

Nudists opening parks to interested people—and eyes

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's organized nudists hope to get more in the pink by going public this year.

They're opening their parks to almost anyone with an interested eye and the cost of admission. You don't even have to take your clothes off unless you've got the stomach for it.

It may sound like a ripoff, or maybe a put-on. But the American Sunbathing Association, representing some 130 nudists clubs with 20,000 members across the nation, couldn't be more serious. "I'm quite proud," says Pres-

ident Robert G. Johnston. "We've decided to come out of the woodwork and operate competitive recreational facilities rather than cults or philosophical retreats. . . . We're inviting the public to come visit us just as they might visit Disney World."

Not that ASA figures to outstrip Disney's cartoon characters as a vacation attraction. But the new open-door policy announced Monday "is a goal we've been

building toward for several years —made possible by the public's increased acceptance of nudity," said Johnston.

Johnston said all ASA clubs, 90 per cent of the nudist organizations in the United States, have agreed to the plan. "But probably only three-fourths of them will be as cordial at first as I'd like them to be."

Visitors will be charged about \$5 per family at most facilities,

he said, with no reductions for single men and women.

And Jack Jackson, ASA advertising director, cautions that "The guys who just walk up and say 'I wanna look at naked ladies are going to be frowned upon. . . . 'Still," he said, "I don't think we need the careful screening we've relied on in the past. The Holiday Inn doesn't screen guests, so why should we. But we do invite the men to bring their girl-

friends."

Johnston, a personnel officer for a large firm in Los Angeles, predicts the new policy—coupled with a new advertising campaign and publication of a guidebook complete with maps—will spur growth by 25 per cent this year. And that, so to speak, would be quite a take off.

"Dare to go Bare," begins one ad scheduled to run next month in a national women's magazine.

"Nudists aren't nuts—they're simply a slice of humanity who have learned that 'naked' is the world's greatest common denominator."

The organization, based in Orlando, Fla., also has published thousands of booklets aimed at answering some of the most-frequent questions from the unexposed. Questions like "How does it feel the first time?" "Like jumping into a swim-

ming pool," is the answer. "Staying for the first 30 seconds, comfortable and soothing from the on."

The booklets are devoid of photographs, reflecting a trend in ASA literature. "I had trouble with past publications," said Jackson, "was too many pictures. People just couldn't take themselves in them."

He was, no doubt, figuratively speaking.

High school drill meet here this Saturday

High school drill teams meet Saturday in the State Drill Championships here.

Thirteen teams including representatives from Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Laredo, Killeen and Bryan will battle for the right to claim "the state's best."

A perfection standard will be provided for the 500 high school visitors.

The U. S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Team, an organization famed for its precision 10-minute drill without verbal command, will march in exhibition at the day-long competition on the Memorial Student Center drill field, announced Col. Thomas R. Parsons, professor of military science.

High school teams begin competing at 10 a.m. TAMU's Fish Drill Team, which will try for its fifth straight national championship in Washington, D. C., next month, will march in exhibition at 11:30 a.m.

The 24-man Marine Corps team from the Barracks Guard Company in Washington will march at 3:30 p.m., between the conclusion of competition and high school champion awards ceremonies.

Counseling seminar set for Monday

An Education Psychology Seminar on "The Counselor and Performance Based Competencies" Monday will feature Dr. Lawrence M. Brammer of the University of Washington.

Set for 5 p.m. in Room 113 of the Biological Sciences Building, the seminar is open to all interested persons, announced Dr. Arthur J. Roach, department head.

Dr. Brammer has been professor of educational psychology and counseling at Washington since 1964. He began his counseling career at the Stanford University Counseling and Testing Center while working on the Ph.D.

Local A&M club plans barbecue at Zachry Center

Brazos County A&M Club members will meet Wednesday at the Zachry Engineering Center for barbecue, an engineering program and tour of the \$10 million facility.

Club president John West said the meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the basement of the center. The barbecue starts at 7:30 for \$2.50 per person.

