What's Up

Tuesday

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS: will have political candidates Warren Harding and Steve Ogden speak at 8:30 p.m. in 701 Rudder. For more information call Scot Kibbe at 764-1988.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATIONAL SPORTS: registration begins at 8 a.m. in 159 READ for intramural pre-season volleyball. Entry fee is $5 per team. Call Chris at 845-7826 for more information. Registration also begins for intramural volleyball. Entry fee is $30 per team. Call James at 845-7826 for more info. Registration begins for intramural tennis singles. No entry fee. Call 845-7826 for more info. Registration begins for intramural cross-country run. No entry fee. Call Mark at 845-7826 for more information.

TAMU POCKET BILLIARDS CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

AGGIE BONFIRE: cutting class for Aggie Bonfire will be at 5:15 and 6:15 p.m. Sept. 25 to 27 in the Grove.

MILITARY STUDIES INSTITUTE: will have a public lecture on "The Aircraft Carrier and the Future of the Pax Americana" by Professor Clark Reynolds, College of Charlston at 8:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

MINORITY LIBERAL ARTS SOCIETY: will have its first organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder. Call Chris at 693-9427 for more information.

TEXAS A&M SCUBA CLUB: will have a general meeting and speaker at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER: will have men's Bible study at 7 p.m., women's Bible study at 7 p.m. and a breakfast and devotional at 7 a.m. All in the Methodist Student Center. Call Judy or Max at 846-4701 for more information.

IEEE: Bill Brown of Raytheon will speak about beamed microwave power technology and applications at 7 p.m. in 104C Zachry. Call John at 693-4074 for more information.

PRSSA: will have a regular meeting at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder. Call Donna at 696-3762 for more information.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: will have Aggie Growth Groups from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Baptist Student Union. Call BSU at 846-7720 for more information.

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB: Dr. Davidson will discuss how to get into graduate school at 7 p.m. in 338 Psychology Building. Call Kelley at 846-2482 for more information.

GAY AND LESBIAN STUDENT SERVICES: Discussion about coming out of the closet at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder.

TAMU SNOW SKI CLUB: will have an update on Mt. Aggie and discuss trip information at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder. Call Jeff at 776-1427 for more information.

AGGIES FOR DIABETES AWARENESS: Information, new members welcome at 7:30 p.m. in 104D Zachry. Call Cindy at 823-1145 for more information.

TAMU HISTORY CLUB: general meeting with guest speaker Dr. Larry Yarak, "Tribal Lawlessness or Revolutionary Struggle? Violence in Present Day South Africa" at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder. Call Eric at 693-8561 for more information.

ST. MARY'S BIBLE STUDY: new group, bring your own input and ideas at 7 p.m. in St. Mary's Student Center. Call 846-5717 for more information.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL: will have a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 225 MSC. For more information call Lou at 832-6190.

Wednesday

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES: Fall 1990 Health & Wellness Fair in MSC flagroom from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S BONFIRE COMMITTEE: will have a 7 p.m. meeting in 228 MSC

LUTHERAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP: will have an evening prayer and supper at the Lutheran Student Center at 6:30 p.m.

TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COALITION (TEAC): will have meetings on the second floor of the Civil Engineering Building at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Call Filo at 847-6560 or Charlie at 823-3577 for more information.

OPAS STARK SERIES & THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND HUMANITIES: presents a Brown Bag Concert at noon in 402 Academic. Call Rebecca at 845-3355 for more information.

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER: will have an informal worship service at the Methodist Student Center at 7 p.m. Call Max Mertz at 846-4701 for more information.

A.P. BEUTEL HEALTH CENTER will have 44 health agencies giving information and screenings in the MSC first floor walkway from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

EUROPE CLUB: will have its weekly meeting at Sneakers at 11 p.m. Call Mark at 846-1783 or Nathan at 846-1654 for more information.

ACCOUNTING SOCIETY: will have a panel discussion at 7 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: will have an informational meeting on studying in Italy for Spring '91 from 10 to 11 a.m. in 251 Bizzell West.

EPISCOPAL STUDENT CENTER: will have Eucharist and a community dinner at 6:15 p.m. at the Canterbury House, 902 George Bush Drive. Call the Rev. Larry Benfield at 693-4245 for more information.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have an informal mass and a creative liturgy by students followed by volleyball at 7:15 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.

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 publish the name and phone number of the contact only if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battal ion 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 ques tions, call the newsroom at 845-3316.

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Abuse controversy surrounds state schools

DALLAS (AP) — Years of legal battles have led to little improvement at state schools for the retarded, according to some plaintiffs in a 16-year-old lawsuit that put some of the institutions under court control.

