

In Advance

Sigma Phi Epsilon to sponsor Fight Night

Sigma Phi Epsilon will sponsor Fight Night Saturday and Sunday in the College Station Hilton Grand Ball Room. Fight Night is a boxing event in which 16 teams usually participate, James Vasquez, co-chairman of the event and a senior marketing major from Houston, said. He said there are six different weight divisions and weight requirements are mandatory.

The event is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 to 11 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$5 if bought before the event and \$6 at the door. Anyone interested in participating or buying tickets can call Max Shea, head chairman, at 693-9510, or Mark Hammer, co-chairman, at 846-9927. Vasquez said proceeds will go to charity.

A&M hosts racial-awareness program

The Texas A&M Department of Multicultural Services currently is hosting a racial-awareness program, which began last week. Penny Pennington, a graduate assistant in the department, said the program consists of Monday-night meetings that are open to the public. In Monday's discussion, Pennington said the group will discuss the definitions of racism, prejudice and discrimination and discuss racism at A&M.

Racism on campus will be the topic of the April 16 discussion. The group will discuss demographics, affirmative action and free speech. Cultural pluralism will be discussed on April 23. The last session of the program will be a continued discussion about cultural pluralism. Group members will cover the topic of cultural identity. Meetings begin at 7:15 p.m. and last until discussions are finished.

Chorus of the Brazos presents unique concert

In an effort to promote the continuing existence of the barbershop quartet, the Chorus of the Brazos will present a concert at 8 p.m. Saturday in the A&M Consolidated High School Auditorium. The concert, Harmony Holiday 1990, will be the first of its kind for the group. The group is composed of community members, Texas A&M faculty and members of the Society of Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing of America, Inc.

The Bryan-College Station chapter of SPEBQSA will be joined in concert by the Tidewater Chorus, the Houston chapter of the organization. Dennis Driscoll, director and vice president of music for the chorus, said the group hopes to host an evening of authentic barbershop music annually. Tickets for the event can be purchased for \$5 at the MSC Box Office in the lobby of Rudder Tower or at the door of the A&M Consolidated auditorium. Curtain time is 8:02 p.m.

Union files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — In what may be the only case of its kind, a local chapter of the Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers International Union has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Local 4-23 said in a statement Wednesday that it filed for bankruptcy protection because of an "accumulation of financial reverses."

The local said its biggest creditor is a former member who is owed almost \$2 million from a shooting on a picket line eight years ago. "I believe this (case) is unique in the history of the bankruptcy code of the U.S.," said John W. McKendree, general counsel of the Denver-based union.

McKendree said the bankruptcy filing was definitely the first for an OCAW local and possibly the first ever for any union local.

The bankruptcy filing shows William Hinote as the union's largest creditor at \$1.8 million. Hinote was shot five times in October 1982 as he left his Port Neches house to cross a picket line at American Petrofina's Port Arthur refinery during a nearly year-long strike.

Hinote's lawyers contend the union and seven of its members conspired against their client because they feared his defection would erode support for the strike. Hinote won \$1.2 million in 1987. Interest since then brought the judgment to \$1.8 million.

Last month, a state district court in Huntsville issued a writ of garnishment to help cover the judgment. This would have prevented the union from receiving the money employers collect for union dues, said James Weber, Hinote's attorney. The union was seeking to quash those writs at a Thursday hearing in Huntsville.

The union filed for bankruptcy after exhausting its appeals, and Hinote said the filing is an attempt to get out of paying the judgment.

