

## WHAT'S UP

Monday

**Civil Liberties Union:** A general meeting to be held at 7:15 p.m. in 203 Zachry. For more information call Robyn at 847-0911.

**Recreation Club:** A general meeting to be held at 8:30 p.m. in 203 Zachry. New t-shirts and Christmas trips to be discussed. For more information call Jayson Owens at 847-2978.

**Financial Management Association:** The final meeting of the semester to be held at 7:30 p.m. in 203 Zachry. Important information will be handed out.

**Students Council:** An open meeting with discussion and games on Hindu Philosophy to be held at 7:30 p.m. in 292 MSC. All persons interested are welcome. For more information call Rutu at 847-1456.

**National Association of Black Accountants:** Will be selling Christmas cards and wrapping paper in 203 Zachry and Blocker from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Student Counseling Helpline:** Interviews to become a volunteer for the Student Counseling Helpline are now being scheduled. Applications are available in 104 Henderson. For more information call Dr. Hope at 845-4427, ext. 113.

**MSCAMS:** Guest speaker, Dan Rouse, a meteorologist from NASA will be speaking at 7 p.m. in the MSC Observatory. For more information call Mike Coyne at 847-1284.

**Study Abroad Program:** Informal meeting of reciprocal exchange to Lausanne, Switzerland from 10-11:15 a.m. in 154 Bizzell West and from 4:30-5:45 p.m. in 251 Bizzell West.

**Center:** Successful interviewing. Tips on developing successful interviewing techniques to be held at 4 p.m. in 502 Rudder. For more information call Julie Lee or Pat Johnson Alexander at 845-5139.

**Learning Skills Center:** A workshop: Test Preparation and Test Anxiety from 3-5 p.m. at the Student Counseling Service in Henderson Hall. For more information call 845-4427, ext. 109.

**MSC Nova:** A general meeting to discuss Warcon and the regional ACUI Games at 7 p.m. in Rudder Tower. For more information call MSC Nova at 845-1515.

**Tau Beta Pi-National Engineering Honor Society:** A candidate exam meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. in 203 Zachry. For more information call Stacia Hunt at 764-6822.

**Organization for Nonviolent Education:** A general meeting to be held at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder. For more information call Lisa at 847-2443.

**National Organization for Women:** A general meeting to be held at 8:30 p.m. in 145 MSC. For more information call Paula at 696-8095.

**Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Aggies:** A religious discussion group to be held at 7 p.m. in 145 MSC. For more information call the Gayline at 847-0321.

Tuesday

**Genetics Society:** Election of officers and vote on t-shirt designs to be held at 8:30 p.m. and check the screen in the MSC for the room number.

**TAMU Bridge Club:** A general meeting to be held at 7 p.m. in 301 Bright. Live on the edge—play bridge. For more information call James at 696-4252.

**Society of Hispanic Engineers:** The last 1994 general meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. in 103 Zachry. For more information call Mike Nelson at 696-7933.

**A.R.M.Y.:** Lady Aggie Basketball vs. the Russian National team at 7 p.m. in G. Rollie White. For more information call Aaron Metcalf at 847-7584.

**Eating Disorder Support Group:** A free and confidential support group to meet from 6-7 p.m. in 145 MSC. For more information call Jeana at 731-8044.

**AIIESEC:** A general meeting to be held at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder. The topic to be discussed, "Team Building". For more information call Donna at 847-6775.

**Texas A&M Flying Club:** Board of Directors meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the TAMU Flying Club clubhouse at Easterwood Airport. For more information call 845-3329.

**Jesus Is Alive Christian Fellowship:** A spirit-led intercessory prayer followed by campus ministering at 7 p.m. at All Faiths Chapel. For more information call Tony at 845-0177.

**Aggies for Christ:** A devotional to be held at 9:30 p.m. on the Academic Building steps. For more information call A'Lise at 847-2144.

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**Rio Grande Hometown Club:** A general meeting to be held at 8:30 p.m. in 111 Koldus. For more information call Jessica Duarte at 823-2330.

