

Baptist Howdy Party attracts record crowd

By CARL KEY

Nearly 1,400 people attended a steak dinner "Howdy Party" at the Baptist Student Center last night where 800 persons were expected.

"We had to stretch 560 lbs. of steak to feed all those people," said Ron Wells, Baptist Student Union (BSU) Director.

This year's party was so large because of the increased growth of the student body; there's more active people and the steak cost only 99 cents, said Wells.

The events at the Howdy Party included yell practice, steak dinner, share time and a skit presentation. "The reason we have the Howdy Party is to introduce the BSU, the

Gospel and practical Christian involvement to the students," said Wells.

The tradition of the Howdy Party has been around for many years, as the BSU at A&M is the oldest established union in the state.

People attending included some coeds who said they were there to meet some different people. A Senior in the Corps said he came to the party to meet freshman girls.

There were also many international students taking part who said they were there because the friendly people.

One student attending was escaping his own cooking as well as meeting people.



Battalion photo by Carl Key

About 600 more persons than were expected attended the "Howdy Party" which was held last night at the Baptist

Student Center. Coordinators had to ration the 560 pounds of beef in order to feed the estimated 1,400 students.



Battalion photo by Kevin Verner

People seemed to enjoy the evening at the Baptist Student Center and reflected it with smiling faces. Other persons were too busy eating the char-broiled steak to smile, but they looked happy.

Everything goes!

Old hotel to be razed

Associated Press
CHICAGO — People are paying to get into the soon-to-be demolished LaSalle Hotel for a chance to buy such things as brass room signs for \$22 or a night chair, complete with piano bar, for \$80,000.

Some 800 rooms of furnishings, 1,000 bathrooms, 12 miles of carpeting, 85 tons of marble and \$500,000 worth of kitchen equipment are on the block. About 10,000 persons showed up Thursday when the sale began. They spent \$12,000 an hour buying just about everything but bathtub rings.

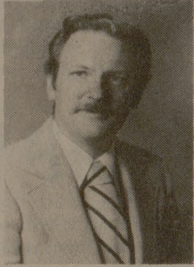
National group commends Texas A&M parasitologist

Dr. John Richard Seed, head of the Biology Department at Texas A&M University, has been awarded the Henry Baldwin Ward Medal for work in parasitology.

The award was made at the 51st annual meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists in San Antonio. It was given for Seed's "having reached a position of leadership in parasitology before the age of 40."

J.R. SEED

Awarded the Henry Baldwin Ward Medal



Dr. Seed is currently involved in three-phase parasitology program. The first phase is the study of antigenic variation and the immunological escape mechanisms of parasitic protozoa, particularly the African trypanosomes which causes African sleeping sickness. The second phase includes an investigation into the immunosuppression phenomenon of protozoan infections. The third phase involves studies on the mech-

anisms responsible for the neuropathology observed in African trypanosome infected animals. Dr. Seed holds a Ph.D. from Yale University and taught at Tulane before coming to Texas A&M in 1974. He is the president-elect of the Southwestern Association of Parasitologists and a participating member in the World Health Organization African Trypanosomiasis Information Service.

Hughes' will persists; judge tells lawyers to plan case

Associated Press
HOUSTON — Harris County Probate Judge Pat Gregory has ordered attorneys in the probate case of the late billionaire Howard Hughes to furnish plans for collection of evidence.

Following a closed door meeting with some 20 attorneys Thursday, Gregory told the lawyers he wanted all outstanding interrogatories to be completed by Sept. 15 or an explanation of why it can't be done.

He also ordered the lawyers to furnish him with lists of discovered proceedings they feel are necessary to the development of their cases. A Sept. 15 deadline also was set for this information.

Gregory withheld action on a request by two persons, who claim to be Hughes relatives, that a trial to determine Hughes' legal residence be held Dec. 6.

Attorneys at the meetings repre-

sented the executor of a purported will, the state of Texas and various Hughes relatives who want part of the estimated \$2.5 billion estate.

Gregory has been asked to determine if Rush Hughes of Palm Springs, Calif., and Avis Hughes McIntyre of Montgomery, Ala. are entitled to inherit from the estate.

George Dean of Destin, Fla., attorney for the two, claim they were raised in the home of the brother of Hughes' father and were raised as members of the family even though formal adoption proceedings were never held.

