

# What's Up

## Wednesday

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** General discussion at noon. Call C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

**STERLING C. EVANS LIBRARY:** National Library Week Great American Read Aloud at 2 p.m. in the Sunken Lounge at 2nd floor of Evans Library.

**AGGIE BLOOD DRIVE:** At the Commons, Sbsa, Academic Plaza, Medical Science Lab. Call Dawn at 847-1808 for more information.

**CLASS OF '94:** Pick up Class of '94 chairperson application at SPO front desk.

**STUDENT Y:** Program director applications will be available through Thursday in the Student YMCA office in 211 Pavilion. Call Christie at 845-0690 for more information.

**MSC GREAT ISSUES:** Last GCM of the year to make plans for next fall at 8:30 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

**TAMU ANTHROPOLOGY SOCIETY:** Election of officers for 1991-92 at 7 p.m. in 214 Old Engineering Building. Call Mary Ann at 847-1309 for more information.

**PHYSICAL THERAPY CLUB:** Last meeting of the year, officer elections, selling T-shirts for \$8, discussion of trip to UTMB Galveston, at 7:30 p.m. in 167 READ. Call Michelle at 696-8904 for more information.

**NEWMAN:** Informal Mass and creative liturgy at 7:15 p.m. in St. Mary's Student Center. Volleyball usually follows. Call 846-5717 for more information.

**PRE-VET SOCIETY:** General meeting with guest speaker Dr. Graham on his field of falconry at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

**METHODIST STUDENT CENTER:** 7 p.m. Informal Worship, 8 p.m. Women's Bible study. Call Max at 846-4701 for more information.

**STUDENT AFFAIRS:** Table set up to hand out position openings within the Department of Student Affairs for summer positions and potential fall positions from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the Pavilion.

**PRIMITIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP:** Worship service at 7 p.m. in All Faiths Chapel. Call Chris at 847-7000 for more information.

**THE NAVIGATORS:** Fellowship with singing, Bible study, testimonies, guest speakers at 7:30 p.m. in Lounge D on the quad. Call Rosie at 693-5499 for more information.

**LUTHERAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP:** Evening Prayer and Supper at 8:30 p.m. in the University Lutheran Chapel.

**PUERTO RICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** Last semester meeting, nominations for officers, tacos will be served at 8 p.m. in 501 Rudder. Call Lisa at 693-3722 for more information.

**MSC POLITICAL FORUM:** State Rep. Steve Ogden will answer questions at an open forum at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder 308.

**BRITISH AGGIES:** General meeting and beer tasting at 8:30 p.m. at Carney's Pub.

**STUDY ABROAD OFFICE:** Informational meeting on possibilities of financial aid for TAMU Study Abroad Programs at 2 to 3 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

**TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COALITION:** Regular general meeting will not be held in order for members to attend CAMAC's presentation of Cesar Chavez speaking on the misuse of pesticides in agriculture and the grape boycott at Rudder Auditorium at 7 p.m. Call Mary at 846-6767 for more information.

**POLITICAL FORUM:** Representative Steve Ogden will speak at 8 p.m. (place to be announced).

**ALPHA EPSILON DELTA:** Application forum with Dr. Poenisch and senior officers at 8:30 p.m. in 407 AB Rudder. Call Rhett at 693-2714 for more information.

## Thursday

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**TEXAS A&M TRIATHLON CLUB:** Final meeting, wrap up and plan party at 7 p.m. at Double Dave's on Harvey Road. Call Ken at 696-5661 for more information.

**STUDY ABROAD OFFICE:** Table with information on Study Abroad opportunities at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the MSC.

**ASIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION:** Fourth general meeting and officer elections at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder. Call Peppe at 693-0317 for more information.

**CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 200 HELD.

**TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COALITION:** Forest Committee meeting at 8 p.m. in 205-206 Engineering Physics Building. Call Wallin at 847-6460 for more information.

**OCA:** Spring Banquet at 7 p.m. at Sante Fe Steakhouse. Call Brian at 845-0688 for more information.

**CATHOLICS ON THE QUAD:** Weekly group that meets to discuss contemporary Christian issues at 9 to 10 p.m. in Lounge D. Call for topic. Call Jo Anne at 693-1703 for more information.

