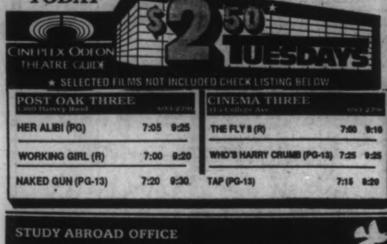


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Film festival opens at Langford Free program begins Wednesday with 'ethnic identity' emphasis

By Shane Hall

Reviewer

The 10th Annual Aggie Independent Film and Video Festival opens Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the gallery (room 120A) of the Langford Architecture Center. The festival continues Thursday evening at 7:30. Admission for both nights is free

This year's festival features 11 short films and videos by various independent video artists and filmmakers. The films range from two to 58 minutes in length.

The theme of Wednesday evening's program will be ethnic identity, gallery director Dawn Rasmussen said. The two films scheduled for Wednesday evening are "Meaning of the Inter-val" and "Ethnic Notions."

"Meaning of the Interval," a 17-minute work by video artist Edin Velez, is a look at the culture of Japan.

The second film, "Ethnic Notions," is a 58-minute documentary by filmmaker Marlon Riggs, a native Texan. Riggs' film examines the ory of racist stereotypes in American culture. The film examines the origins of such words as "pickaninny" and commercial images such as Aunt Jemima.

We felt (Ethnic Notions) was appropriate for Black Awareness Month, so that's one reason we chose it," Rasmussen said. February is Black Awareness Month.

Thursday night's program consists of nine short video works, ranging from two to 30 min-utes in length. One of the Thursday presentations is Pacho Lane's "The Black Tulip," an account of the war in Afghanistan.

The film features footage of Soviet military units, a helicopter squadron and a military hospi-

Lane, another Texas filmmaker, worked with German director Werner Herzog on the film 'Fitzcarraldo.'

Other works scheduled for Thursday night include Heather McAdams' video illustration of the jazz song "Black Coffee."

work, which combines television and This movie footage with McAdams' own, is described as "a retrofitted music video."

Following Thursday night's schedule of films will be a closing reception for the festival and for video artist Bill Lundberg's "Video Sculpture," which has been on display in the gallery since anuary 23.

The reception is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m. Lundberg will be attending the reception, Rasmussen said.

The 10th Annual Aggie Independent Film and Video Festival is sponsored by the Texas A&M Office of University Art Collections and Exhibitions, the Department of Philosophy, the Media Center of the College of Architecture, the Southwest Alternate Media Project, the Texas Commission on the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Mosbacher: Senate treating Tower unfairly

HOUSTON (AP) — Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher said Monday he thought fellow Texan John Tower was being treated unfairly by the Senate committee reviewing the nomination of the secretary of defense-designate.

"I think it's been dragged on an awfully long time," Mosbacher said at a news conference following an address to Houston business leaders. "As I understand it, the FBI has been asked to go out several times and evaluate and look further.

"I've not heard nor have I read anything new that they have found."

While Mosbacher's nomination sailed through Senate hearings and won approval of the full chamber by a 100-0 vote, Tower's nomination as defense secretary has been stalled while a Senate committee investigates allegations that include former business ties to defense contractors, alcohol problems and womanizing. President Bush, however, has con-

tinued to support his selection of the former Texas senator.

"Just speaking as an average citi-zen, I think he's being treated pretty toughly and it's being dragged on a very long time," Mosbacher said of Tower.

He said he did not know if Bush had another person in mind should Tower pull out or if the Senate decides to reject the nomination.

Mosbacher, however, joked about his own easy approval by the Senate, saying he was told the unanimous vote would be the high point of his career in Washington.

The Houston oilman, making his first appearance in his hometown since taking the federal job, lobbied business and political figures to support the president's budget proposals unveiled last week.

Attorney: Workers' comp bill will mean higher premiums

AUSTIN (AP) - A bill to overhaul the Texas workers' compensation system won Republican and business endorsements Monday, but it was blasted by an attorney who said it would result in higher premiums.

"The basic problem is that the bill doesn't have anything in it that con-trols rates," said David Perry of Corpus Christi, president of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association.