"We're very pleased with today's hearing," Dean said. "What the judge in effect said to us is that we're going to proceed vigorously."

Issues before Gregory also included the purported hand written will which names former Hughes aide Noah Dietrich as executor.

Harold Rhoden of Los Angeles was not pleased by Thursday's proceedings.

"We're not ready for a trial on domicile anywhere," he said. "I see all sorts of enormous problems ahead."

Judge Keith Hayes of Las Vegas has scheduled a trial there Jan. 10 on the purported will.

Attorney Jim Dilworth, representing Annette Gano Lummis of Houston, Hughes' closest living relative, suggested Gregory and Hayes discuss a scheduling of the cases in their courts.

"It's something I'll certainly consider," Gregory said.

Texas Atty. Gen. John Hill, present at Thursday's hearing wants the estate to be probated here because Texas could collect an estimated \$300 million in state inheritance taxes.

Liquor, nudity don't mix in Dallas

Associated Press
DALLAS — An award-winning Broadway drama which features a totally nude man and woman in one scene apparently will play in Fort Worth instead of Dallas.

But no one would say outright Thursday if the nude scene in "Equus" is the factor that is sending the National Company production to Fort Worth.

Pericles Alexander and Dallas' Theatre Three, the play's local spon-

sors, said they were unsuccessful in booking the Memorial Theater at the Dallas Convention Center or McFarlin Auditorium at Southern Methodist University.

"Equus" is a psychological drama that has run for almost two years on Broadway.

Jerry Barshop, assistant director of the Dallas Convention Center, said nudity in the play was not the reason the center turned down the production.

"We had to turn it down because of the state's liquor licensing laws that do not allow nudity at a site where a liquor license is in residence," Barshop said. "Our reasons for turning it down have nothing to do with morality."

Memorial Theater does not have a bar on its premises, but is considered a part of the Convention Center complex, which does have bars in other areas.

Haskell Hall, head of the Dallas office of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, agreed with Barshop's licensing reasoning.

"You cannot have nudity where there is a liquor license," Hall said.

Will Rogers Auditorium, where the play will be performed in Fort Worth, does not have a liquor license.

The manager of the Will Rogers complex quickly accepted the booking, saying "There's no law against stage nudity, as evidenced by our playing 'Hair.'" Bob Moxley, general manager of McFarlin Auditorium at SMU, said he refused the use of McFarlin because of a requirement that all shows in the facility must be tied with some school group.

The School of Fine Arts at SMU was approached about "Equus," which has won a Tony award in New York. The school turned it down.

Rejection rate high, but Air Force unconcerned

Associated Press
SAN ANTONIO — Air Force officials say they aren't concerned about the high rate of rejection for volunteers.

"We're recruiting for specific numbers and types of people. We're shooting for the high quality guy," said Lt. Col. Don Burgrabbe, director of advertising for the Air Force Recruiting Headquarters at Randolph AFB.

Burgrabbe said statistics show that out of every 100 people who

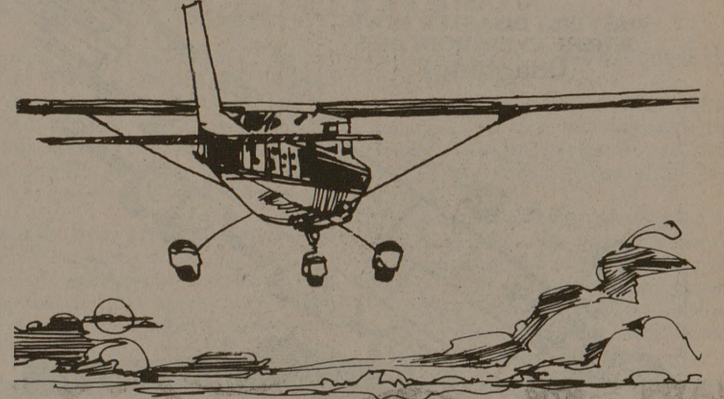
make an initial contact with an Air Force recruiter, only 20 ever enlist.

Eighty per cent either drop out voluntarily or are rejected during a tough screening program that precedes official enlistment, he said Thursday.

"The emphasis is placed on quality," Burgrabbe added.

In the period from July 1, 1975, through June 30, 1976, Burgrabbe said about 73,000 applicants were qualified to enlist.

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