

## Gas cannon, distress calls used to scare birds from campus trees

Using a propane gas cannon and amplified distress calls, Texas A&M ground maintenance workers are evicting birds from the trees in the Kyle Field area.

Thousands of grackles, members of the American blackbird family, are roosting each evening on the southwest side of the campus, mainly in the area of the football stadium and MSC.

A truck loaded with the gas cannon, which only makes a loud noise, and a recording of bird distress calls amplified through speakers will be working the area from 7:45 p.m. until dusk for about a week, Eugene Ray, director of grounds maintenance said.

The synchronized noises unsettle the birds and they seek a quiet place, he says.

It is the same technique used successfully last year to roust migratory

birds from populated and high pedestrian use areas.

Birds have been a problem for several years, Ray said, but usually it begins in late October with the migration from the north.

Ray expects the latest bird problem to be settled within a week. He plans to use three similar trucks this fall when the migratory birds visit the numerous evergreen oaks on the campus.

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Battalion photo by Ray Daniels

### Floating Jiffy Pop?

Dorothy Dubois, a member of the MSC Summer Programming Committee, sold helium-filled balloons outside the MSC Tuesday afternoon to publicize the committee's presentation of "Imagination". Last night's program featured a multimedia show and magician Steve Russell.

### Style-a-thon Saturday

The third annual Style-a-thon for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will take place Saturday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

The event will be sponsored by The Clipper Ship, whose employees will be cutting and styling hair to raise money for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

St. Jude's is a major research center conducting work on such diseases such as influenza, muscular dystrophy, severe infectious diseases, rare blood disorders and sickle cell anemia.

Appointments for haircuts and styling can be made by calling 779-0758 or by going by the shop at 2001 Beck St. Donations and special gifts will be welcome.

Cancer is the No. 1 disease of young people in the United States. The hospital will spend nearly \$51,000 a day during this fiscal year carrying on the research and providing free clinical care for children with cancer. And because no patient is ever presented a bill for care received at the hospital, the funds raised by the Style-a-thon will help defray the cost of that care.

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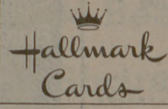
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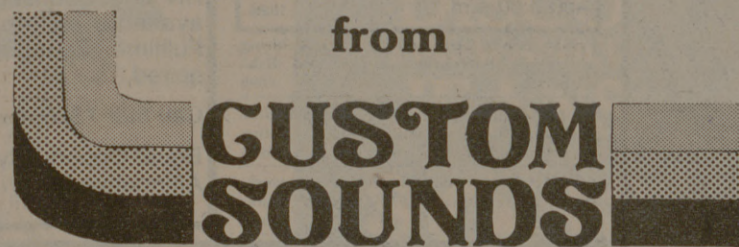
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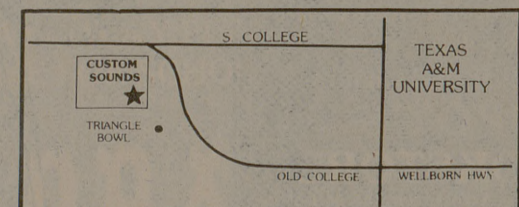
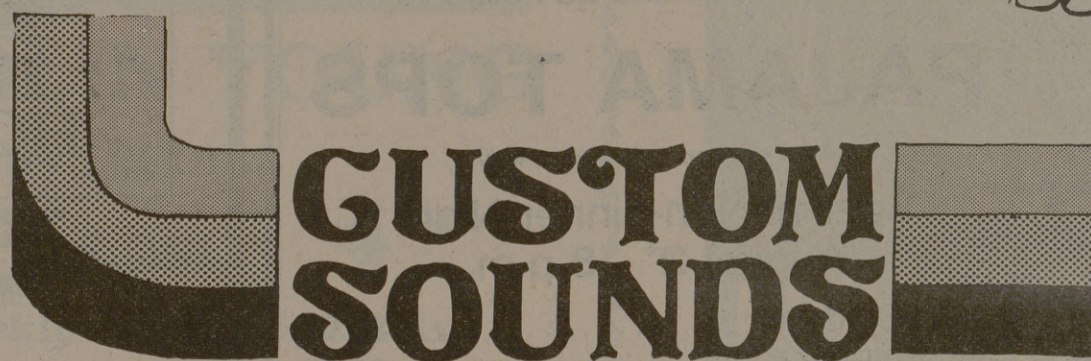


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