**TAMU Fencing Club:** Come and workout and learn with our coach, Mauro Hanza, from 7-8:30 p.m. in 267 Read. For more information call David Sierra at 847-1523.

**Study Abroad Programs:** Informational meeting for reciprocal exchange to Monterey or Guadalajara, Mexico from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. or 4-5:15 p.m. in 251 Bizzell West.

**Aggie Lutherans:** You are invited to join us for Treehouse for fellowship and small group discussion from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Aggie Lutheran Church on FM 2818. For more information call Jennifer Carlsson at 776-5233.

**MSC Jordan Institute for International Awareness:** A general meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

**What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit student and faculty events and activities. Items should be submitted no later than three days in advance of the desired run date. Application deadlines and notices are not events and will not be run in What's Up. If you have any questions, please call the newsroom at 845-3313.**

## PICK UP YOUR COPY.

If you ordered a 1994-95 *Campus Directory*, stop by room 230 Reed McDonald Building between 8:15 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday to pick up your copy. (Please bring ID.)

If you did not order a *Campus Directory* as a free option when you registered for Fall '94 classes, you may purchase a copy for \$3 plus tax in the Student Publications office, room 230 Reed McDonald. The *Campus Directory* includes listings of students, faculty, staff and other information about Texas A&M.

### '94-95 CAMPUS DIRECTORY



# Computing Toolbox

A weekly column dedicated to computing at Texas A&M

## Usenet: bulletin board of the Internet

Usenet News can be thought of as the bulletin board system (BBS) of the Internet. Like other bulletin boards, a user writes a message/article and "posts" it to a topic area for other people to read. However, unlike a BBS that might run on a PC in your local community, Usenet is truly huge and loosely regulated. Thankfully, Usenet is broken down into hierarchies (or groups) to better organize thoughts, information and discussion. There are three main sets of hierarchies: mainstream hierarchies, alternative hierarchies and regional hierarchies.

### Mainstream hierarchies

The mainstream hierarchies are those that are found at almost every site that carries Usenet. This hierarchy consists of:

- comp** Computer-related topics of all types (hardware, software, operating systems, mainframes, minicomputers, micros).
- misc** Themes not easily classified under any of the other common headings.
- news** Newsgroups concerned with Usenet itself.
- rec** Information on hobbies and recreational activities.
- sci** Discussions covering research or applications in the established sciences.
- soc** Social issues and socializing talk. Debate-oriented newsgroups.

Each hierarchy is made up of hundreds of newsgroups, or specific topic areas. A very small selection of some of the newsgroups available in the mainstream hierarchy should give you a flavor for what is available.

- comp.lang.c** A discussion of the C language.
- comp.mail.elm** A discussion of the Elm mail system; fixes for problems.
- news.admin** Discussions of Usenet News administration.
- rec.bicycle.racing** Discussions for bicycle racing techniques, rules and results.
- soc.culture.german** Discussions of German culture and history.
- talk.politics.space** Non-technical issues affecting space exploration.

### Alternative hierarchies

The alternative hierarchies are usually carried by most Usenet sites, but may not be present depending on the policies at that site. The alternative hierarchy is made up of:

- alt** A miscellaneous collection of newsgroups.
- bionet** Newsgroups of interest to biologists.
- biz** The world of business products, in particular computer products and services.
- clari** The ClariNet hierarchy which consists of newsgroups originating from commercial news services and other sources.

**gnu** A set of newsgroups linked to the Internet mailing lists of the GNU Project of the Free Software Foundation.

**k12** A loosely organized, decentralized network of school-based BBSs throughout North America, Australia and Europe. Topics of interest to Digital's OpenVMS/VAX users (but not necessarily VMS specific).

