

# What's Up

## Tuesday

**MSC WILEY LECTURE SERIES:** Clement Henry will discuss U.S. policy in the Middle East at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.  
**THE PLACEMENT CENTER:** Leopold, Price and Rolle will present current corporate fashions at 5 p.m. in 225 MSC.  
**RUSSIAN CLUB:** will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.  
**HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL:** will have pre-registration from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. in the Honors office.  
**HART HALL:** will have a bike auction from noon to 3 p.m. at Rudder Fountain.  
**PI SIGMA EPSILON:** will have registration for the 1989 Scavenger Hunt from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the MSC.  
**MARANATHA CAMPUS MINISTRIES:** will present a Rock-n-Roll Exposé at 7:30 p.m. at the College Station Community Center.  
**ON CAMPUS CATHOLICS:** will discuss what it means to be of a different faith at 9 p.m. at All Faiths Chapel.  
**LE CERCLE LE FRANCAIS:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 125 Academic.  
**STUDENT ORGANIZATION FUNDING WORKSHOP:** will be at 4 p.m. in 510 Rudder for eligible student organizations.  
**COCAINE ANONYMOUS:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.  
**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at noon. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

## Wednesday

**STUDENT ORGANIZATION FUNDING:** Eligible student organizations are invited to apply for funding assistance by completing a request form in the Student Finance Center, 217 MSC by 4 p.m. Friday.  
**TAMU ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STUDENTS:** Free tickets for the senior induction dinners are available in the MSC flag room.  
**AGGIE PEER ORIENTATION PROGRAM:** will have an information session to discuss orientation positions in 401 Rudder. Applications are due Friday.  
**MSC WILEY LECTURE SERIES:** William Crawford, former ambassador to Yemen Arab Republic and Cyprus, will speak about "Islam: Culture and Religion" at 7 p.m. in 206 MSC.  
**MUSTER AWARENESS WEEK:** Stop by and find out more about Muster from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the MSC.  
**AGGIE DEMOCRATS:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder.  
**MSC POLITICAL FORUM:** will have a general committee meeting at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder.  
**AGGIES ABROAD CLUB:** Dr. Carolyn Adair will discuss travel opportunities in Italy at 7 p.m. in 407 Rudder.  
**MARCH OF DIMES:** will be accepting donations in the MSC and Duncan Dining Hall.  
**STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 507 Rudder.  
**CATHOLICS ON THE QUAD:** will discuss "Problems of the occult witchcraft and supernatural events at 9 p.m. in Lounge B on the quad.  
**NEWMAN:** will have a special liturgy and midweek study break at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.  
**S.O.T.A.:** will meet to accept nominations for officers for the fall at 7 p.m. at Brazos Landing.  
**SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 014 Reed McDonald.  
**RHA PRESIDENT'S ROUND TABLE:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 704 Rudder.  
**OBJECTIVIST CLUB:** will show a movie at 8:30 p.m. in 407 Rudder.  
**EPISCOPAL STUDENT CENTER:** will have Holy Eucharist at 6:15 p.m. and a supper following at the Episcopal Student Center.  
**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. Call the C.P.D.E. for more information.  
**RECREATIONAL SPORTS:** will have registration from 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. in 159 Reed for the following: Penberthy softball tournament, rock-climbing trip, pickleball doubles and a kayak workshop.

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.

# West Point educates military students from all over world

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — The United States Military Academy is legendary for producing such all-American war heroes as Ulysses S. Grant, Douglas MacArthur and Dwight D. Eisenhower. But the "country" in West Point's motto "Duty, Honor, Country" does not necessarily mean the United States.

For the past century, West Point also has been a training ground for future generals of foreign armies — dictatorships as well as democracies.

Soldiers like Filipino General Fidel Ramos, the late Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza and pre-revolutionary Chinese Army Gen. Ying Hsing Wen marched out of West Point's storied Long Gray Line to play key historical roles.

This year's foreign plebes come from Bolivia, Guatemala, Lebanon, Liberia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Malawi, Singapore, Jordan, Turkey and Zimbabwe. Currently, 30 foreign cadets are training at West Point from Bangladesh, Haiti, Senegal, Cameroon, Liberia and Botswana, among other places.

