

## WHAT'S UP

Thursday

**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.

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

**Alpha Phi Omega:** Meet to go to the Boy's Club at 3:30 p.m. in 133 Koldus.

**Team 2000 Ambassador:** A meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Rudder 501.

**Catholic Students Association:** There will be a daily mass at 12:05 p.m. in the All Faith's Chapel.

**Aggie Speleological Society:** A meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in Koldus 146. Call Travis at 693-4088.

**TAMU Gymnastics Club:** Open practice will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in 307 Read. Come join the TAMU Gymnastics Club and learn skills from all ability levels. Beginners welcome. Call Abby at 696-6897 for details.

**ATM Roadrunners:** Will run three to four miles starting in front of G. Rollie White at 5:30 p.m. All students and skill levels are welcome. Call Steve at 847-7905 for further information.

**Society of Mexican-American Engineers and Scientists:** There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. in MSC 226 with guest speakers Aggie R.E.A.C.H.

**American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE):** There will be a guest speaker from Walter P Moore and Associates at 5:30 p.m. in 110 Civil Engineering building. Call Huy at 846-0656 for details or by e-mail at HTRAN@TAMU.EDU.

**Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA):** There will be a general meeting in MSC 145 at 5:30 p.m. This is the last chance to join PRSSA for Spring '98. We will discuss the Dallas field trip and the March Social. Call Veronica at 268-0109 for details.

**Emergency Care Team:** A meeting to discuss the final details of the barbecue will be held at 7 p.m. in 292B MSC. Call Traci at 268-8699 for details.

Friday

**Alpha Phi Omega:** Meet to go visit Crestview Retirement Home at 6:30 p.m. at Crestview.

**Alpha Phi Omega:** Meet to go to Kemp Gym at 5:30 p.m. at 133 Koldus.

**Study Abroad Programs Office:** An informational meeting to promote the Italy Spring '99 program will be held from 1:30 to 2 p.m. in Room 154, 161 Bizzell Hall West.

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**Asian American Christian Fellowship:** Join us for worship and a speaker at 7:30 p.m. in Richardson 144. Call Sunny at 847-3064 for details.

**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 Campus Calendar. If you have any questions, please call the newsroom at 845-3313.**

## Office lingo brings humor to de

(AP) — Bad day at the cube farm? It might be time for a round of blamestorming. After all, if you have another salmon day like this one, you're likely to go postal.

America is speaking a whole new language. Obsessed with careers, wired to the Web and bombarded by news, Americans are imbuing the English language with slang inspired by the workplace and high technology.

Cole Barber, a mechanical engineer at Silicon Gaming in Palo Alto, Calif., works in a "cube farm" — an office made up of rows of cubicles. When he needs a little break, he's likely to "prairie dog," or pop up from his desk to see what his officemates are doing.

Chris Lind, an executive at public relations agency Neale-May and Partners, says that clients who want to know whether the firm has the time or the ability to handle a project ask "if we have the 'bandwidth.'"

A decade ago, a somewhat distracted person may have been called an "airhead," or "out to lunch." Today, says Gareth Branwyn, who compiles Wired magazine's monthly Jargon Watch column, he's "404."

"It's from the Web message that means a document couldn't be found, there's nothing there," Branwyn says. Some more from Branwyn's compilation:

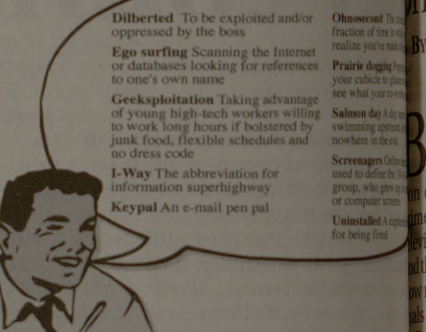
— From the workplace comic strip, to be "Dilberted" is to be exploited or oppressed by the boss.

— The "ohnosecond" is the fraction of time in which you realize you've made a big mistake.

— "Blamestorming" describes the corporate ritual of sitting in a group discussing why a project failed or a deadline was missed.

### Office lingo

Have you listened to your co-workers lately? The current lingo is inspired by high technology and transmitted via e-mail.



**Dilberted** To be exploited and/or oppressed by the boss.  
**Ego surfing** Scanning the Internet or databases looking for references to one's own name.  
**Geeksploitation** Taking advantage of young high-tech workers willing to work long hours if bolstered by junk food, flexible schedules and no dress code.  
**L-Way** The abbreviation for information superhighway.  
**Keypal** An e-mail pen pal.

— A "salmon day" is a day spent swimming in a stream, only to get nowhere.

That, in turn, can lead to "going postal," a term from a rash of workplace shootings by postal workers.

In the new slang, acronyms are hot. A new e-mail etiquette given to Cowles Business employees approved the occasional use of BTW (By The Way), FWIW (For What It's Worth) and BTM (By The Way, FYI, that means Read The Manual).

## HISTORY

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The dance originated in Africa as a means of helping tribal groups communicate and settle disagreements. The performance is open to everyone.

PanHellenic has held church services each Sunday during the month in All Faiths Chapel.

La Sondra Carrol, former chair of the Black Awareness Committee (BAC) and a senior journalism major, said black history is something that should be studied and learned all year on campus, not just in February.

Carrol said many people learn about other cultures in the perspective of their own culture.

"Many Americans deal with pieces and parts of black history," she said. "So much can be discovered if you get out of the piece mentally and look at the culture of Africans and African-Americans as a whole."

Carrol said the BAC has provided programs at A&M and in the community on historical facts, perspectives and current issues to promote black history awareness.

Theresa Vargas, chair of the Minority Student Leadership Forum and a senior speech communications major, said organizations met together this month at the forum to discuss ways of bringing awareness to Black History Month. She said ideas were discussed on communicating cultural and educational programs to the campus to expand

individual views.

These ideas were then presented by Vargas to the Student Leadership Committee and campus organizations and leaders.

"The Minority Student Leadership forum addresses issues regarding culturally based organizations such as Black History Month presents them to leaders of many organizations on campus in order to educate them on these issues," Vargas said.

Carrol said she hopes the month students learn about the African-American culture and history.

"Our goal is to uplift the African-Americans and the minds of all," Carrol said.

### Two science quiz competitions in one!

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