

What's Up

FRIDAY

PARENTS' WEEKEND: 1. MSC Variety Show from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. 2. RHA Casino Night "Mobster Madness" from 7 p.m. to Midnight in the MSC. 3. Of' Army Yell Practice at midnight at Kyle Field.

COMMITTEE FOR THE AWARENESS OF MEXICAN-AMERICAN CULTURE: Spring Faith Cookout; volleyball, football and Tejano music. 5 p.m. at Hensel Park Area 2. Call Nancy Costa at 845-1515 for more information.

TAMU BOOKSTORE IN THE MSC: Frank Cox, author of *LBleed Maroon* will autograph his book from noon to 3 p.m. at the TAMU Bookstore. Janis Stout will autograph her book, *Home Truth* from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. also at the TAMU Bookstore. Call 845-8681 for more information.

RHA CASINO: Las Vegas Style gaming with prizes to be given away throughout the evening. 7 p.m. to Midnight on the 2nd floor of the MSC.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: General meeting: Rob Rice will speak on who we are in Christ. 7 p.m. in 108 Harrington. Call Travis at 847-4060 for more information.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: Bible study. 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 203 College Main. Call 846-7722 for more information.

STUDENTS OVER TRADITIONAL AGE: Supper Club meeting. 8 p.m. at Mario and Son's Pizzeria on Northgate. Call Robert at 822-7387 for more information.

AFRICAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: General assembly and election of officers for the 1992-93 school year. 7:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder. Call Martin at 845-9355 or 696-2997 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: General discussion. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call the CDPE at 845-0280 for more information.

CLASS OF '94 COUNCIL: Applications for '92-'93 committee chairman positions will be accepted until April 24 at 5 p.m. at the Class of '94 cubicle at the SPO. Call Brian at 846-6767 for more information.

SATURDAY

PARENTS' WEEKEND: 1. 4th Annual Bevo Burn BBQ from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grove. 2. Family Night at the Texas Hall of Fame starting at 8 p.m.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA: 5K run/ 1.5-mile walk benefitting CASA and Phoebe's Home. 9 a.m. at 1503 Athens (KAO House). Call Celeta Hutchison at 696-6912 for more information.

TAMU EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: Picnic, skills contests and ambulance rodeo. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at parking area 50 by the polo fields. Call Stephen at 845-1525 for more information.

TEXAS A&M BICYCLE CLUB: The 35-mile Tabor Road tour. 9 a.m. at the fountain between Rudder and the MSC. Call Travis at 847-4060 for more information.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: Parents' Weekend - special programs in the College of Business with a free continental breakfast provided. 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in 102 Blocker.

AUDUBON FIELD TRIP: Anahuac Refuge, High Island, Bolivar Flats. Call Bert Frenz at 764-3999 or 693-3214 for more information.

SUNDAY

PARENTS' WEEKEND: 1. All University Awards Ceremony at 9 a.m. in Rudder

Auditorium. 2. Corps of Cadets Review and Awards Ceremony at 2:30 p.m. at Kyle Field.

TEXAS A&M BICYCLE CLUB: The 26-mile Sandy Point tour. 1 p.m. at the fountain between Rudder and the MSC. Call Travis at 847-4060 for more information.

TAMU MICROBIOLOGY SOCIETY: End of year picnic for all Microbiology Society members and all graduating microbiology majors. 3 p.m. at Williamson Park in Bryan. Call Steve at 847-1223 for more information.

PUERTO RICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Picnic- bring your own food. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hensel Park Area 1. Call Dominick at 696-1482 or Jackeline at 846-7830 for more information.

LUTHERAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP: Supper. 6 p.m. at the Lutheran Student Center. Call Martin at 847-1835 for more information.

MONDAY

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: General discussion. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call the CDPE at 845-0280 for more information.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: Bible study. 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 203 College Main. Call 846-7722 for more information.

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-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3313.

Execution method sparks controversy

HUNTSVILLE (AP) - Convicted killer Billy Wayne White was cooperative and courteous as Texas prison officials struggled for about 40 minutes early Thursday to find a vein for an intravenous needle so he could be executed.

White, 34, dubbed "Sleeping Billy" because he snoozed and snored during the closing arguments of his trial, then quietly was executed.

The difficulty in carrying out the procedure was neither unexpected nor unprecedented, and officials rejected suggestions the procedure was inhumane.

The debate over capital punishment intensified this week when California, under the glare of extensive media coverage, carried out its first execution in 25 years.

Robert Alton Harris, 39, convicted of killing two teen-agers, was executed in the gas chamber in what death penalty opponents

Forty-minute struggle to find vein raises issues of humanity, cruelty

termed cruel and unusual punishment.

Harris' execution was delayed once after he already had been strapped into the chair. When the execution eventually was carried out, it took 16 minutes from the time the gas was released until he was declared dead.

In contrast, once the lethal drugs began flowing Thursday, White's death came quickly. It became apparent that White had stopped breathing less than 30 seconds after Warden Jack Pursley gave the go-ahead.

His only reaction to the drugs was three shallow gasps.

Nevertheless a spokeswoman for the Texas Resource Center, which defends capital cases, said

the delay revealed the cruelty of capital punishment.

"For us to stand there for an hour to try and kill somebody points out how barbaric this process is," said Mandy Welch, director of the agency's Houston office.

Welch also cited other instances where drugs have been improperly administered as evidence that even lethal injection is cruel.

Andy Collins, director of the Texas prison system, defended the procedure.

White "was an habitual drug user. He was a longtime heroin user," Collins said. "The procedure just takes a fairly lengthy time when you have somebody who has used narcotics for an extended period of time."

During at least one other execution in Texas several years ago, prison officials had difficulty finding a suitable vein, again because the inmate was a longtime drug user. Collins said prison officials were warned of White's drug history and expected difficulty.

Asked if that meant White endured extra pain, Collins replied: "Not that I noticed."

"The inmate was very compliant, very courteous, very cooperative. In fact, he attempted to assist us."

There are no witnesses to the preparations for execution. Reporters and other witnesses are allowed in the death chamber only when the drugs are ready to be administered.

The execution was the fifth this year in Texas and the 47th the state has carried out since the U.S. Supreme Court allowed the death penalty to resume in 1976.

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