"I see bruises and injuries all the time. It's awful. I want the abuse to stop," said Fay Rogers, whose 34-year-old son Denne has lived at the Fort Worth State School for the mentally retarded for 13 years.

"Over the last seven or eight months, I've seen an increase in the number and severity of injuries to him," she said. "It's extremely frustrating. I can't understand it."

Parents of other current and former state school residents express similar feelings.

But, other parents are satisfied with conditions at the Fort Worth school, which houses about 350.

"We have problems just like any other large organization," president of the Fort Worth State School Parent Association Nancy Ward said. "But I feel that for every bad thing, a thousand good, positive things happen every day. I am completely satisfied."

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— Fay Rogers, parent of resident

Ward's daughter, Dianne, also has been at the school for 13 years.

The Fort Worth school is among four such institutions for the mentally retarded covered by a lawsuit filed in 1974 against the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Although initially settled in 1983, U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders held the state in contempt of court in 1987 for failing to improve conditions.

New settlement terms were reached, but the plaintiffs are asking for a second finding of contempt covering the Fort Worth and San Antonio schools.

"A grim and scandalous situation exists" at the schools, according to the motion, filed on June 1. "Conditions at that state school (Fort Worth) continue to be egregiously defective and substandard."

In July, a court-appointed monitor found several deficiencies and said the department had not complied fully with the court order.

On Aug. 1, three workers at the Fort Worth school were indicted on felony abuse charges.

The charges demoralized other workers.

"People think everyone out here is like that," said Preston Ball, who teaches living skills. "I resent it. People take their jobs real seriously."

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Heist suspect sought
British bonds breed murder

HOUSTON (AP) — Police investigating the murder of a Houston businessman said Monday they want to question a British man charged with possessing bonds stolen during the largest heist in British history.

Raymond Ketteridge, 30, of Essex, England, was arrested Aug. 18 by British authorities after he was found in possession of nine stolen treasury bills worth $18 million. He remains jailed in England awaiting trial.

The bonds are similar to the securities found when Mark L. Osborne of Houston was arrested in New York two weeks before his death. Osborne, who had been charged with trying to sell stolen securities, was killed — execution style — Aug. 21 in the parking lot of a Houston shopping center.

"Ketteridge was one of the names that popped up in the investigation," Houston Homicide Sgt. Jerry Novak said. "We want to talk to him and see what he knows."

Osborne, 47, was arrested at a New York restaurant while allegedly trying to sell $17 million in stolen securities to an undercover FBI agent. He had been released on bail.

His associates told the Houston Post that Osborne had been negotiating with federal officials to join the Federal Witness Protection Program because he feared for his life.

Osborne believed he was set up for arrest by the people who had provided him with the bills, said the associates who asked to remain anonymous.

Police say the bonds were stolen May 2 at knife-point in the largest robbery in Britain's history. The robber got away with securities worth about $556 million. The negotiable bonds included Bank of England treasury bills and certificates of deposit.

Police believe Osborne was used as a courier for the stolen securities.

"He transported some stolen securities," Novak said. "Whether or not he knew these securities were stolen, I can't prove or disprove."

Police said Osborne traveled abroad frequently, but was not in England in April or May.

"He got caught up in a situation — he didn't know how dangerous it was," Novak said. "He didn't know who he was playing ball with."

Osborne moved to Houston in 1971 as manager of an investment banking firm. He was suspended from financial trading by the Securities and Exchange Commission in 1976, 1979 and 1983 for misconduct involving security sales.

Mason man suspected in fatal shooting spree

PONTOTOC (AP) — Capital murder charges were pending Sunday against a man suspected of killing three people in a shooting spree that sparked the biggest manhunt in Mason County history.

Sheriff Don Grote said investigators need more time to prepare evidence for a grand jury against Michael Joseph Griffith.

Griffith, 35, of Mason, was ordered held without bail in Mason on an aggravated kidnapping charge stemming from the alleged abduction of a woman Tuesday. The woman escaped and helped police search for Griffith, who was captured Saturday.

Griffith is suspected in the Wednesday shooting death of Ivan H. Herron, 58, at a general store. While in the store earlier, Griffith bragged about having killed two other men.

About an hour after Griffith's capture, authorities found the bodies of Jesse Leon Parker, 30, and Joele Porter, 31, both of Mason, in a closet at an abandoned farmhouse near Mason.

"This kind of case takes time," Grote said. "It's just a lot of paperwork."

He said the case would be presented "just as soon as we can get the paperwork done and sit a grand jury."

Grote said the last slaying in the county was in 1982, and he said he couldn't remember there ever being a capital murder case in the county.

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