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TO MSC ALL NITE FAIR

Come dressed as a character

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Classical quintet lulls audience

Battalion Reporter
An audience of more than 300

Mozart, Bartok and Schumann in Rudder Theater while the Charlie Daniels Band whooped and holhundred people politely tapped lered in G. Rollie their fingers to the sounds of Thursday night. lered in G. Rollie White Coliseum

The Lyric Art Quintet, five fa-culty members from the University of Houston, hypnotized the bers in the two-hour long per-

Review

formance presented by the MSC Opera and Performing Arts

The group gave a flawless recital for the well-behaved Aggie crowd.

From the beginning of the program, the musicians held the attention of the crowd, which came dressed in its Sunday-best.

And, believe it or not, no one whooped at the end of the prog-ram, although someone did say bravo a few times during the fiveminute ovation.

Perhaps the best thing the quintet did for the crowd was make the composers' music come alive in the minds of the audience.

What's Up

FRIDAY

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY: Peanut Butter Fellowship will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rudder Fountain. Bible Study will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. in 145 MSC.

TAMU SAILING CLUB: Begins a weekend sailing outing in Welch Park on Lake Somerville

CANTERBURY ASSOCIATION(EPISCOPAL STUDENT CENTER): A church service with breakfast afterward will begin at 6:30 a.m. in the Episcopal Student Center.

INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Will meet in the All Faiths Chapel at 7 p.m. THE BLUES BROTHERS": Former "Saturday Night Live" stars

John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd stage a benefit concert to raise money for a needy orphanage, highlighted by their unique blues style. 8 p.m. and midnight in Rudder Theatre.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR": Will be presented at 8 p.m. in Rudder Forum. Tickets are available at Rudder Box Office or at

CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: The Catholic Graduate Students host a Mardi Gras Parade and Dance(costumes optional) at 8 p.m. in the St. Mary's Student Center.

MSC ALL NITE FAIR: Will be held in the Memorial Student Center from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. Dress as your favorite Oz character. MSC BASEMENT COMMITTEE: The Eric Johnson Band performs in 201 MSC beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 an includes admission to the All Nite Fair. Tickets available

SATURDAY

BAKE SALE: The Brazos Valley Food Co-operative will hold abak sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at their store located at 4405 0 College Main, Bryan(across from Grins). Proceeds will help de fray operating expenses.

WATER SKI CLUB: Will have an outing at Pecan Lake Park on Lake Somerville from 8 a.m. until dark. Non-members are wel-come. Maps are available in the cubicle, 216 MSC.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Work Committee w have a project at St. Mary's Student Center from 9 a.m. uninoon. Lunch provided. Coffeehouse, with refreshments, game and free entertainment will be held from 8-11 p.m. in the students.

CLASS OF '82 BALL DECORATIONS COMMITTEE: Meet

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART CONTEST: Will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pemberthy Intramural Center fields to benefit the American Heart Association.

RUGBY CLUB: Will play the Houston Heathens at 2 p.m. on the Main Drill Field.

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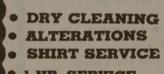
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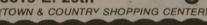
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By SHARON D. RENFROW

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undergraduate course. But they generally have more than enough skills, say Texas A&M faculty members.

"Most departments have a in-Most departments have a introductory course to prepare their TAs," said Dr. George Kunze, dean of the graduate college. Both the departments of chemistry and English have training programs and the Department of Education tion, Curriculum and Instruction has an analysis course in college teaching, he said. A graduate student can work in

any of three areas: research, lab preparation or teaching.

Students working on research projects are called graduate assis-tant researchers, GARs. They are paid by research grant. A graduate assistant non-teaching, GANT, does research with a professor in lab as well as preparing the labs and grading papers.

The graduate student who

teaches is a graduate assistant teacher, GAT, also called TA. TA applicants are screened by

department members for academic credentials and confidence. Applicants must have a combined graduate record exam score of 800 on the verbal and quantative sections and a grade point ratio of 3.0. Kunze gives the final approval on

According to figures from the office of Institutional Planning and Analysis, TAs made up 28 percent of the teaching body at Texas A&M in Fall 1980. Training programs for the 776 TAs is a necessity A TA worksh

strategy and setting objectives for classes is held every January, said Dr. Glenn Johnson, coordinator of the graduate program in the edu- do not give a TA a class unless w cation department. The work- are confident he can teach shop is strictly volunteer. It gives said. "But if we get one bad street A the graduate student a chance to

whet his appetite."
A workshop is also held for TAs in the English department.

tion, said Dr. Forrest Burt, director of graduate English programs.

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"Once they are in our graduate program, we just don't turn then loose," he said. "We feel that we have one of the

most highly developed training program for teachers of writing Burt said. Each semester the This assigned a full-time faculty men ber who advises him, he said. The adviser goes over the the assignments, visits the class, review graded themes and writes a sum-mary on the TA at the end of the semester, he explained.

Communication with the TASK important in the English depart ment, said Dr. Claude Gibson director of freshman English. "In TA has a problem he can talk to his adviser, come to me or bring it u in English 697 — a course teaching composition," he said

Most departments do not le TAs teach without guidance. They are given a syllabus to follow and are supervised by a professor.

"We are given a syllabus to follow in lab that corresponds with the leavers." They Brank and a syllabus to the leavers.

the lecture," Tim Bundy, a plants and physiology TA, said. "And there is always a professor around in our labs."

Dr. Larry Peck, lab coordinato of the Department of Chemistry, makes sure that every lab TA has

to teach unless he has had 15 to 2 hours of accounting, said Dr. Gary Shugart, department head. "W dent evaluation on a TA, we take

him out of the classroom. Before every semester, faculty and TAs meet and discuss teaching methods for community and second methods for community and training and preparation a TAhas there will still be questions here and answer. "Sometimes are also as a second method of the amount of training and preparation a TAhas there will still be questions here." neither does a professor," Bund

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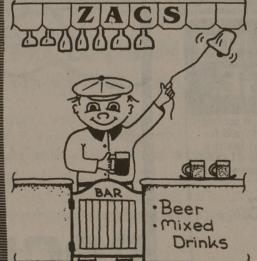
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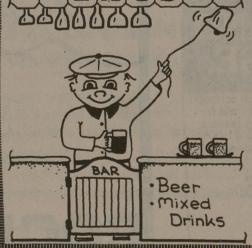


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