Like the mainstream hierarchies, the alternative hierarchies contain hundreds of individual newsgroups. A sampling of alternative newsgroups includes:

- alt.angst** Anxiety in the modern world.
- alt.sport.bungee** Death by rubber bands.
- bit.listserv.rscs-1** The Listserv VM/RSCS mailing list.
- ieee.tab.announce** IEEE Technical Activities Board announcements.
- k12.chat.senior** Informal discussion among high school students.
- vmsnet.misc** General VMS topics not covered elsewhere.
- clari** ClariNet is worth discussing separately. The "clari" hierarchy is not freely distributed but must be purchased from the ClariNet Communications Corporation. ClariNet newsgroups are essentially AP and UPI wire reports. Readers of the clari groups don't post their own articles, they merely read the articles posted from ClariNet. This hierarchy consists of about 150 newsgroups, such as:
  - clari.biz.finance** Finance, currency and corporate finance.
  - clari.feature.barry** Columns by Dave Barry.
  - clari.sports.basketball** The latest basketball scores.

### Regional hierarchies

The last set of hierarchies is the set of regional hierarchies. These hierarchies are organized so that topics of a regional interest can be grouped together. The regional hierarchies that are of special interest here at Texas A&M are the tx and tamu hierarchies.

### Obtaining a list of Usenet newsgroups

You can obtain a list of possible newsgroups via anonymous FTP. FTP to MIT-MANAGER.MIT.EDU and look in the *pub/usenet-address*, *pub/usenet-by-group* or *pub/usenet-by-hierarchy* directories.

### Using Usenet at Texas A&M

To use Usenet at Texas A&M, you will need one of the following:

- A logon-ID on VM/CMS
- A logon-ID on one of the UNIX machines
- A logon-ID on one of the OpenVMS/VAX machines
- A PC, Macintosh or workstation connected to the campus network via an Ethernet connection with a news client, a software package that lets you read newsgroups.

Instructions for using Usenet vary according to the system that you use. For more information, contact one of the CIS Help Desks around campus or call 845-8300. ●

## CIS Updates

### Questions or comments about the Dorm Wiring Project?

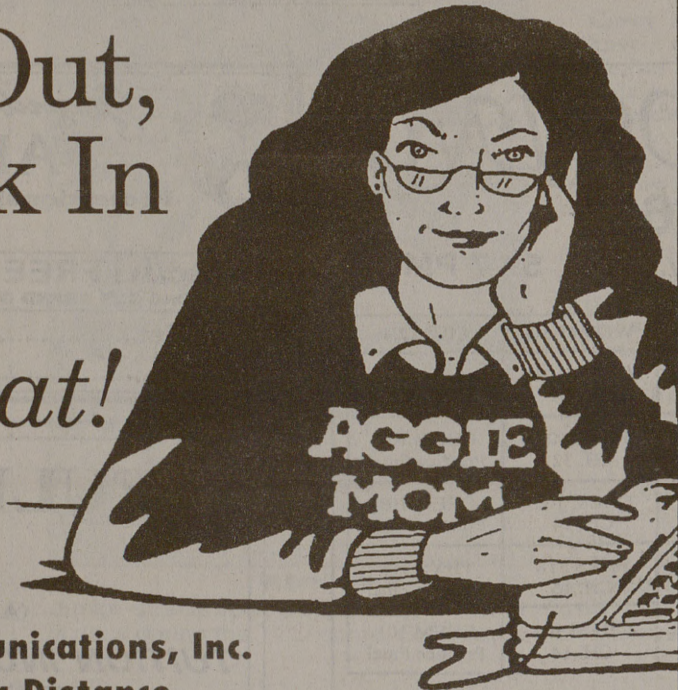
Questions and comments about network connections and resources supported by the Dorm Wiring Project can be addressed by contacting the CIS Networking Help Desk at Blocker. Call 845-8956 or send electronic mail to: [DORMS@TAMU.EDU](mailto:DORMS@TAMU.EDU) for assistance.

### System maintenance over the Thanksgiving holiday

During the Thanksgiving holiday, TAMMVS and TAMVM1 are scheduled to be relocated to the CIS machine room in the Computing Facilities Expansion (next to Teague). The systems will shut down during the afternoon of Thursday, November 24, and will resume operations by 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 28. Call 845-8442 for more information.

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