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**What's Up**

**THURSDAY**

**MEXICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** General meeting. 7 p.m. in 407 Rudder. Call Javier at 846-8441 or Rosanna at 764-8487 for more information.

**SOCIETY OF MEXICAN-AMERICAN ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS (MAES):** General meeting. 7 p.m. in 106 Richardson.

**IVCF GRADUATE BIBLE STUDY:** Special speaker: Dr. Susan Geller, prof. of mathematics and expert in the Hebrew language, will be speaking on Blood Covenants and their use in the Old Testament. 7:30 p.m. at 602 W. 26th St. in Bryan. Call Pat Johnson at 775-0719 or Kurt Vandervort at 845-6258f for more information.

**AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICS AND ASTRONAUTICS:** Special guest speaker, Payne Harrison, author of the New York Times best-seller *Storming Intrepid*. 7:30 p.m. in 124 HRBB. Call Craig at 822-4289 for more information.

**DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING:** Canon Office Equipment Show - featuring all Canon copiers and facsimile machines on state contract. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in 212 MSC. Call Guy McShan at 693-9986 or Donna Young at 845-4553 for more information.

**BAPTIST STUDENT UNION:** Free conversational English classes for International Students. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 203 College Main. Call 846-7722 for more information.

**ROBERT SCHIFFHAUER AND MARY CIANI SASLOW OF THE FACULTY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:** Reception for their joint exhibition on the Blessed and the Damned and Maps and Mountains. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Langford Gallery, ground floor of the Langford Architecture Building.

**BRITISH AGGIES:** We will play pool and socialize. Anyone who is interested in our club come join us. 9 p.m. at Hornback's pool hall. Call Mary Ann at 847-0652 for more information.

**CENTER FOR ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT:** GMAT Preparation - Material designed to improve verbal and math scores on the GMAT will be presented. Get Ready for Calculus. This is a review and refresher course in all of the algebraic and trigonometric skills necessary for success in calculus. 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in 244A Blocker. Both are free. Register in advance in 243 Blocker. 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in 242A Blocker. Pat or Venesa at 845-2724 for more information.

**GAY AND LESBIAN STUDENT SERVICES:** Rap Group will feature two short films. The first, titled *Gay Life in Rural America*, takes a glimpse at the life of an openly gay mail carrier in rural Louisiana. The second feature, *In My Garden*, interviews surviving spouses who lost their partners to AIDS. Everyone is welcome to attend! 7 p.m. on the 6th floor of the Library, viewing room 604D. Call the Gayline at 847-0321 for more information.

**AGGIE ORIENTATION LEADER PROGRAM:** Be an O.L.! Orientation Leader applications are available at 106 YMCA, Student Activities, Off Campus Center and the Department of Multicultural Services. Applications are due by March 27. Call 845-5826 for more information.

**BIG EVENT:** Deadline for Big Event registration is March 9. Big Event is April 4. Come to 127 Student Services for registration forms. Call 845-3051 for more information.

**FACES - FRESHMEN ADJUSTING TO COLLEGE EXPERIENCES:** Mentor recruitment - students wanted to mentor ethnic minority freshmen. Applications available in the A-2 Annex at the corner of Hughes and Moses Halls and are due by March 13. Call Alisa Reyna at 847-6500 or Gloria Flores at 845-9804 for more information.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT:** Filing for 1992 Student Body Elections. Filing will be March 9-12. Positions are available for Student Body Pres., Senate, Class Councils, Yell Leaders, RHA and OCA. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in 139 MSC.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES:** 1992-93 Budget Request Forms for eligible recognized student organizations are available until March 31 in the MSC Student Finance Center (217 MSC) and the Department of Student Activities (Suite 163 Student Services Building). Call 845-1133 for more information.

**LATIN AMERICAN CATHOLIC STUDENTS (ES-CALA):** Weekly meeting. Join us to share our music, friendship and faith. 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center Library. Call Rosa at 846-6518 for more information.

