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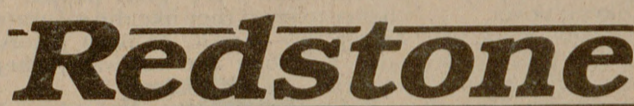
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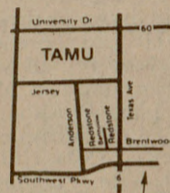
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What's Up

Friday

MSC OPAS: presents "Verdi Requiem" at 8 p.m. in Rudder auditorium. For ticket information call 845-1234.
CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington.
UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: will have a peanut butter fellowship from 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Rudder fountain. There will also be a Bible study at 6 p.m. at A&M Presbyterian Church.
CORPUS CHRISTI HOMETOWN CLUB: will go bowling at 6 p.m. at Chimney Hill Bowling Alley.
MANAGEMENT 481: Robin T. Haney, vice president of Texas Commerce Bank in Houston, will speak about "Change: Planning for it, Managing it, Living with it and Surviving it" at 10 a.m. in 114 Blocker. Business attire is appreciated.
STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: will have an informational meeting about 1989 summer programs at 2 p.m. in 701 Rudder.
THE WESLEY FOUNDATION: will meet to go bowling at 7 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation.
OFF CAMPUS AGGIES: will meet for yell practice at 11:30 p.m. at Mt. Aggie.
HILLEL STUDENT CENTER: will have Friday night services at 8 p.m. at the Hillel Building.
LATTER-DAY SAINTS STUDENT ASSOCIATION: President Thortonson of the Houston mission will speak at the sandwich seminar at the LDS Institute, Dexter Drive.
SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS: will meet at the Zachry fountain at 2:55 p.m. to tour the nuclear reactor.
CORPS OF CADETS: Anyone is welcome to run with the Corps at 5 p.m. on the quad.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: call the center at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting.
CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION/MELTING POT: will discuss understanding Anglo American culture through its folklore at 7 p.m. at the student center.
INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: The dynamic Dr. Macyntire will speak about "The Authority of the Bible" at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

Saturday

KAPPA ALPHA PSI: will have a party at 10 p.m. in 212 MSC.
ASIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION: will have a picnic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Central Park. The picnic is free for members and two dollars for non-members.
FENCING CLUB: will host a Texas-wide tournament in foil, epee and sabre at 8 a.m. at DeWare Field House.
CORPS OF CADETS: will have "march in" at 12:30 p.m. at Kyle Field.
TAMU BICYCLING CLUB: will meet for a 22 mile bike ride at 9 a.m. at Rudder fountain.
COLLEGIATE 4-H: will have a bring-your-own-buns barbecue at 11 a.m. at the Gazebo behind Kleberg.

Sunday

YOUNG LIFE COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP: will meet for Christian fun and fellowship at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder.
TAMU INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS: will teach beginning and intermediate line, circle and couple dances at 8 p.m. in 226 MSC. For more information call Ellen at 822-2415.
OFF CAMPUS AGGIES: will meet for a non-reg cut at 8 a.m. at Duncan Field.
FENCING CLUB: "Wizardry and Warriors," a team laser tag with foils, is open to everyone from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in 404 Read.
FORT WORTH HOMETOWN CLUB: will have a picnic and volleyball from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. at central Park.
AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: will have square dance lessons from 8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. in 226 MSC.

Monday

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: will meet at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder.
MSC SCONA: will have a committee meeting with Dr. Harold Hawkins addressing "The Japanese Educational System" at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder.
EAGLE PASS HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet new members and take group pictures at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Academic Building.
TAMU SNOW SKIING CLUB will meet to discuss the Christmas ski trip at 7 p.m. in 607 Rudder.
STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: Jr. Fulbright grant applications are due by 5 p.m. in 161 Bizzell West.
MINORITY ASSOCIATION OF PRE HEALTH AGGIES: Demetrius Pearson of UTMSC in Houston will speak at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

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.