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— Capt. Robin Carrington, foreign admissions officer

Once approved by the secretary of defense, a nation's politics or relations with the United States are not considered in judging an applicant's merits, says Capt. Robin Carrington, admissions officer for foreign cadets.

"We do not deal with philosophy," Carrington says. "We try to keep standards for foreign cadets exactly the same as U.S. citizens."

There are cadets from countries ruled by hard-line dictators who do not tolerate dissent or hold elections, as well as from countries with democratic governments like that of the United States.

The purpose of educating foreign cadets at West Point, according to a Congressional report, is to build good will and expose future foreign military leaders to American ideals, especially in developing nations where the United States seeks to promote stability.

Annapolis and the Air Force Academy have similar programs. By law, each military academy is allowed 40 foreign cadets at a time. At the moment, the Air Force Academy has 37 and the Navy academy, 32.

"Our goal is to provide an opportunity for students from selected countries to attend the Air Force Academy and learn more about the way we do business in this country and go back home with a first-rate military education and hopefully be

better allies," says Lt. Col. John Sweeney, associate director of admissions at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Natee Wongissares, a senior from Bangkok, Thailand, agrees that both countries have benefited from Thailand's cadets at West Point.

"In the future these people (West Point graduates) have a tendency toward the United States," the Thai cadet says. "They can affect the relationship between the two countries for a better relationship, they will work together."

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1980, is a loyal aide to Panamanian strongman Manuel Antonio Noriega, at odds with the United States since his indictment by an American grand jury on drug trafficking charges last year.

Ricardo Ernesto Castro, Class of 1973, sought political asylum in the United States after testifying before Congress about his activities as a leader of a Salvadoran death squad.

Anastasio Debayle Somoza, son of the original Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza, was given command of the Nicaraguan national guard when he graduated from West Point in 1946. He went on to succeed his father as president before the Sandinista Revolution ended that regime.

Foreign cadets don't compete against American candidates, says academy spokesman Andrea Harnberger. "These spaces are specifically designated for non-American cadets. They have to meet the same basic criteria as a cadet here would."

At West Point all cadets eat the same food, adhere to the same dress code, take the same courses and meet the same requirements for graduation.

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**Saturday:** Comic GOH - Chris Claremont, Special GOH - Octavia Butler, Character vs. Plot II, How to Get Published, Minorities/Women in Sci-Fi, Violence in Sci-Fi, Writing - Comics vs. Books, Comics as a Viable Artform, What Would You Do Different With Star Trek: TNG?, Battlestate I & II, Starlog's Birthday Movie.  
**Sunday:** How to be Published, Influences and Inspirations, Coming up at Marvel, NASA, Working with your spouse. There are also readings by the various authors throughout the convention.

**Movies:**  
**Thursday:** The Yellow Submarine, Excalibur  
**Friday:** Star Trek II, III, IV  
**Saturday afternoon:** The Wizard of Oz  
**Saturday evening:** Raiders of the Lost Ark, Blade Runner, Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom  
**Sunday:** Excalibur

**Other Areas:**  
 Art Show, Dealers' Room, Party Room, Video Room, Lazer Tag, Gaming, Quest, Masquerade Ball, Drench the Wench, Japanimation, Warren Norwood Charity Auction, Box Office, Headquarters.

**15 hours worked = 1 full convention pass**  
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For more information please come to our worker's meeting:  
 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, 1989  
 Room 701 Rudder Tower  
 sponsored by MSC Cepheid Variable

# The Association of Former Students

## Spring Senior Induction Banquet

Tuesday & Wednesday, April 4 & 5, 1989  
 6:30 p.m.  
 MSC

All May and Aug. graduates are invited to attend. Free tickets will be available as long as they last, Tues. March 28, Wed. March 29 and Thurs. March 30 in the MSC, near the Flag Room.

This is your invitation to attend the formal induction of Class of '89 graduates. Dec. grads will be inducted in Nov.

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