**SWE & ACM:** LORAL Space Industries will be sending a speaker to talk about their company. They are interested in computer science majors and engineers with computer knowledge.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 013 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. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3313.

**Computer viruses can destroy programs**

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pletely innocent victims. Viruses can be spread through modern lines and sharing diskettes with other people.

"Be sure you know where your disks have been," he said. "The problem with the spreading of viruses is you don't know you have it while you are spreading it."

Flynn said viruses will destroy all information stored on a computer's hard drive, but they easily can be found before anything happens if a good scanning program is used. Computer Access will provide free scanning disks to anyone who thinks they might have the virus.

People make viruses by finding ways to alter the diskette when it is copying programs or being loaded into the computer. The virus simply lies dormant until it is triggered and becomes active.

Childs said the people who create viruses are usually just being inventive, but playing games with viruses can cause serious problems, like shutting down important medical systems in hospitals or causing a person to lose an entire dissertation.

"As far as I am concerned, this is deviant social behavior and should be treated as such. It could cost people a lot of time," he said.

A&M computing centers will check all computer systems on campus tonight to test for the virus, said Daniel Tostado, a night supervisor in the Learning Resource Development Center.

"We will be using anti-virus software to scan the systems of the evening of March 5 to test. Tostado, a senior petroleum engineering major, said. "I have heard of any instances of the Michelangelo virus being found on campus so far."

**Europe races to slow growth of ozone hole**

BERLIN (AP) — With a sky-falling urgency, European nations are rushing to ban ozone-eating chemicals after a study said a vast hole may open over their continent this winter.

In recent weeks, startling new data have prompted governments to shave years off their timetables for banning chemicals that weaken the earth's natural sunscreen.

"It's time to understand that sensible people don't utter dire warnings unless they are really very scared," said British scientist Joe Farman, who in 1985 discovered the only known ozone hole, over the Antarctic.

On March 23, the 12-member European Community is expected to ban production and consumption of ozone-eating chemicals by 1995 and reduce their use by 85 percent by the end of next year.

The EC's environment ministers endorsed the proposals during a meeting in Portugal on Feb. 22. The community said it will seek to get the rest of the world to follow suit.

The action followed President Bush's Feb. 11 order for a U.S. ban on chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, by 1995.

The bans are a full five years ahead of the international Montreal Protocol signed by the United States in 1987, and two years earlier than the EC's previous ban.

But some European nations are moving even more quickly. Germany and the Netherlands are considering comprehensive bans by 1993.

CFCs commonly are used in refrigerators, air conditioning and aerosol sprays, and in foam and solvent manufacturing processes.

The ozone layer is a form of oxygen in the Earth's upper atmosphere. It provides a shield from the sun's ultraviolet rays, which can increase risks of skin cancer, cataracts and reduced immunity to disease.

The EC's environment chief, Carlo Ripa di Meana, said Wednesday that the additional radiation caused by the unexpectedly high ozone depletion will lead to an estimated 1.6 million new cases of cataracts.

"If this continues it will have major effects on the Earth's sea and food chain and could have an impact on human health," he said.

The issue gained urgency last month after NASA said a new hole in the ozone layer could develop above Europe and North America this winter.

A European study begun in October, involving 300 scientists from 17 nations, also showed ozone depletion much greater than earlier believed.

Esko Kyro, director of the U.S. dankyla Observatory in Finland, said depletion over the Arctic last winter was 20 percent worse than in previous years.

"We are worried. . . It's a real concern. What is obvious is the CFCs on a worldwide scale must be phased out as fast as possible," he said.

But environmental groups say the bans do not go far enough in regulating the use of compounds that will replace CFCs and which still pose dangers to the ozone, although at a reduced rate.

"There has been a patchy response characterized by a mixture of panic and muddle," said Chris Rose, Britain program director for the environmental group Greenpeace. "I think the problem is that the public has been convinced that the problem is solved."

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