

# Local

## Small audience enjoys variety show

By LAURA HATCH  
Battalion Reporter  
A surprisingly small crowd of 600 gathered to see the excitement and entertainment of the MSC All-University Variety Show Saturday night in Rudder Auditorium.  
"Last year we had about 1,150," Scott Zesch, technical adviser said.  
The variety show, now in its third year, started as a show presenting talent from several universities and was held in G. Rollie White Coliseum. About 3,000 persons attended the first show, chairman Fran Merrill said.  
Tara Glass, an elementary edu-

cation major, won first place with her guitar and vocals.  
With her Joni Mitchell-style voice, she soothed the audience with her rendition of "Someday Soon," and "I Just Want to be a Person," an original. She also sang her version of Olivia Newton-John's arrangement of "Jolene," she said.  
First runner-up went to George Stearns for his classical piano solo, "The Great Gate of Kiev."  
Second runner-up was "The Road to Fame," a dance duo by Gina Oggero and Byron Fisher based on the jazzy number "Fame."

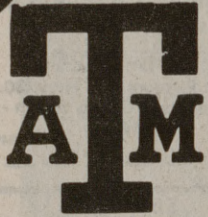
Each of the winners was awarded with a penguin doll — the variety show's mascot — and a plaque.  
The show's emcees, Brian Doherty, Ken Crowe and Mike Higgins, gave the audience variety in the truest sense of the word. One minute they were telling jokes and throwing out one-liners as if they'd been doing it for years, and the next minute Higgins was singing a version of Bread's "If" with a voice that sounded like Bread's lead singer David Gates.  
Other acts were as talented as those awarded places.  
County Line Road, a trio of guitars and vocals with Bobby Casey, Kevin Chiles and Ralph Hoff, did their rendition of the Eagles' "Seven Bridges Road." By

screaming and shouting between the phrases the audience played a big part in this act to make the song sound like the real thing.  
Juan Salinas, a junior journalism major turned comedian, kept the audience laughing with his jokes about television shows and his own idea of the college student's Saturday morning cartoon hero he calls "Frat Man and Skippy, The Boy Wonder."  
The Reactors, a rock 'n roll group, electrified the auditorium with The Cars' "You're Just What I Needed" and "Head First" by the Babies. With lead singer Russell Loggins jumping around on stage in a plastic surgeon's suit accented with a white blazer and tennis shoes, this group set the crowd shouting and screaming.  
To open the second half, "A Touch of Scotland" brought the bonny blue country to College Station with two bagpipes, played by Stewart Bishop and Mike Bar-

row, and a Scottish dancer, Vivian Bishop.  
Sid Catlett, a management major, performed a dramatic interpretation, "The Passport," that hushed the audience with the scene of a man who had no one to love or talk to. He ended his life with suicide.  
Jimmy Crawford, a forestry major, lightened up the crowd with his view of loneliness in his song "I'm a Zit on the Face of Life."  
To end the night of versatility, the Skillet Lickers — Jim Wagner, Irwin Sivin, Steve Vogel, Dale Whitaker, Dale Tibodeau and John Lee — left the audience in a down-home spirit with their versions of the bluegrass tunes "Red Haired Boy" and "Salty Dog."  
And once again the emcees spiced up this act by dancing across the stage, in "Hee Haw" fashion, wearing bikini tops, pig ears and noses.

## Former diplomat to discuss free trade

A former U.S. chief of protocol will speak tonight at 7:30 in the Memorial Student Center ballroom about his proposal for the creation of a free trade zone along the U.S.-Mexican border.  
Abelardo Valdez, an attorney of international law in Washington, D.C., and a visiting professor at Texas A&M University, is being sponsored by the College of Business Administration in a series of lectures.  
Valdez's proposal calls for a zone extending 200 miles inside the border of both countries in which all manufactured goods could travel duty-free across the border. In a recent speech to the U.S. Trade Advisory Committee, he called his plan a step toward a common market for the western hemisphere and beneficial to the economies of both the United States and Mexico.



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## But where's his fuzzy little tail?

Steve Watkins, 2, appears uninterested as the photographer's assistant helps him into the Easter bunny's lap to get his picture taken. The 30-minute wait and \$3 fee for snapshots with the rabbit didn't deter his or too many other parents getting Easter portraits Saturday afternoon in Manor East Mall.

## Reagan's economy not new, Laffer says

By DANA SMELSER  
Battalion Reporter  
President Ronald Reagan's theory of economic growth is not a new idea in history, a major economist said Friday at Texas A&M University.  
Dr. Arthur B. Laffer, the newest evangelist of supply-side economics theory, gave the keynote address at the fourth annual Conference on Leadership in Free Enterprise Education at a Rudder Theater. The conference, held Friday and Saturday, was sponsored by Texas A&M's Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise.  
"The only way the economy can grow and the budget become balanced is by cutting taxes and reintroducing incentives to the market," Laffer said.  
This theory of growth economics is not new. John F. Kennedy used in the early 60s when he cut taxes of the people that made the most, Laffer said.  
By increasing incentives in the overall system and cutting tax rates, the federal budget went from a large deficit to a surplus by 1965, he said.  
The whole theory of supply-side economics, the cornerstone of Reagan's economic proposals, is that the tax rate is reduced, the income base is increased. And ultimately incentives are increased.  
"This is what we mean when we say 'a rising tide lifts all boats,'" he said.  
The opposite economic theory is supported by redistributionists of the late '60s and '70s who believe that the "size and shape of the pie is given and the only way to help the economy is to redistribute the pieces," he said.  
The redistributionists believe income is assumed to be given, and the only way to raise revenue is to increase taxes, Laffer said.  
"This is what we refer to as 'the S&M theory of economics,'" he said. "It hurts a little now, but you'll like it later."  
The only way to stop inflation is to grow faster — not slower, Laffer said. "If you take a billion here and a billion there, sooner or later it adds up to some real money," he said.  
It doesn't matter if you are right wing or left wing, liberal or conservative or democratic or republican, "it's the model that matters, not the framework," Laffer said.  
Growth economics is not new, Laffer said, and we must remember not to keep the mentality of the late '60s and '70s.  
"We should recognize the tradition that Reagan shares with John Kennedy and help the economy that way," he said.



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