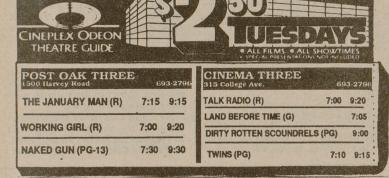
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Clinic helps develop study skills

Monday, January 17, 1989

By Mia B. Moody Reporter

The Texas A&M Counseling and Assessment Clinic offers a study group to help undergraduates develop good skills in taking notes and preparing for tests.

Judith Pitts, a doctoral student in the educational psychology depart-ment, directs the program. Pitts, who is also the coordinator of the Educational Psychology 101 class, said the study skills group is similar to the course. She said every student can benefit from the study skills

group.
"Test anxiety is where the group

the area where students have the most problems," Pitts said. "Anxiety is good, but too much can cause fail-ure. Students who say, 'I'll never be able to understand this material and I'm going to fail this test,' probably

Pitts teaches how anxiety can be vation. Pitts said breaks and rewards reduced through the use of relaxation and techniques that reduce irration. She shows students how to tional thoughts. Students are taught make out schedules outlining the how to replace discouraging phrases with positive ones.

Pitts also teaches note-taking and dents are given hints on how to listen is a psychological service and trainfor changes in the pitch of the pro-ing clinic operated by the Depart-Clinic at 845-8021.

spends the most time because it is fessor's voice and other important cues. To deal with the temptation of procrastination, she gives students pointers on how to keep up with all of their classes so they don't have to cram the night before the exam.

> amount of time they will study and how breaks can be used effectively.

The Counseling and Assessment non-procrastination methods. Stu- Clinic is a non-profit organization. It

ment of Educational Psychology The clinic offers three other cial groups: a children's probsolving group for children who problems at home and at school substance abuse group for indi als who are self-referred and mitted to abstinence, and a viole free adults group for self-and our referred male batterers in Bra College Station.

The study skills group meets ery Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. Cos \$5 per session. For more info tion on any of the programs co

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68 die on highways during holidays

By Fiona Soltes

The Texas Department of Public Safety recorded 68 deaths on Texas highways during the holidays. Mike Cox, spokesman for the DPS, said 66 deaths were estimated for the Christmas and New Year's periods

The National Safety Council des-

ing period, from 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23 to midnight Monday, Dec. 26, and a 78-hour New Year's period from 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30 to midnight Monday, Jan. 2. In Texas, 36 died during the Christmas period and 32 during New Year's.

Last year, 81 people were killed on Texas highways during the two counting periods. But Cox said the

"Last year, Christmas fell on a Friday," Cox said. "That meant a 102hour counting period. In 1986, only 48 were killed, but the designated periods were 54 hours long.

Texas DPS instates Operation Holiday, which means all available units are on patrol during the designated ignated a 78-hour Christmas count- department discourages compari- periods, checking for excessive

ing without safety belts.

"This is a program that we star around the 1940s," Cox said." 8 were killed, but the designated eriods were 54 hours long."

Cox said during the holidays, the example DPS instanton Open day, the course, accidents to the properties of public travel during the holidays. Of course, accidents to the holidays. can happen at any time, but they more likely during the holidays to excessive drinking and e

Deal makes Coastal largest gas supplied

Corp. announced Monday it is trying to buy Texas Eastern Corp. in a \$2.6 billion deal that would make Coastal the nation's largest natural

The \$42-per-share offer was about 40 percent more than the \$30.25 Texas Eastern stock was bringing when the market closed

But with Coastal's announcement Monday, Texas Eastern stock soared more than \$13 to \$43.871/2 in early trading on the New York Stock Exchange. At the same time, Coastal's stock was down 621/2 cents at \$34.25 on the exchange.

Coastal is the third largest natural gas company in the country while Texas Eastern is among the top six. A third Houston corporation, Enron Corp., holds the top position, ana-

"In my view, Coastal and Enron are two prototypes of interstate pipeline networks of the future," said Charles Strain, director of energy research for Lovett Mitchell Webb & Garrison in Houston. Texas Eastern seemed the most logical. It was just a question of which one was going to suck it up and do damage to the balance sheet.

Texas Eastern is attractive to both companies because of its pipeline system reaching the Northeast mar-

Strain said even though the acquisition will put Coastal further in debt, it is a good move in the long run because stiff pipeline regula-

R.W. Wells.

William D. Hyler, an analyst for Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. in New York, said he was surprised by the

'I believe they've always had an ers.

HOUSTON (AP) - Coastal interest in this company," Hyler said. "Apparently they thought that if they waited someone else would

"In the long term, it looks good.

It's a good strategic fit."

Hyler said if the buyout was suc cessful, he expected Coastal to sell off Texas Eastern's exploration and production operations.

