

Olmec tests Sunday

Break a world record!

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If you know someone in College Station who can eat more than 25 tortillas in 25 minutes, or spit a watermelon seed over 59 feet, or use his mouth to catch a grape that has been thrown 251 feet, then bring him out to the WTAW-FM Olmec Olympics.

The events will be Sunday, from noon until dark, in Tanglewood Park.

Prizes will be awarded in each event, and WTAW-FM will give a special cash prize of \$92 to anyone who breaks a Guinness world record. The Guinness Book of World Records will publish the names of any record breakers in the next edition of its book.

However, no one needs to be an expert in order to compete, for

there will be many events in which no attempts will be made to break records. These include tobacco spitting, cow chip throwing, tortilla stacking (on one's head), potato rolling (with one's nose), cucumber passing (from man to woman, using only their necks), card throwing, apple peeling, and egg and spoon racing.

However, for those who insist on breaking a record, it can be done by stacking 131 coins on the edge of a silver dollar in the coin-balancing contest. If one would rather snatch coins instead, he can beat the record by flipping coins from the back of the forearm and catch them in the same hand 98 times in a row.

Duffers can try to balance golf balls. The world's record stands at six golf balls vertically balanced.

Card sharks can break the world's record by throwing a card more than 166 feet.

On the other hand, world records will not be all the Aggies will try to beat, because students from the University of Texas at Austin and St. Mary's University in San Antonio will be competing in the Olmec Olympics in their cities as well.

Some Aggie fraternity members will challenge their counterparts at Texas and St. Mary's in numerous events. Other fraternity members will officiate over most of the activities.

Steve Austin of WTAW-FM will compete in a prune stuffing contest against Kevin McCormick of KTFM in San Antonio, and Dusty Jones of KLBJ-FM in Austin. The idea is to find out who has the biggest mouth in Texas.

Making his first appearance in College Station will be a promotional character named Olmec the Head, wearing a large plastic head, who plans to join in all the activities.

WTAW-FM will cover all the events live in an on-site broadcast. All registration for the competitions will begin at noon Sunday in Tanglewood Park on Carter Creek Parkway. Competition is open to anyone 18 years old or older. Admission is free and spectators are welcome.

Parking picture dims for next year

By CATHY TERRELL
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Parking is always available on the Texas A&M University campus, Thomas R. Parsons, director of security and traffic, said Monday night.

"I can show you 1,000 empty spaces every day, except on football weekends," Parsons said. "However, they are all in lots, such as lot 60 across the tracks, where people don't like to park."

Parsons admitted in a speech to Mosher Hall residents that the situation would not be so good next year. But he said parking was better here than at any other Texas institution except East Texas State University in Commerce.

There will be 512 girls housed in the new modular dorm and 194 in Leggett Hall next fall, putting a squeeze on parking in that area.

Possible solutions to that problem are being discussed by the University Traffic Panel.

Extension of the hours of the intracampus shuttle bus system from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. weeknights is already one change for fall. Extending the hours will help transport students from lot 60 to their dorms, Parsons said.

The police escort service taking girls parked in lot 60 to their dorms will continue next fall.

Parsons said Texas A&M may become a closed campus within the next few years, allowing only registered upperclassmen cars or registered day student cars to park on campus.

This plan would require manned gates at all of Texas A&M's 13 main exits, adding to the difficulty in establishing this system, Parsons said.

Parking stickers will return to the windows of cars next fall to discourage unauthorized cars from backing into parking spaces in an attempt to hide their permits.

Turning to campus security, Parsons also told residents of the frequency of purse-snatching incidents in the library. Purse-snatching and bicycle thefts are the major theft problem, he reported.

The residents were also reminded not to walk on campus alone at night because of several incidents of girls being grabbed by a blond male riding a bicycle.

Parsons said that he thinks Texas A&M is still a very safe campus, but not safe enough to take foolish chances.

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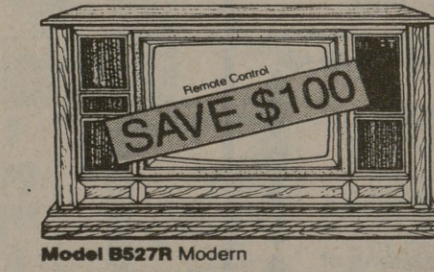
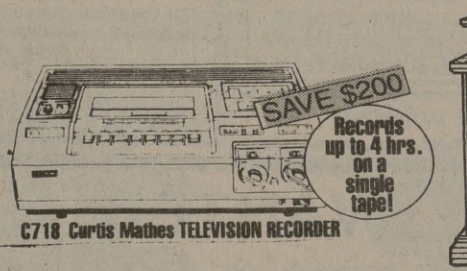
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