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New wave fashion show heralds weekend music

Battalion Reporter
By DIANA SULTENFUSS
New Wave music, the beach music of the '80s, is coming in concert to Texas A&M University this weekend, and a New Wave fashion show was to be held today at noon to promote the weekend shows.

About 10 members of the MSC Basement Committee and the MSC Hospitality Committee were to model New Wave outfits at Rudder Fountain. Nancy Cramer, a freshman theater arts major from Richardson, was to describe the models, who were then to freeze-model like mannequins.

"It's going to be pretty bizarre," said Steve Schulte, chairman of the MSC Basement Committee. "We might have anything ranging from designer clothes to clothes from the Twin Cities Mission."

Schulte, a junior engineering technology major from Dallas, said he would wear white baggy pants, a bright green and yellow shirt, a skinny tie and sunglasses.

"Anything goes as long as it is emphasizing bright colors and jewelry," Schulte said.

"A lot of it could probably be described as 'preppy', but it's a little bit more radical than the conservative preppy look."

New Wave music will be provided tonight by Brave Combo in 201 Memorial Student Center and by both the Skunks and Brave Combo on Friday night in the Grove. Admission tonight is \$1, and Friday's admission is \$2.50. Both shows begin at 8 p.m.

Schulte said New Wave music is associated with parties and having a good time. He said many people like to dance to it. "It's the beat," he said.

"It's basically getting back to the roots of rock and roll."

Schulte said the Pretenders, the Clash, and the B-52s are New Wave groups. He said New Wave music began its largest growth period in England, but he was not sure if the music originated there.

Debate team goes to national tourney

By COLETTE HUTCHINGS
Battalion Reporter
Texas A&M's varsity debate team leaves for California today to participate in the superbowl of college debating — the National Debate Tournament.

Mike Shelby, a senior from Victoria and Ruby Daniels, a sophomore from San Antonio, will represent Texas A&M in the four-day tournament at the California Polytechnic University in Pomona, Calif.

This is the first time Texas A&M has ever been represented in the National Tournament. Sixty-two teams from across the United States will participate in the tournament out of the total 2,000 teams who competed.

Baylor University is the only other Southwest Conference team to participate in the tournament.

Texas A&M qualified for the tournament by receiving a bid from the National Debate Tournament Committee.

Shelby said the committee gives bids to those teams who either win a district tournament or win a high percentage of elimination rounds.

The National Debate Tournament format is similar to the NCAA basketball tournament, Shelby said.

Texas A&M has won 71 percent of the total 116 debate rounds.

"Each round lasts about 1-2 hours," Shelby said. "This works out to be about 6-7 days of debating."

Although there are only 13 elimination rounds, Shelby said, "Every round you debate counts."

Shelby, 22, the four-year veteran of the team, said he has been preparing for the tournament since his freshman year. Shelby debated at his high school in Victoria before coming to Texas A&M.

Daniels, 19, joined the team last semester after she transferred to Texas A&M from a junior college.

The National Debate Tournament is sponsored by the Ford Foundation. It was first begun at West Point Military Academy and now is in its 35th year.

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Gardner has 1 more vote in recount

By BELINDA McCOY
Battalion Staff
A final effort at becoming a College Station City Councilman failed Wednesday for Jim Gardner when a vote recount produced only one more vote for the defeated candidate.

Gardner, a Texas A&M University urban and planning professor, was defeated in the municipal election Saturday by a margin of 19 votes. With the recount's totals, Gardner lost the race by 18 votes, bringing his total number of votes up to 1,298. Incumbent Tony Jones won the race with 1,316 votes.

Gardner had petitioned District Judge Tom McDonald for a recount of the votes after several of his supporters had urged him to do so, he said.

The votes cast in Saturday's election were officially canvassed in a council workshop meeting Wednesday.

New councilman Dr. Alvin Prause and incumbents Jones and Larry Ringer were sworn in at the session.

As a result of recent rezoning decisions by the city council, several citizens opposition groups had formed and campaigned to some extent against the three incumbent councilmen seeking reelection — Ringer, Jones and Roy W. Kelly. As a result, all three of the incumbent candidates campaigned on a platform of better communication between the city government and its citizens.

Jones, in an interview after the election, however, said that he does not expect continued opposition from any of the groups.

"Their intentions are good," Jones said. "I hope the doors open, and I think we will have good communications."

When asked if he planned to seek election to the council again, Gardner replied: "I'll be watching and staying on planning and zoning."

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Alcoholism treatment discussed

By SUSAN DITTMAN
Battalion Reporter
The world of the bourbon cowboy is lonely, an alcoholism counseling specialist said Wednesday.

Speaking to about 30 people in 601 Rudder, Dr. Melvin P. Sikes, the program director of research and development for teacher education at the University of Texas, gave the keynote address for the Fifth Regional Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism at Texas A&M University.

Sikes said alcoholics often have anxiety about a feeling of non-existence that is purely psychological.

Sikes said the mind is involved in alcoholism, but exactly what happens to the brain when the alcohol hits the hypothalamus is still unknown.

But he said studies have shown that alcohol damages the brain.

Sikes said there are many different ways to get into the treatment situation of an alcoholic.

"Sometimes you have to hurt the person in order to help him," he said.

Sikes gave an example concerning the wife of an alcoholic who asked his help in curing her husband.

He said her husband came in for treatments and finally became sober, but sometime later the wife came back to him (Sikes) upset because she didn't feel like she had a purpose in life since her husband had been cured.

The program was sponsored by the Brazos Valley Development Council.



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