

# What's Up

## Monday

**ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK:** begins with a forum on alcohol use, misuse, and abuse at 7 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. For more information call the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280.

**AGGIE WRANGLERS:** Anyone wishing to take country and western dance lessons (beginning, advanced, or jitterbug) may sign up from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the MSC.

**TEXAS AGGIE GRASSROOT COALITION:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 507 Rudder.

**MINORITY ASSOCIATION OF PRE-HEALTH AGGIES:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

**PRIMITIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP:** will have a worship service at 7:30 p.m. in the All Faith's Chapel. For more information call Chris Blexins at 847-7000.

**PRE-LAW SOCIETY:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

**SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS:** will have a meeting for members going to the national convention at 7 p.m. in 014 Reed McDonald.

**TAMU SKYDIVING CLUB:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

**MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will have a video program called "Quran, the Book of Sign" at 8:30 p.m. in 229 MSC.

**RECREATIONAL SPORTS:** will have entries open for flickerball, innertube water basketball, and 8-ball singles at 8 a.m. in 159 Read.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** will have a general discussion at noon. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

## Tuesday

**ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK:** will have a Mash Tent serving Aggie Mocktails (non-alcoholic beverages) from 1 to 3 p.m. on the southside of the Quad. For more information call the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280.

**PLACEMENT CENTER:** will have second-level interviews from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

**CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL:** will have a meeting and magazine collection at 7 p.m. in 228 MSC. For more information call Elizabeth at 847-0247.

**AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION:** John Harrelson from Dow Chemical will speak on their move toward global marketing at 8:30 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

**BETA ALPHA PSI:** will have a social hosted by Price Waterhouse at 6:30 p.m. at the Briarcrest Country Club.

**PHI ETA SIGMA:** Dr. Southerland will speak on how to get the most out of your college years at 8:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

**ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK:** will have Hall-y-wood Squares game show from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Davis-Gary Quad.

**YOUNG CONSERVATIVES OF TEXAS:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

**PSYCHOLOGY CLUB/PSI CHI:** Dr. Harsey will speak on health psychology at 7 p.m. in 338 Psychology.

**SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS:** Peter Roussel will speak on politics and the press at 8 p.m. in 014 Reed McDonald.

**WOMEN IN COMMUNICATIONS INC.:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder. For more information call Sheri Jones at 823-4150.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION:** will have a prayer meeting at 7 p.m. in the meditation room of the All Faith's Chapel.

**MEDICINE TRIBE:** will meet at 5 p.m. in front of the Academic Building.

**RECREATIONAL SPORTS:** entries close for pickleball singles and golf doubles at 5:30 p.m. in 159 Read.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS:** will have a step study meeting at 8:30 p.m. For more information call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280.

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*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.*

# \$16 billion cut back in federal spending officially takes effect

WASHINGTON (AP) — "The Gramm-Rudman law's automatic spending cuts." Those seven words were supposed to conjure visions of chaos that would frighten Congress and the president into cutting the federal deficit.

But it hasn't worked that way this year. On Monday, \$16 billion in "automatic" federal spending cuts take effect.

The law calls the cuts "permanent." In reality, they may not be. Unless you are a doctor, hospital official, veteran, college student or federal worker, you are unlikely ever to notice the reductions.

Even if you are among those victims, however, you may not suffer very much or for very long. If Congress follows its own precedent, it may roll back the cuts in a matter of days.

The Gramm-Rudman deficit-reduction law, enacted in 1985, has triggered automatic cuts twice before, in 1986 and 1987. The 1987 cutback lasted two months and was rolled back by Congress.

The White House budget chief, Richard Darman, said Sunday that allowing the cuts to last a full year "maybe . . . is the best available alternative. At least it is real."

"This time, if it goes into effect, I think it would be good if people would live with it . . ." Darman said on the ABC-TV program "This Week with David Brinkley."

One of the bill's authors, Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, rebutted criticism of the law and said strengthening it could balance the budget.

"You can't blame a mechanism that was aimed at reducing the deficit when Congress does not want to do the job," Gramm said on the NBC-TV program, "Meet the Press."

The law requires a projected deficit for fiscal 1990 — which began Oct. 1 — of no more than \$100 billion. If the projected shortfall exceeds the target by more than \$10 billion on Monday, the law automat-

ically triggers cuts in spending of whatever is required to slash the figure to \$100 billion.

The White House has estimated that the 1990 deficit would be \$16.2 billion.

The law distributes the cuts equally between defense and domestic programs: \$8.1 billion from defense and \$8.1 billion from domestic programs.

From there, the formula gets more complicated.

The cuts apply to all defense programs except for money already owed on signed contracts. That means that about \$190 billion of the budget's \$300 billion for defense is subject to reductions. Result: a 4.3 percent cut in eligible defense programs.

Special rules in the law exempt nearly 75 percent of federal spending, including Social Security, payments on the national debt, federal retirement and disability programs, veterans pensions and compensation, and state unemployment benefits.

The law sets a ceiling of 2 percent cuts on programs including Medicare, veterans' medical care, community and migrant health centers and Indian health facilities.

The result is a 5.3 percent cut applied evenly among eligible domestic programs.

Early on, agencies — which receive their budgets in monthly or quarterly allotments — cope by delaying purchases, leaving vacant jobs unfilled, reducing travel and shifting money within accounts.

Technically, the Gramm-Rudman cuts "temporarily" took effect Oct. 1, and agencies have been watching their budgets since then.

Beginning that day, student fees for guaranteed student loans increased by \$13 to \$38 per loan, and college tuition checks sent to veterans were cut by 5.3 percent. Few of those loans and checks go out this time of year, however.

