

WHAT'S UP

Wednesday

Undergraduate Business Consulting Association: Arthur Andersen's Business consulting group will speak on how to ask effective questions. Call J.T. at 823-3007 for details.

ATM Womens Rugby: Come join! No experience needed. Practices are from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the pitch on the corner of Texas Ave. and University Dr. Call Nikki at 694-0084 for information.

ATM Roadrunners: We will run 3 to 4 miles at 5:30 p.m. in front of G. Rollie White. All students and skill levels are welcomed. Call Steve at 847-7905 for details.

Agnostic & Atheist Student Group: General discussion on materialism will be held from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in 128D Zachry. Call Jason at 731-1126 for details.

Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society: A general meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at 410 Rudder. Call Amanda Smith at 847-3569 for details.

Texas A&M Racquetball Club: A general meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. next to Court #1 in the Recreation Center. Call Michelle at 694-2253 for details.

Biomedical Science Association-Vet Med Branch: Dr. Blue McLendon will be speaking about wildlife and exotic animals at 7 p.m. in Koldus 110. Call Lindsay at 695-1759.

Life Savers Bible Study: Join us for worship, praise, and stimulating Bible study from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the All Faiths Chapel. Call Donna at 260-9190.

Career Center: Placement orientation for graduates will be held at 6 p.m. in 225 MSC.

Career Center: Co-op orientation will be held at 2:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

Career Center: Placement orientation will be held at 10 a.m. in 225 MSC.

Career Center: Company research seminar will be held at 5 p.m. in 209 Koldus.

Career Center: Internship placement orientation will be held at 2 p.m. in 225 MSC.

Thursday

Delta Sigma Pi: A rush social will be held for all business and economics majors at Fuddrucker's at 7 p.m.

Graduate Fellowship of Intersivity Christian Fellowship (IVCF): Bible study for graduate and on-traditional students, followed by fellowship will be held at 7:30 p.m. See our web site for location and map at <http://stat.tamu.edu/~inlow/ivcf.html>. Call Mark or Jennifer at 764-1552.

Resurrection Week: There will be a general meeting held in Rudder 410 at 7 p.m.

Native American Student Association: A meeting and discussion for pow-wow will be held at 7 p.m. in MSC 146. Call Sandra at 862-2000 for details.

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Association on Baptist Students: A meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at 410 College Main. Call Bobby at 846-3223 for details.

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UT student plays part on Mars Pathfinder team

AUSTIN (AP) — Modifying radio-controlled cars to make them faster was University of Texas engineering student Jeff Gensler's childhood preoccupation.

Last year, it paid off. Gensler, a junior mechanical engineering honor student from Irving, helped space engineers guide the remotely controlled Sojourner rover as it explored a patch of Mars.

Gensler is proof that attending a top engineering school such as UT brings opportunities other undergraduates might miss. He is part of a cooperative arrangement between UT and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration that helps selected engineering students get a head start on their careers.

"Our recruiters skim the cream of the students," said Donald Bickler, a mechanical en-

gineer who is supervising Gensler at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. "I want a dedicated, on-the-fringe-nerd of an engineer who eats up the problems."

Months before the Pathfinder spacecraft arrived on Mars on July 4, 1997, Gensler helped space engineers test a twin of Sojourner on the rocky terrain of Amboy Crater, a dead volcano in the California desert.

So when Pathfinder bounded onto the rocky surface of the Red Planet in a cocoon of protective airbags and released Sojourner, California engineers controlling it by radio were ready.

"Part of my job was picking out places to experiment with it," Gensler said. "We'd decide on this spot or another. So, indirectly, I had something to do with where it went,

which was pretty neat."

Sojourner performed soil and rock chemistry experiments and radioed the results to the nearby lander for relay to Earth.

When the main batteries powering Pathfinder—the first of NASA's new breed of "faster, better and cheaper" space probes—finally died Sept. 27, Gensler was pleased to see that Sojourner, at least, still was working.

Space agency engineers determined that the rover named for Sojourner Truth, a 19th-century African-American who fought to abolish slavery, probably still was circling the lander, attempting to communicate with it.

Pathfinder operated on the Martian surface nearly three times its design life of 30 days, and Sojourner ran 12 times its design life of seven days.

From the outside looking in ...



Eric Friesen, a freshman computer engineering major, checks his mail in the MSB.

Pre Law Society

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