"The rates going up has been a problem of the failure of the State Board of Insurance to control the insurance industry, and this bill does nothing meaningful that speaks to that," he said.

Premiums for workers' compensation have increased more than 100 percent since 1985, and another 19 percent increase took effect Jan. 1. Meanwhile, some say, benefits paid to workers injured on the job are inadequate.

House Bill 1, which would overhaul the system, had its first hearing Monday before the House Business and Commerce Committee.

Perry said the workers' compensation dilemma is "a phony crisis that has been engineered by the insurance companies where they have manipulated numbers to force rates up, even though the size of the awards has gone down.

When inflation is taken into account, Perry said, the average size of settlements has gone down over the last 10 years

Richard Geiger, representing the Texas Compensation Insurance As-sociation, said numbers aren't being manipulated.

"The numbers are kept in the precise way that the state board and the state laws require them to be kept," he said.

Dixie Evatt, Insurance Board spokeswoman, said a public hearing is part of the rate-setting process and board has input fre

higher rates than other Texas companies, he said.

The bill would require "a substantial amount of litigation to figure out what it all means," he said, and the administrative process set out under the bill would require attorneys. Meanwhile, he said, insurance carriers would set their reserves higher

"to compensate for the uncertainties But Rep. Richard Smith, R-Bryan,

said, "It is going to cause rates to go down, and not go up." The state would closely review

medical costs under the bill, he said. Criminal sanctions would be applied for fraudulent behavior, he said. and the state also would have a "better handle on the insurance industry and the way they conduct their business.

The proposed restructuring of the system's governing board and changing the adjudication process for settling claims also would lower costs, he said.

Geiger said whether the proposed system would be less costly would depend on how it was administered.

In Advance

C.A.R.E., week emphasizes rape prevention

By Juliette Rizzo

STAFF WRITER

A woman can assertively say no and mean it.

The focus of C.A.R.E. week Creating Attitudes for a Rapefree Environment — is to make students aware that rape does ex-ist on campus and that it can be prevented.

Audrey Smith, an assistant with C.A.R.E. week activities, said it needs to be made clear that the week's activities are not just for women.

"As far as women are con-cerned they need to be aware that rape does happen," she said. They need to understand the basic rules of dating and know that they need to be aware and assertive.

"Men need to be aware that they shouldn't force or coerce. When a woman says no to a date or to physical contact, the man shouldn't necessarily take it as a personal slam."

A panel discussion, Campus Is-sues for the '90s, will be held from 7 to 9 tonight in the Commons lobby to provide information on alcohol and acquaintance rape, sexual harassment and personal safety. On Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. in room 225 Rudder a University of Houston student will give a presentation, "Rape: What Now?" concerning rape and its prevention.

The week will end with Assault Awareness, a demonstration of using self defense as a means of responding to an attack. The demonstration will be Thursday from 7-9 p.m. in the Commons lobby

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ings n and must be done quickly," he said of the budget proposals. "If not, we'll fall under the Gramm-Rud-

man-Hollings (budget cutting) bill. "And we'll go into these seques-tered mandated cuts and as we see in our own businesses, it's usually the least efficient way to do it. The only way we're going to get these deficits down and move the country the way George Bush wants it ... is to move his proposals through the Congress

He said he did not know which budget items the president would be willing to compromise on.

groups.

The question of whether to use industry or board staff data on issues relevant to rate-making, such as losses, has been aired, she said. The board uses the data in different ways.

Perry said House Bill I would "result in a substantial increase in the premiums that will be paid by the employer." Businesses involved with maritime

transportation that are under a federal system similar to the one proposed in the bill currently pay Expert to discuss new computer math system

Dr. Stephen Wolfram, profes-sor at the University of Illinois at Urbana, will speak on "Mathmatica: A System for Doing Mathematics by Computer" at 2 p.m today in 701 Rudder Tower.

Hosted by the Texas A&M De-partment of Mathematics, Wolfram will explain the design and demonstrate the operation of the system he created to do numerical computations and algebraic

calculations. Mathematica also can perform two- and three-dimensional graphics and animation.

The system automates mathematics by performing various functions such as solving equations, performing integration and manipulating formulas.

Wolfram directs the Center for, **Complex Systems Research at the** University of Illinois at Urbana.

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