## ATTENTION ON—CAMPUS AGGIES!!!

If you are a DECEMBER GRAD, OR if you are CO-OPING, STUDENT TEACHING, STUDYING ABROAD, WITHDRAWING during the

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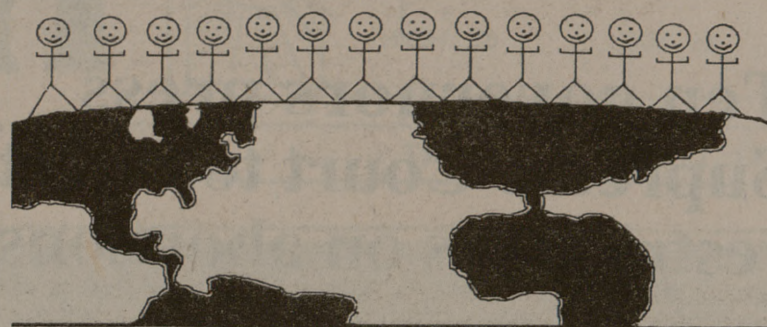
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Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

12:00 - 12:50 p.m.

Joe H. Reynolds Medical Sciences Building: Lecture Hall 1

\* All undergraduates, graduates, and faculty are welcome.

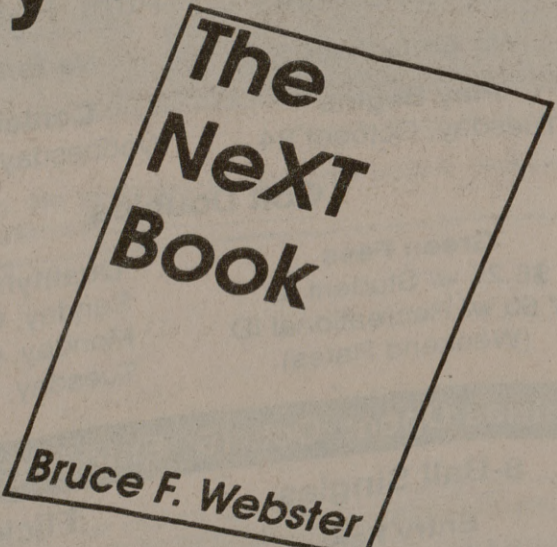
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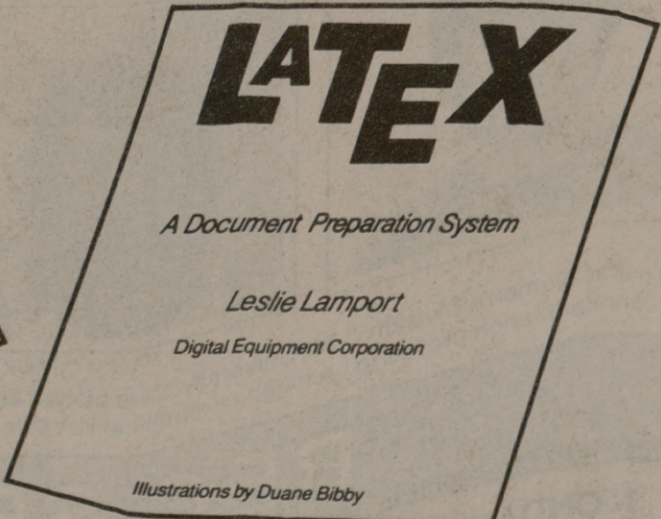
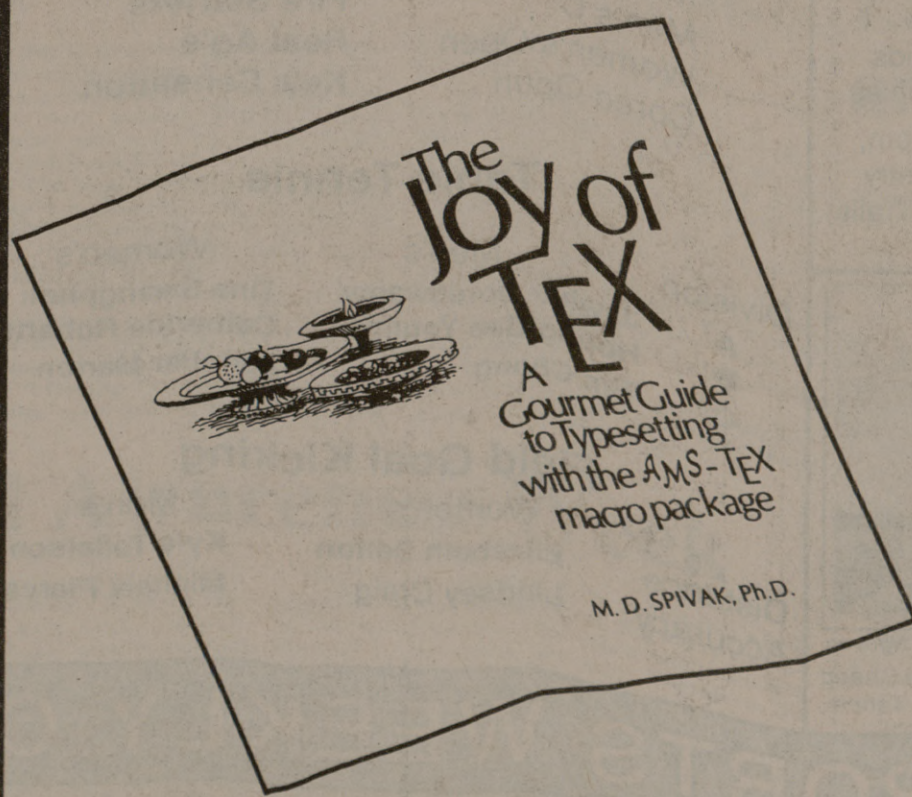
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