

What's Up

Friday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: general discussion at noon. Call CPDE for more information.

CHILDREN'S DIVORCE GROUP: conducting open registration for a support group for children 9 to 12 in a divorce situation at the TAMU Counseling and Assessment Clinic. A concurrent parent group also is available. Call 845-8021 for more information.

COLOMBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: general meeting and selection of design for the association's t-shirt — please bring designs — at 7 p.m. in 200 Kleberg. Call Juan at 775-0645 or 845-3545 for more information.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: weekly Bible study at 6 p.m. in A&M Presbyterian Church office. Everyone welcome! This week's topic "Philippians." Call Stacy at 847-5300 for more information.

A&M HILLEL: will have Shabbat services 8 p.m. at the Hillel Jewish Student Center. Call 696-7313 for more information.

AFRICAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: special meeting 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder to complete revisions to the constitution of ASA. Call Lynn Hanson at 846-0276 for more information.

BRAZILIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: Brazilian Carnival with Suzanne Sharp and the Samba Police at 9:30 p.m. at Front Porch Cafe. \$6 cover at the door, costumes optional. Call Miguel at 693-0692 for more information.

OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES: dinner club at 7 p.m. at Captains Oyster Bar on Villa Maria. Call Brian at 823-6517 for more information.

TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COALITION: car caravan to tour Fossil Rim Wildlife Center in Glen Rose will meet at 5 p.m. in Skagg's parking lot. Non-members welcome. Plan for overnight stay. Call Chris at 693-0676 or at 361-4140, or Kerry at 847-4408 for more information.

LUTHERAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP: fellowship supper and Bible study 6 p.m. at the Lutheran Student Center.

SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM: dance practice of Middle Ages style dancing at 8:30 p.m. in MSC 225. Call Star Fisher at 845-7768 or 846-3113 for more information.

Monday

MSC ALL-NIGHT FAIR: general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder. Call Michelle at 847-1757 for more information.

POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY: Dr. Dixon will speak about internships at 7 p.m. in 229 MSC. Call Melissa at 764-6586 for more information.

R.C.I.A.: formerly the Inquiry Class, meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the St. Mary's Student Center. This course is designed for all those interested in becoming Catholic. Call 846-5717 for more information.

PHI THETA KAPPA ALUMNI: general meeting at 7 p.m. in 230 MSC. Call Julie Cowley at 845-1957 for more information.

TEXAS A&M SAILING TEAM: meeting and yearbook pictures in 104 Zachry. Call Ron Rogers at 764-1929 for more information.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: Transfer care group and freshman care group meet at 7:45 p.m. in the Baptist Student Union, behind Loupot's. Call Craig at 846-7722 for more information.

ALPHA ZETA: meeting at 7 p.m. in 113 Kleberg. Call Tracy at 696-1064 for more information.

Saturday

LITERARY ARTS: free writer's workshop from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

OMEGA PHI ALPHA: Pledge-Active picnic from 2 to 6 p.m. in Hensele Park, or in 145 MSC if it rains. Call Sandra at 847-0188 for more information.

PAKISTAN CLUB: meeting for international students week at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

TEXAS A&M FLYING CLUB: all-day plane wash at the Clubhouse beginning at 10:30 a.m. Call Kevin Pate at 847-7955 for more information.

KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY INC.: Greek Olympiad at 7 p.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum. Tickets are on sale at the MSC Box Office.

AUDUBON FIELD TRIP: field trip to the lakes of Brazos County to see wintering waterfowl. Call Tonna Harris-Haller at 845-4606 or 776-8324 for more information.

Sunday

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: Sunday night study-discussion groups at 5:30. All denominations welcome. Disciples of Christ in 145 MSC at A&M Presbyterian Church. Call Stacy Mills at 847-5300 for more information.

TAMU ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY: guest speaker Doug Barr will discuss the Ecology of Coral Reefs at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder. Call Caryl at 268-1162 for more information.

BRAZOS VALLEY ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP: meeting to slate and vote on officers and discuss latest newsletter from "Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association" at 3 p.m. in 160 Medical Science Building. Call Jan at 776-2277 or Pat at 693-1680 for more information.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION FOR ANIMALS AND ANIMAL RESEARCH: Dr. Duane C. Kraemer presents "Animal Research for the Preservation of Endangered Species" during general meeting at 7 p.m. in 113 Kleberg.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: will have an information table in the MSC main hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for all those interested in retreat, Aggie Supper, Bible study and Sunday study groups. For more information, call Stacy Miles at 847-5300.

TAMU HISTORY CLUB: will have a general meeting and view the Martin Luther King Jr. movie, "I Have A Dream" at 7 p.m. in 507 Rudder. For more information call Eric Lopez at 693-8561.

