

what's up

Tuesday

MEDIA SHOW: The MSC Summer Programming Committee will present "A Night of Fantasy," a multi-media show at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Theater. The show will be followed by a performance by magician Steve Russell at 8:45 p.m. Admission is \$1 per person.

GROVE: "The Taming of the Shrew." The Shakespeare classic. Richard Burton stars. Movie begins at 8:45 p.m.

Wednesday

FAIR: The MSC Summer Programming Committee will sponsor an arts and crafts fair around the Rudder Fountain today and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone who wants to display or sell works in the show should sign up at the MSC craft shop. Booth fees are \$2.50 a day.

PLAY: The Aggie Players will present a special non-dinner performance of "Pajama Tops" at 8 p.m. in the MSC Ballroom. Tickets may be purchased at the MSC Box Office or at the door. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$3 for the general public.

COMPUTER CLUB: The Texas A&M Micro-Computer Club will meet at 7 p.m. in Zachry 203. Dr. Sallie Nelson will give an overview of artificial intelligence and the Commodore PET and Radio Shack TRS-80 computers will be compared.

GROVE: "The Hindenburg." George C. Scott and Anne Bancroft star in this story about the destruction of the notorious German Zeppelin at Lakehurst, N. J. Movie begins at 8:45 p.m.

Thursday

BAHAI CLUB: The Baha'i Club will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the All Faith's Chapel.

FAIR: The arts and crafts fair will continue by the Rudder Fountain from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

GROVE: "Bullitt." Steve McQueen stars in this detective show. Has some great chase scenes. Movie begins at 8:45 p.m.

Doctoral students survey taxpayers on school funding

A group of Texas A&M University doctoral students concerned with school financing are surveying Bryan taxpayers to get feedback on current school funding.

Preliminary survey results show one sample favors increasing the sales tax over property taxes.

Educational administration Ph.D. candidates Bob Carruthers of Killeen, Bobby Parker of Belton and Dave Van Antwerp of Austin, are conducting the survey with the aid of Texans for Equitable Taxation (TET).

"We're really conducting this survey for selfish reasons," said Carruthers, who will be assistant principal at Killeen's C. E. Ellison High School this fall. "We want to know the mood of the taxpayers because it'll help us when we begin working in educational administration."

"With the results of the survey, we'll be able to get an idea of what money will be available to our schools in the future. We've done one survey already and have about 50 more to do, but we've learned a lot about the Texas taxpayer," Carruthers said.

The trio conducted a survey at a Bryan tax rally and plans to conduct the rest through the help of TET.

"In our Bryan survey we found many people believed schools got most of their money from local taxes," said Parker, son of Dr. Bobby E. Parker, president of Mary Hardin-Baylor College. "That's not true. Most Texas schools get a large portion of their money from the state."

"With the current popularity of

Proposition 13 everybody's running scared. Nobody's taken the time to get in touch with what the public is thinking."

Carruthers, Parker and Van Antwerp are trying to get in touch with the tax-paying public. Through their Bryan survey they found that 96 percent of the residents believe they should have direct input into decisions affecting school districts.

Seventy-three percent said they would favor an increase in the state sales tax to help fund education, over the present system of personal property and ad valorem taxes. Ten percent would favor charging students' tuition, and six percent said they would favor a state income tax to support education, Van Antwerp said.

"Nobody can say what will happen or which road school financing will take," Carruthers said. "But, one thing we all agree on is that

Texas will be increasing the state sales tax to support education.

"People keep asking schools to do more, but are unwilling pay the costs under the present system of taxation. If the taxes are drastically cut we believe adult education and summer school programs will be the first to go. Who knows what will be next?"

Carruthers, Parker and Van Antwerp are quick to stress, however, that Texas taxpayers are not ignorant of the current tax situation and the school finance picture is not as bleak as it has been painted by some.

"We're all going to be involved in education," Parker said. "This survey will help us see where financing is coming from and where it's going. Each one of us is interested in the implications this has for the future of education."

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School violence slowed by educating parents

The way to curb increasing student violence is through more education.

Texas A&M University educational psychologist and former public school teacher and counselor Dr. Lenore Byrd says schools should work on educating both parents and students to curb the growing problem of violence in schools.

"I think the home has a lot to do with what children bring to school," said Byrd, coordinator of school psychology programs. "It's very important to educate both groups, because there are multiple causes of student violence and multiple ways of dealing with it."

Student violence is a growing problem across the United States. A survey completed this month by the National Education Agency showed that almost 61,000 — three percent — public school teachers, were attacked by students during the 1977-78 school year.

High school and junior high teachers suffer the most serious physical attacks, but elementary schools are not excluded, the report said.

"One of the problems that can lead to school violence is the fact that teachers are not taught the basic principles of classroom management," Boyd said. "Some teachers learn it on the job from older teachers, some never learn and wind up leaving."

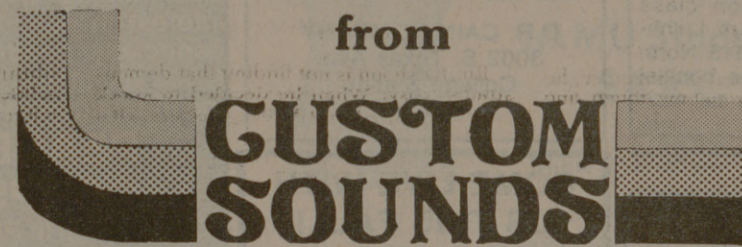
"A small amount of this violence is from children with emotional or mental problems. The majority comes from kids who are just turned off by school."

Though there are no sure-fire answers to the problem, Boyd feels that school climate is important. Students should be made to feel important and realize that the teacher is not out to get them.

"Student interaction with teachers is very important," Boyd said. "Teachers should concentrate on getting the students involved in a democratic process whereby students help make the classroom rules."

"The students should also be shown the consequences of their actions. They should assume responsibility for the things they do."

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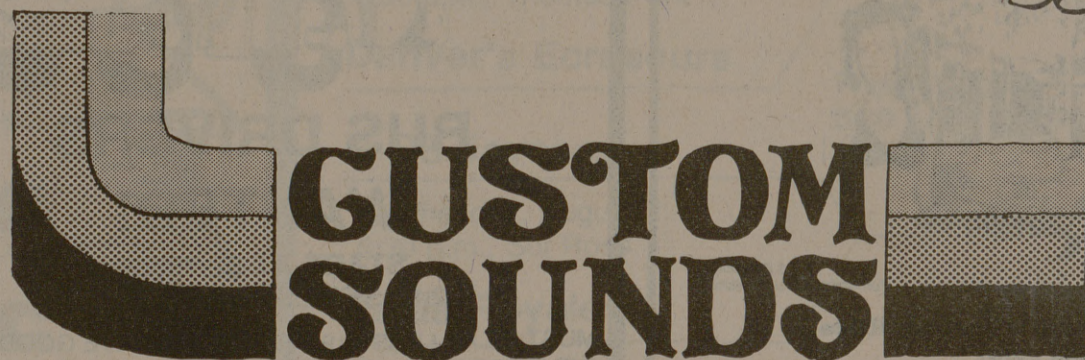


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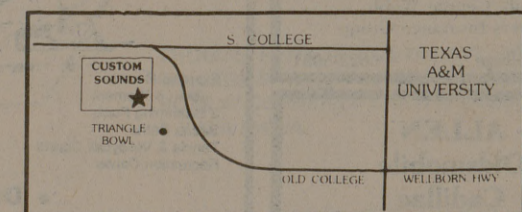
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