

# APO plans world record banana split, tickets sold

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Calorie counters beware: Alpha Phi Omega is going to tempt your will power on April 26.

APO's "Split For the Summer" calls for the service fraternity to construct the world's longest banana split. The estimated proceeds of between \$25,000 and \$30,000 will be given to the Boys Clubs of America.

The idea's originator, Ken Lewis, vice president of the project for APO, said the banana split will be one mile and 575 yards long and will be recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records. The current record is one mile and 99 yards, held by a high school in Australia.

Lewis, whose favorite movie happens to be "Willie Wonka and the

Chocolate Factory," said the massive banana split will require 34,200 scoops of ice cream, 11,400 bananas, 270 gallons of topping (chocolate and pineapple), 110 gallons of whipped cream and 170 pounds of nuts. APO will sell up to 11,000 tickets to the event.

The banana split, which will be placed on tables, will loop four times around the Kyle Field track and will spell TAMU on the playing field.

"On Monday and Tuesday of the week of the event, APO will begin scooping the ice cream and will re-freeze it until Saturday," Lewis said.

"On the day of the banana split (April 26), 100 APO members will begin building it in 100 different places. A truck will drive between the rows of tables to hand out the ice

cream to each APO member, who is responsible for 70 feet."

Jarvis Miller, Texas A&M University president, will officially open the festivities at 10 a.m. with the first bite. Miller will then signal to the people in the stands, who purchased tickets, to come down and join him.

"It should be a terrific sight to see 11,000 people wearing bibs, run down to the tables to eat their assigned section of the banana split," Lewis said.

The project will cost about \$6,000, and Lewis said APO needs to sell at least 2,200 tickets to break even.

"So far, the response for helping us sell tickets has been tremendous.

We've been getting help from the Exxon Corporation in Houston, the alumni, different churches in the Bryan-College Station area, the dorm counselors, other fraternities, and individual Corps members."

Students interested in eating a section of the world record may purchase tickets for \$2.50 at the Rudder Box Office or at the APO table on the first floor in the Memorial Student Center any time through April 25. If all 11,000 tickets aren't sold by April 25, the remaining tickets will be sold for \$3 at the gate.

Lewis said since there is a limited number of tickets, students should buy tickets as soon as possible.



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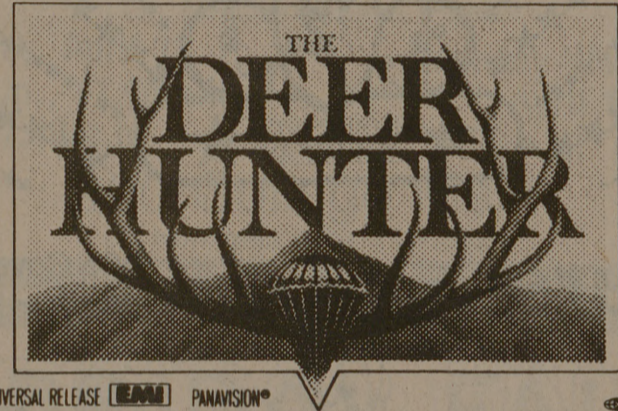
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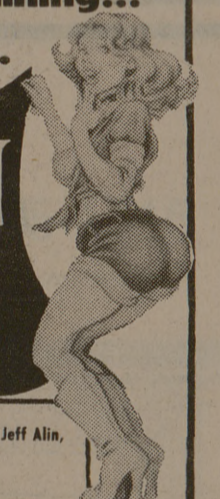
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