LAMBDA SIGMA SOPHOMORE HONOR SOCIETY: will have a make-up informational session about Lambda Sigma requirements and qualifications at 7 p.m. in 208D Pavilion for those who missed the previous meeting. Applications will be handed out at this meeting.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general discussion at noon. Call the Center for Drug Prevention for more information: 845-0280.

STUDENT COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACISM: will have a general meeting and lecture by Joe Smith at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder (check monitor for room number). There will be further organization of the benefit. All new members welcome.

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 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 845-3316.

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Mosbacher urges approval of free trade

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher Thursday urged business leaders to push their congressional representatives for a swift approval of a free trade agreement with Mexico.

"There are a lot of congressmen that need convincing that we need to extend the fast track," Mosbacher told the San Antonio World Affairs Council.

Fast-track negotiations would ensure quicker passage of the agreement because Congress could not amend the pact and "pick a little, pick a little" beforehand, Mosbacher said.

"We don't want that to happen because even the youngest here might not live long enough to see a finalized agreement," Mosbacher said. Formal negotiations are expected to begin in March and conclude by the end of the year.

A free trade agreement would eliminate tariffs and other trade restraints between the nations. It was announced earlier this week that Canada also will be involved.

Supporters say a free trade agreement with Mexico would expand business opportunities and make North America more competitive worldwide.

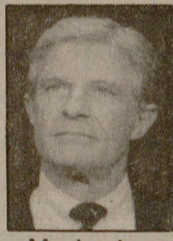
But some opponents, including organized labor, contend it could take away jobs from the United States because of cheap labor available south of the border.

"I'm not sure we can persuade their leaders, but I think we can persuade their membership," Mosbacher said of labor unions.

Mosbacher said he will continue providing examples of troubled companies that have moved some operations to Mexico but kept jobs here, thereby staying in business.

Companies already are moving jobs from the United States to countries with cheaper labor, Mosbacher said. By moving them a shorter distance away, he said, those companies use the U.S. transportation system and infrastructure and create jobs.

His counterpart in Mexico, Jaime Serra Puche, secretary of commerce and industrial development, also spoke to the about 500 Texas business people at the World Affairs Council gathering.



Mosbacher

Guardsmen return to Fort Hood Others attempt to join defection

KILLEEN (AP) — Louisiana National Guardsmen, some of whom had been absent without leave, began returning to Fort Hood Thursday, saying they had accomplished their goal of drawing attention to conditions at the U.S. Army post.

Guard commanders, meanwhile, said they had blocked an attempt by others to charter buses and join the exodus.

Sixty-seven members of the 4,387-person 256th Infantry Brigade had left the central Texas post by Wednesday, Brig. Gen. Gary Whipple said Thursday; 40 of them were declared absent without leave and 27 had one-day passes.

He said 38 had returned by mid-afternoon, and "we expect all will be back this evening." He would not provide a breakdown of how many of the 38 had been declared AWOL.

Whipple said another large group had been planning to leave and had chartered a number of buses to take them to Shreveport, La., but "we canceled their travel yesterday."

Whipple said 22 guardsmen were questioned and three were detained. He declined to give further details.

"I was disappointed these soldiers sought to solve this problem in this manner," Whipple, who commands the brigade that traces its roots back to the Civil War, said.

In New Orleans, Maj. Gen. Ansel Stroud, head of the Louisiana National Guard, said top Army brass was upset by the incident.

"You've got a platoon of four-star generals concerned," he said.

Whipple promised "senior grade" officials would investigate the guardsmen's complaints but gener-

ally dismissed their claims of mistreatment and racism.

"The training is very intensive, very difficult, physically demanding and stressful, but that's what combat is like," Whipple said.

Stroud also said he saw no evidence of mistreatment or unreasonably harsh training when he went to Fort Hood last month to check out complaints by a New Orleans-based unit.

The commanders also disputed a claim that the entire brigade had been confined to the post.

"I have no reason to believe any administration action has been taken by units of the 256th," Stroud said.

Specialist Derrick Guidry, who said he had been arrested by military police and federal agents, told his hometown television station the entire brigade had been confined to the post.

Meanwhile, two of the returning guardsmen said they had accomplished what they set out to do: publicize their mistreatment by the U.S. Army.

Sgt. Byron Lloyd and Pvt. Eric Hall came back after a nearly 13-hour bus ride from their homes in Shreveport. They said they had left Tuesday night without passes.

No military police were visible Thursday at the Killeen bus station, where returning guardsmen were expected to arrive throughout the day. The Army said the defections were the first mass protest by U.S. troops training for the Persian Gulf War.

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