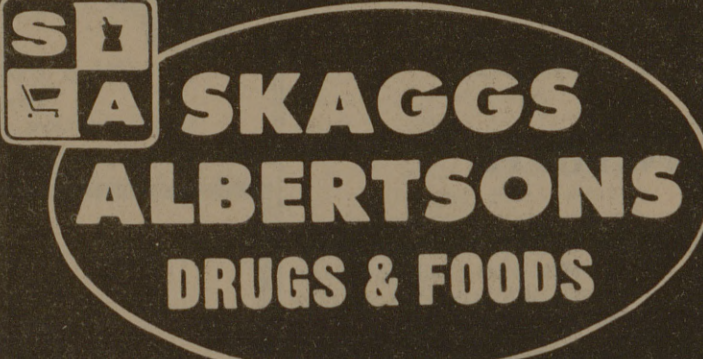
Assistant Engineering Dean Clifford H. Ransdell will be guest speaker for the program in the 350-seat auditorium.

Reservations may be made until 5 p.m. Monday by phoning 822-0189 or 823-8061.


TAMU given \$2,000 grant by Texaco

Texaco, Inc., Tuesday awarded the Geophysics Department a \$2,000 educational grant.

Presented by Duane R. Witherston, supervising geophysicist at Texaco's Domestic Producing Department in Houston, the award represented the second installment of a three-year grant totaling \$6,000.




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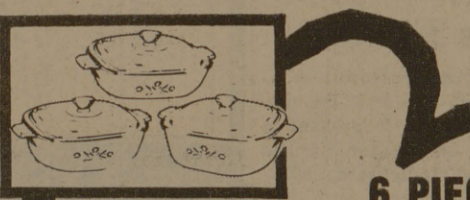
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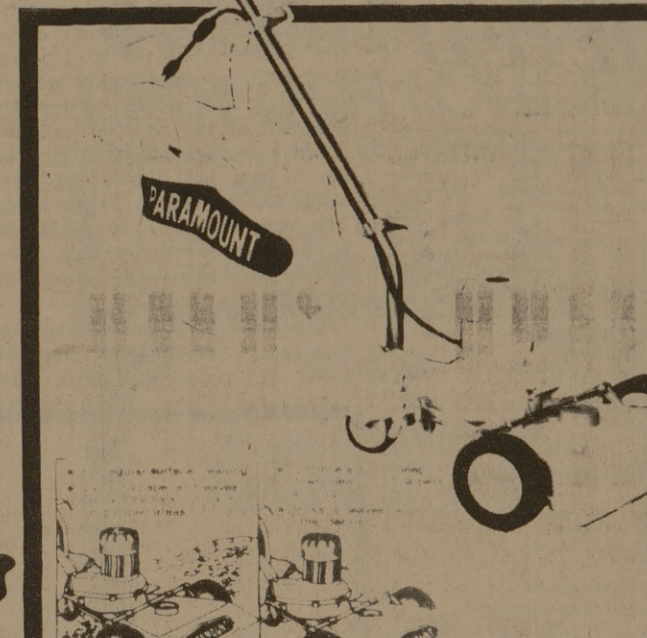
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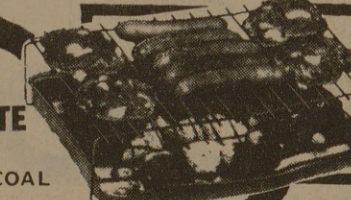
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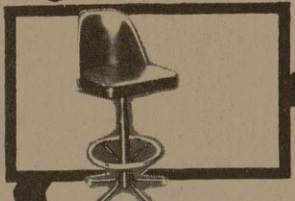
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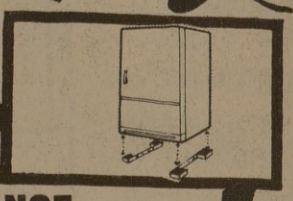
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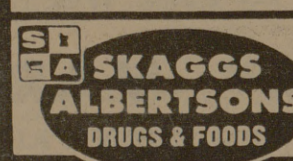
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