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Gramm backs abortion plan

Proposal limits time for terminating pregnancies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm, who has sponsored five constitutional amendments to ban abortions even in cases of rape or incest, is now backing a state Republican plan that would restrict most abortions only after a pregnancy reaches the halfway mark. Gramm's Democratic opponent, state Sen. Hugh Parmer, said Gramm's support of the "legislative action plan" represents no softening of the Republican senator's position on the politically volatile issue and is instead a "smokescreen." Parmer said the plan does not address the party's basic position on abortion because it does not say whether a woman should be allowed to have an abortion, or under what circumstances. He said it merely puts the state GOP in favor of certain restrictions, such as most late-term abortions and sex-selection abortions, in a state with few restrictions on the books. "I clearly think it's a diversionary attempt, an attempt to look like a moderation of position, where no one has to moderate their position at all," Parmer said. "It's a

smokescreen, a political effort to try to muddy the issue without any of these (Republican candidates) having to change their position at all." Gramm's spokesman, Larry Neal, said Gramm endorses the plan but since he is not a state official, "there will be no defined role for him in dealing with what in essence are state matters." Neal said Gramm's position on abortion remains unchanged and that the constitutional amendments "speak for themselves." Neal insisted that the only federal issue in which Gramm could cast votes on the abortion issue is federal funding for abortion. Gramm is "absolutely opposed to federal funding for abortion under any circumstances." According to the plan of the Texas Republican party, abortions would be prohibited "when medical tests performed by a licensed physician determine that the child is viable, except when medically necessary to save the life of the mother."

Lewis: Lobbyist extravagance requires ethics bill on special session agenda

AUSTIN (AP) — With headlines continuing to tell of lobbyists' lavish gifts to Texas lawmakers, House Speaker Gib Lewis said Thursday he wants Gov. Bill Clements to add ethics reform to the special session agenda. Lewis also said he hopes a bill tightening ethics rules would pass. "I'm hoping, and I feel very comfortable, that the governor will open the call for ethics," he said. "And hopefully we'll pass an ethics bill that will win a couple of people maybe a journalistic award and make everybody else happy." Since early 1989, dozens of news reports have focused attention on lobbyists' largess toward lawmakers. The governor controls special session agendas, and Clements so far

has limited the session that opened Monday to dealing with court orders for school finance and judicial election reform. Thursday, he said ethics might come up. "After we have made some progress on the business at hand, which of course has to do with the school problem, certainly I'll consider it, but not until then," he said. Clements' press secretary, Rosanna Salazar, said the issue is a top priority for addition to the special session agenda. "It's probably No. 1 on the list of subjects for consideration," Salazar said. But she said Clements wants to make certain any ethics bill is tough enough to deal with the problems. "He'll put it on the call when we

get a strong bill," she said. "The stronger, the better for Governor Clements." According to financial reports filed with the secretary of state's office, lobbyists spent more than \$2 million on gifts and entertainment for legislators during 1989. The gifts included ski trips, vacations at Mexican resorts, dinners at exclusive private clubs and a trip to Las Vegas, Nev., boxing match for some lawmakers. News coverage of that giving prompted calls for reform as early as March 1989. In the wake of all the publicity, several lawmakers have urged Lewis to help win passage of an ethics reform measure.

Announcing...

Tuesday, April 3

"International Luncheon Series" - presentation by Dr. John Wormuth on Antarctica. Buy your lunch at the MSC Cafeteria, then join us for the informal presentation. Everyone is welcome!
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Location: MSC Cafeteria Conference Room 110 (near cash registers)

Saturday, April 7 (Parents' Weekend)

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: tours of the Jordan Collection of international art objects.
Location: Browsing Library (Room 223 of Memorial Student Center)

2:00 p.m.: showing of "We've Never Been Licked". All proceeds from the film go to the MSC Overseas Loan Program.
Location: Rudder Theatre
Price: \$2.00 (Tickets go on sale at 1:00 p.m. before show.)

Monday, April 9

"Women in Pakistan: A Socioeconomic and Legal Profile". The lecture will be presented by Dr. Rashida Patel, Advocate on Record Supreme Court of Pakistan and Advocate Supreme Court of Sind.
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Room 206 of Memorial Student Center

Reveille Pictures

Company E-2 is sponsoring pictures for the students with Reveille V in the MSC Flag Room.

April 6 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
April 7-8 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Any Questions Contact Kevin Kuehler 847-3749

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