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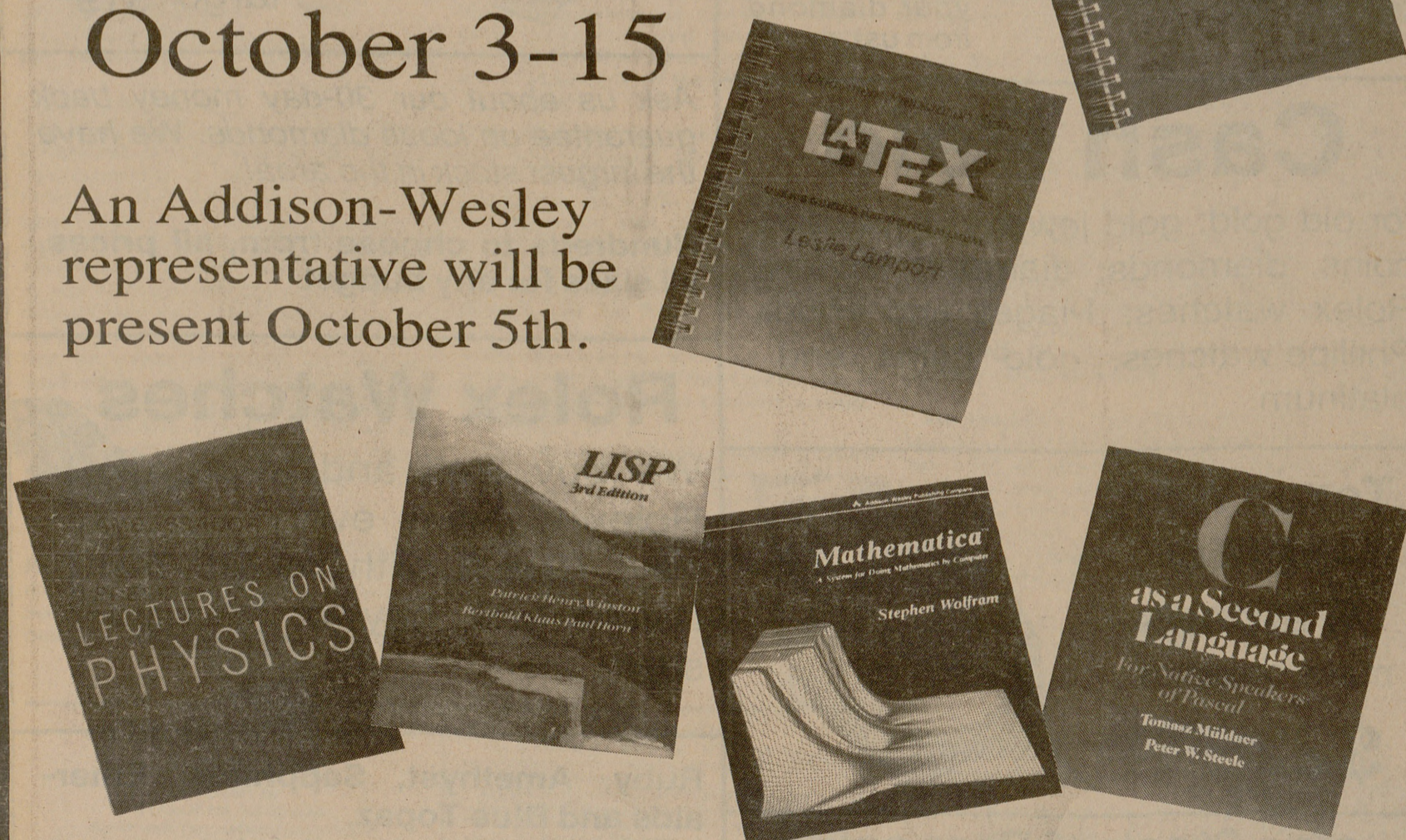
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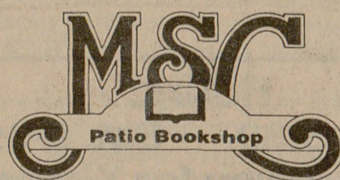
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Former professor now sells balloons

SULPHUR SPRINGS (AP) When James Rand begins talking about scientific knowledge of the stratosphere, his eyes sparkle in back of his metal-rimmed glasses and a bright smile crosses his face.

"We have dreams, of course," he said.

Rand, president and chief executive officer of Winzen International Inc., sees into the future as a result of his scientific experience in the past, and that vision reveals unlimited opportunities for his company's scientific balloons, which reach high above the earth's surface.

The former Texas A&M University professor lives in San Antonio where the employee-owned company's corporate headquarters are located, but he often makes his way to its plant in Sulphur Springs where the film that makes up the balloons is produced. The balloons weigh 4,000 pounds, may carry a 4,000-pound payload and need 1,000 pounds of helium for lift.

"There is an unlimited number of problems that scientists are interested in explaining about the origins of the universe," he said on a recent visit. Many of those problems can be investigated by using high altitude balloons, a use that is especially attractive to both government and commercial projects because of cost savings that balloons, unlike expensive rocket launchings, can provide.

"There's all kinds of things that can be done commercially. We're very interested in commercial activities in this country," he said. Chemists may be interested in growing crystals and protein. Pharmaceutical companies may discover new vaccines. And the company has a proposal pending with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for micro gravity experiments, he said.

NASA is a major indirect customer of Winzen Inc., through the National Scientific Ballooning Facility at Palestine in East Texas, which works with New Mexico State University on research.

Other nations also use balloons for scientific research. "We deal with governments all over the world," Rand said, naming Japan, the European Space Agency, Australia, China, Taiwan and the Soviet Union as countries that conduct experiments with balloons.

Thirty to 40 percent of Winzen's business is international, he said. "It's a significant amount and it's spread out all over the world," he said.

In Sweden, scientists are launching balloons that rise to 120,000 feet with rockets, Rand said.

The rockets are dropped from the balloon in a free fall to earth, which creates a 60 second micro gravity situation that lasts long enough to gain scientific information about weightlessness, for instance. Scientists from the United States participate in the Swedish experiments because the technique is not available here.

"Those are experiments that can be conducted in a balloon although they aren't in space," Rand said. Rand said a prospective customer for Winzen Inc. is the Soviet Union, which uses Winzen balloons now, obtaining them indirectly from other countries. Rand said he has corresponded with Soviet scientists and has extended an invitation for them to visit the company's Texas facilities. "We expect a visit early next year," he said.

To meet the balloon market demand, the Sulphur Springs facility soon will be expanded by the addition of a separate assembly plant. A fire several years ago destroyed an earlier assembly plant here, forcing the company to move those operations to a site in Paris, about 35 miles away. Groundbreaking has begun for the new Sulphur Springs facility that will assemble the huge balloons.

Rand forecasts growth for the film plant and new assembly facility, and says engineers and chemists are constantly working to improve the balloon material and assembly methods.