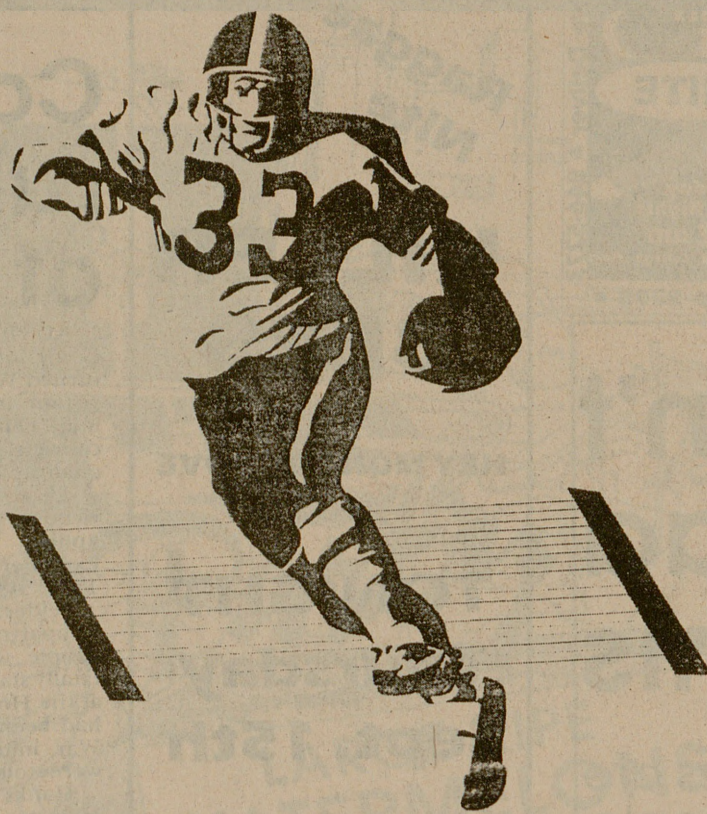
In a speech in Cape Girardeau, Mo., President Reagan called the trade figures good news that proved that when America goes into the market to compete, we play to win.

The 28 percent June-to-July decrease was the biggest monthly im-

provement since a 35.7 percent narrowing in September 1982 and gave the country the lowest overall imbalance since December 1984, when the deficit was \$8 billion.

While the trade deficit has been showing improvement, for most of this year, the gains have all been on the export side, reflecting the fact that the weaker dollar has made American products competitive once again on overseas markets.

Imports, however, had remained at stubbornly high levels. Analysts said this made the July drop particularly encouraging.



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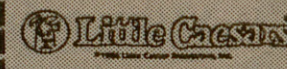
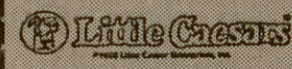
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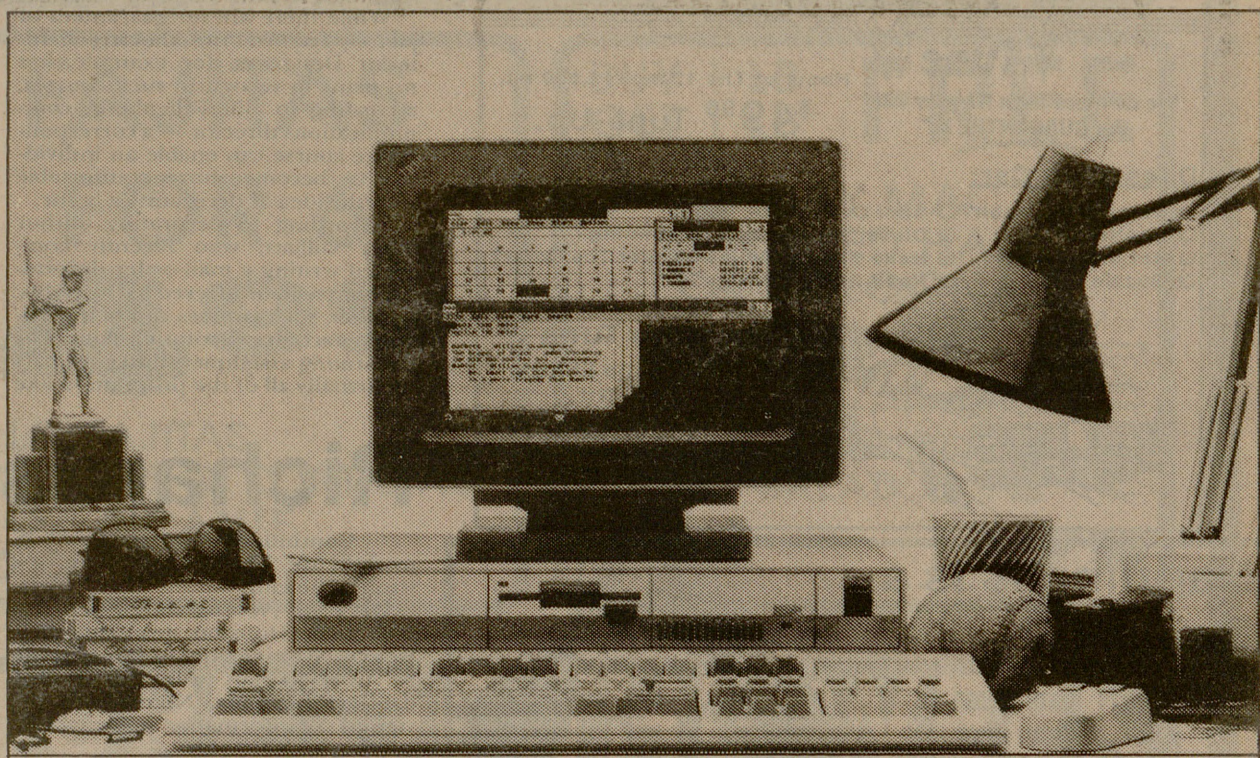
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The Commerce Department said the difference between what the United States imports and what it sells abroad shrank to \$9.53 billion