

# Casino grosses \$9,000

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"Place your bets," the suited dealer called before he dealt the cards. His assistant, dressed in red satin and a black slit skirt, collected the bets after the hand had been played.

What might have been appropriate in a Las Vegas or Atlantic City casino was unusual in the Memorial Student Center ballroom. But hundreds of Texas A&M University students wagered and gambled for four hours Friday night at the Residence Halls Association's annual Casino.

Casino '80 gave students a chance at chuck-a-luck, craps, blackjack, the wheel of fortune, beat the dealer and backgammon, using Aggie money. A \$3 ticket could be refunded for \$3,000 in Aggie play money that pictured various Texas A&M administrators.

With their winnings, gamblers could place bids for items being auctioned off in the main lounge downstairs.

Mike Taylor, chairman of Casino, said RHA grossed over \$9,000 from the event. After due payments are made, the net intake will go toward the RHA committees, hall programming, next year's Casino and other RHA related affairs.

The top prizes, donated by Diamond Brokers International, were two five-point diamonds, two 10-point diamonds and a 1/2-carat diamond. The 1/2-carat gem sold for \$36 million in Aggie money. More than 100 prizes and numerous services, donated by area merchants, were auctioned off during the evening.

Between bidding, Lyle Lovett, Cathy Stowe and Tim Wessell provided entertainment in the lounge. A group of musicians from the Commons, Commonwealth, also provided continuous music in the main gambling room.

This year's Casino was a bit different from earlier ones. Many students went searching in vain for

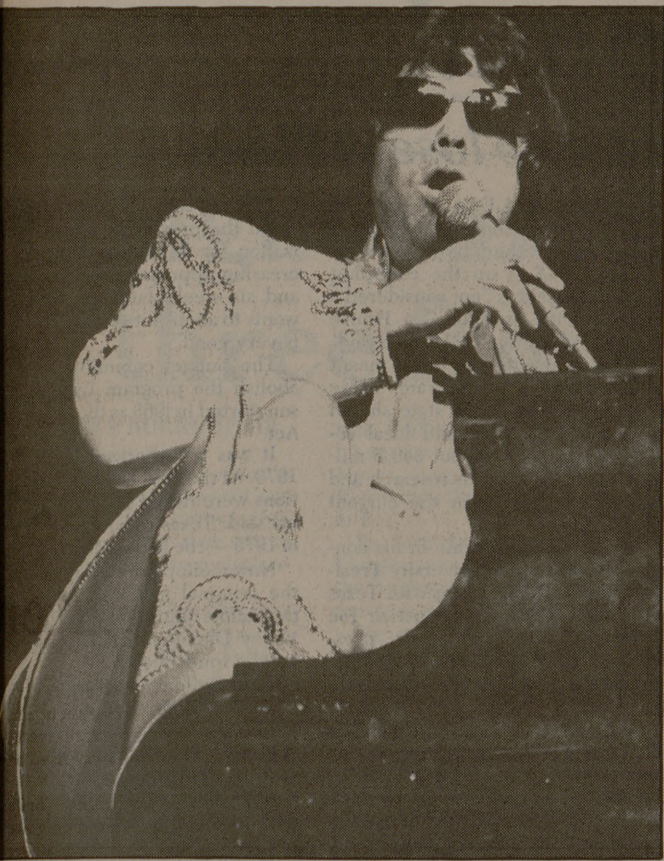
horse racing, a favorite in years past. Taylor said that event was excluded this year because it takes up room that can be used for parlor games.

The elimination of the races from the entertainment room, where they were previously held, gave more people a chance to play craps, he said.

Backgammon, which replaced the races, went well, Taylor said. It will probably be expanded in the future.

The big difference, however, was the auction. Prizes were previously up for bid starting at midnight following Casino. This year, there was a continuous auction which, Taylor said, allowed those people who wanted to gamble and leave early to have a chance to buy something without staying all night.

Auctioning had previously lasted until 2 a.m. or later but with the continuous bidding, the whole affair was wrapped up a little after 1 a.m.



Staff photo by Steve Clark

## A legend in his time

Country-western singer Ronnie Milsap tickles the ivory with his toe during a Friday night concert in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Milsap entertained a sellout crowd at what was MSC Town Hall's final concert of the year.

## Dallas papers back Carter, split on GOP

United Press International  
DALLAS — Both Dallas newspapers Sunday endorsed President Carter, one of them reluctantly, in the May 3 Texas presidential primary, but disagreed on who to endorse on the Republican side.

Unlike the GOP election next month, the Democratic presidential primary will be a "beauty contest" election with no delegates selected.

Both newspapers cited experience in their Republican endorsements — the Morning News for Reagan and the Times Herald for George Bush.

"Reagan has the experience, the intelligence and the character to lead the United States at an exceptionally critical juncture in its history," said the editorial in the Morning News, considered to be the more conservative of the two newspapers.

The Times Herald, however, cited Bush's experience as a congressman, U.N. ambassador, chairman of the Republican National Committee, head of the U.S. liaison office in Peking and as Central Intelligence Agency director.

Both newspapers devoted little space to endorsing Carter.

## Feed additive ban enforced

United Press International  
DES MOINES — The head of the federal investigation of the DES scandal said his agency will recommend prosecution of "anyone involved" in use of the cancer-causing feed additive after it was banned by the federal government.

"We will recommend prosecution from this bureau of anyone involved in using DES after the deadline," said Dr. Lester Crawford, director of the Food and Drug Administration's Bureau of Veterinary Medicine.

"Clearly those people who distributed the product after the deadline were the most culpable," Crawford said. "They were the real villains in this situation. We'll go after the distributors first."

Crawford commented on the investigation in an interview broadcast this weekend on the copyright "Market to Market" program of the Iowa Public Broadcasting Network.

DES — diethylstilbestrol — was banned last year after widespread testing and extensive research con-

vinced federal officials the drug caused cancer when consumed over an extensive period of time.

The ban was fought by the livestock industry, which has used DES for nearly 25 years and which argued DES was essential as a growth stimulant.

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