Monday's jump in the price of Texas Eastern stock, however, prompted analysts to predict Coastal would have to sweeten its deal to \$45 or \$48 per share.

Once the offer is received, the Texas Eastern board of directors will make a recommendation to shareholders within 10 days of the commencement of the offer, the com-

pany said in a statement.

Coastal said it would initiate the offer on Tuesday for all outstanding shares of Texas Eastern's common

U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes in Houston was considering a request from Coastal for a temporary restraining order to keep Texas Eastern's board of directors from taking any action to prevent shareholders from accepting the offer.

Coastal said it decided to make the offer at a Sunday meeting of its board of directors.

James R. Paul, president and chief operating officer of Coastal, wrote his counterpart at Texas Eastern, Dennis R. Hendrix, requesting a meeting with the Texas Eastern board of directors to discuss a business combination.

tions are expected to weaken.

Coastal's long-term debt, as of nation of Coastal and Texas Eastern Sept. 30, was \$3.11 billion, while its would be in the best interests of our short-term debt was \$369 million, respective stockholders as well as according to Coastal spokesman employees, customers and supliers," Paul wrote. "Operating flexibility and efficiencies brought about by a combination of our companies would significantly improve the abilitites of each company to provide the best possible service to custom-

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"We also believe that our offer is a and production, and real estate. fair one. It gives Texas Eastern's stockholders an opportunity to receive immediately a very attractive cash price for all their shares."

Coastal is diversified energy company with \$8 billion in assets and operations in natural gas transmission and storage, gas and oil exploration and production, refining and mar-keting, coal, trucking and independent power production.

Texas Eastern, with \$5 billion in assets, is involved in natural gas and petroleum products, pipeline and international oil and gas exploration

also refines and markets petrol products at wholesale.

Coastal said its offer will b nanced primarily by bank borings and subordinated notes. bank N.A. has told the company letter it is confident it can provid to \$2 billion in senior bank financincluding \$500 million Citibank provide under a firm commitmen

Drexel Burnham Lambert sent a letter to Coastal saying confident it can place up to \$1.3 lion in subordinated note

Sound Warehouse, Shamrock to merge

DALLAS (AP) — Shamrock its obligations under the agreement Holdings Inc. and Sound Warehouse Inc., said they expect shareholders will approve a merger agreement to acquire Sound Warehouse, one of the nation's leading retailers of home entertainment software, for approximately \$132.5

Under the agreement announced Monday, Shamrock Entertainment II. Inc., organized by Shamrock to acquire Sound Warehouse, will merge into Sound Warehouse and all stockholders of Sound Warehouse will receive \$25.65 in cash per

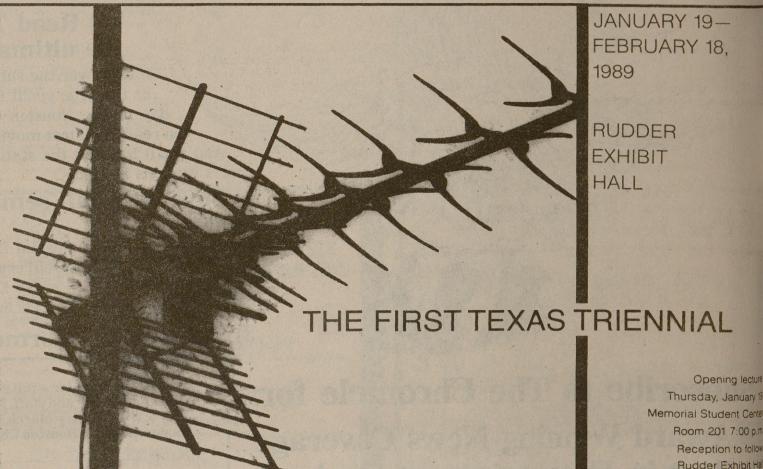
share of common stock. The agreement also contemplates additional 10 outlets are planned that Sound Warehouse will pay a opening by Dec. 31. For the cash dividend of up to 10 cents a ended May 31, Sound Warehouse share to stockholders of record im- had sales of \$181 million and net mediately before the merger. The amount available for payment of the dividend will be reduced by certain specified costs incurred by Sound Warehouse in performing certain of the Roy E. Disney family.

the Pr Conditions of the transaction clude approval of Sound Ware house's stockholders at a meeting March or early April,

Major stockholders of the o pany have granted Shamrock Entetainment their irrevocable proxies vote their shares of common st regarding approval of the merge The shares subject to the irrevocate proxies represent an aggregate approximately 73 percent of the rently outstanding shares of Sou Warehouse common stock.

Sound Warehouse, based in D las, has 121 outlets in 13 states. come of \$4.2 million or 80 cents

Shamrock Holdings, based Burbank, Calif., is wholly owned



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