**FOURTH DAY:** Meeting for all those who have made an Aggie Awakening at 6:15 p.m. in St. Mary's Student Center. Call 845-5717 for more information.

**PLACEMENT CENTER AND LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT COUNCIL:** Employment information and networking seminar for all liberal arts majors at 1 to 3:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder. Call 845-5139 for more information.

**DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES:** Eighth annual new officer workshop at 6:30 p.m. in 2nd floor Rudder. Call 845-1133 for more information.

**PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION:** Rush forum for all Texas A&M women planning to participate in Fall Formal Rush, at 6 to 9 p.m. in 701 Rudder. Call 845-1133 for more information.

**BETA ALPHA PSI:** Professional meeting with Ernst & Young at 6:30 p.m. in the College Station Hilton.

**AUDUBON SOCIETY:** Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in College Station Conference Center, 1300 George Bush Dr. Dr. Gerald Lieberman: "Thousands of Texans Disappear Without a Trace: Texas Endangered Species." Call Joan at 845-2351 for more information.

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## Bullet train hearings conclude with bids

AUSTIN (AP) — A 3½-week hearing on proposals to build a 200 mph railroad linking Texas' largest cities wrapped up Tuesday, with two groups hoping to win the state's franchise next month.

"This has been a vigorously contested case," remarked hearing examiner Larry Montgomery, who presided over arguments from the two bidding rail groups and objections from Southwest Airlines.

"My math tells me that given any option ... two-thirds of you are going to be unhappy," Montgomery told the lawyers who had been arguing their cases since March 25.

Two international groups — the French-American Texas TGV and the German-American Texas FasTrac — each paid a \$500,000 application fee to ask the state for a permit to build a "bullet" train between Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio.

They each said that if awarded the license, their trains could be speeding passengers from Dallas to Houston by 1998 and put Texas in the forefront of 21st century

economic development.

"We're confident that we can do the job," said Ace Pickens, a lawyer for the TGV group.

"This proposal is in the interest of the people of Texas," said Sey Zimmerman, lawyer for FasTrac. "High-speed rail will have an enormous impact on our economy."

Southwest Airlines, meanwhile, contends that the \$5 billion to \$7 billion project isn't economically feasible without taxpayer help.

"It just doesn't work. It's basic economics," said airline lawyer Robert Heath. "That's why in Florida and other places in the country, high-speed rail could not compete without a public subsidy."

Montgomery said he would complete review of the testimony and prepare a recommendation for the Texas High-Speed Rail Authority board by May 13. The board is slated to decide later in the month.

Heath argued that costs are so high, a 200 mph train couldn't make money in competition with air service.

## McDonald's plans recycling project

WASHINGTON (AP) — McDonald's Corp. announced Tuesday a plan aimed at eliminating 80 percent or more of the garbage created by its 8,500 fast-food restaurants across the nation.

The initiatives include the use of brown bags made of recycled paper, smaller paper napkins, recycling of behind-the-counter cardboard boxes and the elimination of plastic cutlery wrappers where allowed by local health codes. And the company is trying out reusable coffee mugs, reusable coffee filters and pump-style bulk condiment dispensers.

McDonald's, the world's largest food service organization, also said it is looking into replacing the plastic forks, spoons and knives with starch-based cutlery that could be composted. It also plans large-scale, soil-enriching composting of food and paper wastes on an experimental basis.

Parts of the plan already have been implemented, such as the switch last fall from polystyrene sandwich boxes to a thin-layered wrap. Before the changes were begun, McDonald's outlets sent 2 million pounds of garbage per

day to incinerators and landfills in the United States.

The initiative was developed in collaboration with the Environmental Defense Fund, an environmental advocacy group, which set up a joint task force with McDonald's to scrutinize the company's trash.

Keith Magnuson, McDonald's director of operations development, said he was "somewhere between surprised and shocked," when he realized how much of the garbage produced at McDonald's restaurants could be reduced, reused, recycled or composted.

"It's entirely possible that we can divert more than 80 percent of our on-premises solid waste," Magnuson said. "That came as a great surprise."

The plan also has environmental goals other than waste reduction, such as converting to unbleached brown paper when possible, or to paper bleached with processes that don't use harmful chlorine.

Richard Denison, a senior scientist for EDF, said the McDonald's initiative could set a trend for the food service industry.

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