# Miss Texas A&M pageant held Friday and Saturday

Battalion Staff
MSC Hospitality Committee will host the second annual Miss Texas A&M scholarship pageant on Feb. 20-21 in Rudder Auditorium. Twenty contestants will compete in evening gowns, swimsuits and talent for the opportunity

to represent Texas A&M University Before selection to participate in the pageant finals, applicants must pass a preliminary screening where they perform their talent and answer questions concerning current events.

Kelly McElroy, the 1980-81 Miss Texas A&M, said there is an interview with a panel of judges. Some are related to the school, while others are from the community, she said.

The secondary education major said the ageant could be more accurately described as a talent pageant, rather than a scholarship pageant, since 50 percent of the scores depend on talent. The other 50 percent comes from the interview. McElroy, who thinks its unfair that pageant contestants are stereotyped as having no brains said, "First of all, it's not a beauty pageant and that's part of the stereotype. It's a scholarship

"In the Miss America pageant they're real stick-lers about not wanting beauty entering into it. If

you look on a score sheet (at Texas A&M)," she said, "there is no place for beauty

A \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to the winner, "As far as how the scholarship is awarded," she said, "it's up to the local franchise." In other words, a franchise could give the money directly to the winner, or it could apply the money to her

The Texas A&M pageant is affiliated with the Miss America pageant, which is incorporated and has its main office in Atlantic City, N.J. The

winner of this pageant will represent Texas A&M at the Miss Texas pageant held in Fort Worth. McElroy said the Miss America pagent is the largest foundation for scholarships to women. "Anything to furthur the education for women, I'm all for it," she said

The swimsuit competition, she said, is to show 'physical fitness and to see how the person, who is epresentative of Texas A&M, cares about how they look, how well-groomed they are.

As far as stereotyping girls who enter pageants, McElroy said, "There are stereotypes in everthing. It will take a while for people to overcome these things. If you've watched any of the Miss America winners on talk shows, they're very in-

7:30 p.m. & 9:45 p.m.

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## Circle K presents three with club pins, keeps annual 'week'

By KAREN KALEY

Battalion Reporter
Circle K International's ultimate goal is to create a sense of caring in people by helping others, said Steve Fairfield, gov-ernor of Circle K's district

Circle K, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, is the largest collegiate service organization in the nation with 13,000 members and 750 branch clubs throughout the United States and Canada.

This week is the 13th annual observance of Circle K Week by a 1980 proclamation of Congress.

The club initiates various fund raising projects for national charities such as the American Heart Association, said Clark Haley, local president of Circle K.

Circle K also works with disadvantaged, orphaned and delinquent children, senior citizens, the mentally retarded and the

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handicapped, he added.
In an informal meeting in the
Memorial Student Center last week, Haley presented interna-tional Circle K club pins to Dr. John Koldus, vice president of stu-dent services, Dr. Malon Sutherland, assistant to the president, and Brad Smith, student body president.

'You can't do more than be of service to other human beings, Koldus said.

Texas A&M University's Circle K club has 38 members, Lloyd Stout, vice president of Circle K, said. Dues are \$8 a year.

Circle K membership is open to those who are interested in helping their fellow man, Stout said

During Circle K week the club is raising money through a jump-a-thon, a bake sale and a pancake breakfast with the Kiwanis club,

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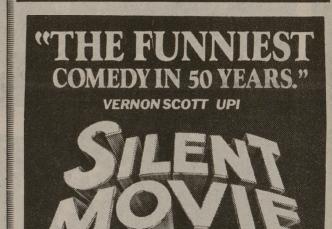
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### RHA to look at housing polices for fifth years

At their regular meeting in 209 rents' Day, and the RHA National Harrington Wednesday at 7 p.m., Residence Halls Association members were to continue discussion of the proposed transition program for fifth-year seniors and graduate students. The new housing policy to be implemented in the fall will not allow the on-campus housing of those students. RHA President Sherrie Balcar said the program is being sponsored by RHA along with the Off

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RHA members were also to reeakers view a proposal to put kitchenettes in Mosher Hall. The proposal, approved earlier this semester by Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president egister for student services, and Dr. Charles Samson, acting president of Texas A&M University, would put a microwave oven and a toaster oven in each of two study carrels sometime this semester Balcar said RHA would like to see kitchenettes in all dorms if the

Mosher project is successful. Also on the agenda were project progress reports on Casino, Pa-

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