

# Local

## Mime captures flavor of life

# Marceau shows silent emotion

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Every seat in Rudder Auditorium was taken. In one seat sat a child of 10, in the next a distinguished professor and in the next a woman who couldn't speak English.

There were no age or language barriers in Marcell Marceau's performance Wednesday night. The crowd had not come to see an elaborate performance with fancy costumes and stage settings. They had come to see a man who can make them laugh or feel sad by gestures alone.

Marceau, standing alone on a silent, bare stage, took his audience through all of the feelings of going to an amusement park, being at a society party, watching a trial or hunting for a job.

The beauty of the pantomime artist's performance was that the audience could use imagination and personal experience to relate to his scenes. He kept the attention of his captives by keeping them guessing his every move. They were aided only by a sign that said

something like "The Tree" or "Bip at a Society Party."

Watching a mime is nothing like watching television. Television spoon feeds you. A mime makes you ask, "What's he doing?" Then you say, "Oh, that's what he's doing!"

When two children, eager to attend every ride and never together, dragged Marceau through an amusement park, parents could relate. When his dog walked him through a public garden, the audience understood the embarrassment of waiting for a pet that's urinating in the middle of a crowd.

Laughing punctuated the performance, but the show was not all humor. Marceau took his audience through the tragedy of a man convicted in his trial, pleading for his life and being hanged.

Marceau alone brilliantly performed the two characters of David and Goliath. From behind a small panel Marceau would appear as Goliath, towering, proud and cocky. Then, Marceau would appear from the opposite side

of the panel as a humble, small David given power by God to triumph over Goliath.

His eyes and mouth, set off by a painted-white face, expressed disgust, anger, love, confidence, rebellion and frustration. With a limber, well-disciplined body, Marceau pantomimed many of life's daily routines with ease.

Miming, practiced by many but mastered by few, has a unique way of presenting the humorous side of life. Children begin early by imitating their mother's expression when she says, "No, no, no. A thousand times no, you can't do it."

That's how Marceau, the professional, began. But he turned his fondness for imitating into an art appreciated by people throughout the world, and certainly by his audience Wednesday night.

Marceau was also well-rehearsed in taking his bows. He bowed at least eight times to an audience that must have applauded for 10 minutes.

## Texas A&M group gets TKE charter

By CATHERINE J. THOMAS  
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For more than a year a group of Texas A&M University students has been working for its national charter from Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, which it will receive Saturday in Houston.

In order to receive their national charter, Fleming said their performance in helping the University and its service projects were reviewed and voted on by the 285 active TKE chapters.

The TKE fraternity has many

famous members including comedian Danny Thomas, football quarterback Terry Bradshaw and President Ronald Reagan. Casey Fleming, TKE vice president and student at Texas A&M, said that his chapter invited Reagan to attend their celebration this weekend but Reagan telegraphed that he would be in San Francisco "or someplace."

Fleming said the celebration will start Saturday when four grand officers initiate the chapter's 12 pledges.

Fleming said their chapter is the first chapter to be initiated by members of the grand chapter of eight alumni in Indianapolis.

There will be a leadership conference and a banquet for the new TKE chapter, Fleming said, plus a formal dance for both the new TKE chapter and the TKE chapter at the University of Houston.

The 50 Texas A&M students who are members of the new TKE chapter have helped sponsor the All American Smoke Out on campus, two mystery Santas for the

Red Cross and other community projects.

Fleming said TKE members are selected by interviews and their pledgeship includes required study sessions, Aggie tradition tests and TKE history.

## Almost Anything Goes plans to be set during RHA meeting

Plans for the Almost Anything Goes program to be sponsored by the Residence Hall Association will be the main topic of discussion tonight, RHA President Sherrie Balcar said.

The regular RHA meeting will be at 7 p.m. in 209 Harrington.

Almost Anything Goes, a program of recreational games and contests modeled after the television game show of the same name, is scheduled for April 12 on the main drill field.

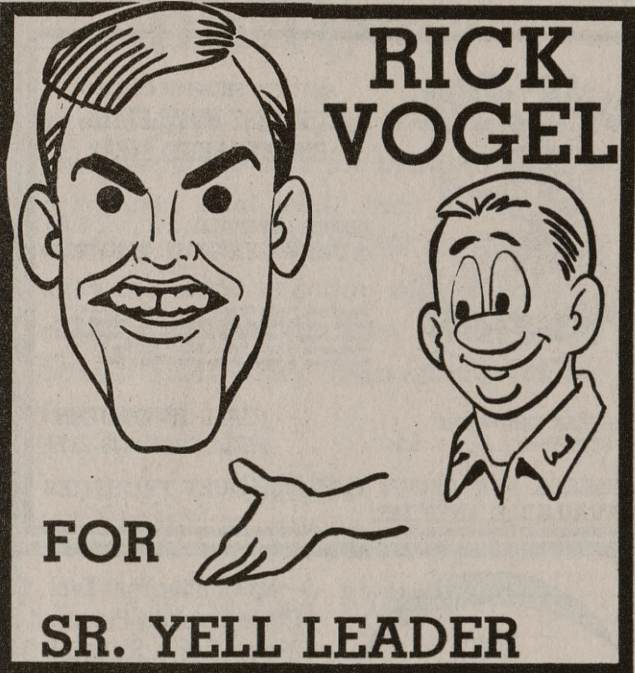
In other business, David Collins, Student Government vice president for external affairs, will make a presentation concerning the planned protest of tuition increases. At the last meeting, Collins requested that the RHA join several other groups on campus in protesting the increases through a letter writing campaign.

Other subjects to be discussed include:

— the annual awards banquet to be held April 28 in 201 MSC,  
— new hall presidents retreat and workshop to be held May 1-2 at the Piney Woods Baptist Encampment at Woodlake,  
— distinguished Service Awards,  
— reports on Casino, Parents' Day and the national RHA convention to be held on campus this summer.

## English vet is to speak at Kleberg

The Veterinary Services Organization at Texas A&M University will sponsor a speech by Dr. Michael Fox, an English veterinarian and highly acclaimed animal behaviorist, at 7:30 tonight in 115 Animal and Food Science Center at Kleberg.



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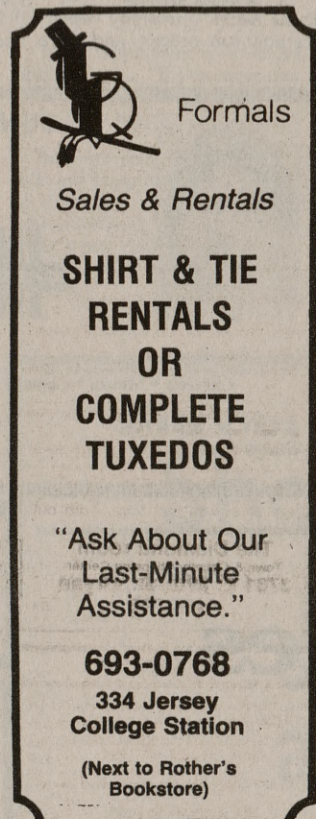
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