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The Weather

Today		Tomorrow	
High	82	High	80
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Parents of 8 honored as Parents of the Year

By GWEN HAM

Ernest and Virginia Jaska, parents of eight, were named 1981 Parents of the Year during Sunday's Texas A&M University Parent's Day Ceremony.

"We really didn't expect it," Jaska, Class of '50, said during the interview. "We found out kind of by accident that the kids nominated us last year. We suspected that they did gain this year when we found out some friends had written letters of recommendation. It's a tremendous honor. When they (their children) were younger we used to tell them to remember whose children they were. Now we've got to start remembering whose parents we are."

Four of the eight Jaska children are Aggies — Mike, Class of '75, Bridget, Class of '81; Matt, Class of '82 and Lexa, Class of '83. The Jaska children range in age from 18 to 28.

Raising eight kids sometimes was an adventure Mrs. Jaska said.

"When one of them would catch some kind of virus or something, all of them would get it," she said. "It seemed at times like the washing machine never stopped."

Even though they were named Parents of the Year, Jaska said they don't have any magic formulas on how to be the perfect parent.

"Unfortunately there is very little training on how to be a parent," Jaska said. "We have to go to driver's education classes before we can get a driver's license but you don't have to have anything to be a parent."

Jaska wouldn't offer any advice to parents.

"I'm sure there are parents that have done better," he said. "The only thing I'll say, not as advice, is that we've had to realize that each child is different. You can't expect one to be just like the others."

"There's nothing in the world that could or would have pleased us any more than this honor," Jaska said.

Other Corps awards were presented during the Parent's Day ceremony in Rudder Auditorium:

- Outstanding Freshman: Bryan D. Terrel
- Outstanding Sophomore: Mike Holmes
- Best-drilled Freshman: Joseph Sandoval
- Best-drilled Sophomore: Joseph Cronin
- Outstanding Major Unit C.O.: Bill Jones, First Brigade
- Outstanding Battalion/Group C.O.: Mark Retzlaff, Third Group
- Outstanding Company C.O.: Sam Hawes, Co. A-1
- Outstanding First Sergeant: Scott Jordan, Co. D-1
- Outstanding Battalion/Group Sergeant Major: Mike Thatcher, Fourth Battalion
- Outstanding Battalion: Fifth Battalion
- Outstanding Scholastic Outfit: Squadron 12
- Outstanding Military Achievement: Co. D-2
- Outstanding Outfit (General George F. Moore Award): Co. D-1

See page 6 for pictures on Parent's Day and other related weekend events.

Riots spread in support of ailing hunger striker

United Press International
BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Riots and letter bombings spread in support of rapidly weakening IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands, and Catholic firebrand Bernadette Devlin McAliskey warned Britain if Sands dies "we will drive you to the boats."

Conservative MP Barry Porter, a highly outspoken IRA opponent who received the letter bomb which was defused, fumed: "They're damned cowards — rats from the sewers."

Sands' supporters said doctors keeping a watch at Sands bedside, on the 8th of his hunger strike, said the 27-year-old "almost died" Saturday evening and told his family "to be by a telephone at all times."

Doctors told his family he is now extremely weak. "He was reported to be down to 98 pounds."

In Belfast, about 20,000 people marched through the Roman Catholic sector of the riot-scared city in Sunday's wintry weather to rally support for

Sands' demands for political status for IRA prisoners — a demand flatly turned down by Britain, which now rules Northern Ireland directly and has outlawed the IRA.

"I say to mother England, if Bobby Sands dies, the might of the people will demonstrate you have forfeited any right you ever had to govern Ireland; we will drive you to the boats," Mrs. McAliskey said in a rabble-raising speech that served as a chilling warning to Britain.

She also warned the Irish republic, to the south, that if Sands dies the ruling Fianna Fail Party "will never govern again."

"Victory for the prisoners and life to Bobby Sands," she declared to loud cheers.

In London, police arrested 43 people in two demonstrations by about 600 Sands' supporters, who charged down a shopping street in defiance of a ban on marches. A handful also were arrested

outside Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's official Downing Street residence.

In an ominous development, a member of Britain's Parliament received a letter bomb he believed came from supporters of the hunger striker. The device was defused and police warned public figures to look out for suspicious packages in the mail.

At the head of Sunday's Belfast demonstration, carrying a cloth banner declaring "Day 57 Hunger strike," was Sands' sister Marcella. She was followed by 400 women headscarfed against the wintry weather — the mothers of IRA convicts in jail.

After them came 40 barefoot marchers clad in blankets, representing the IRA prisoners who refuse to wear clothes or use toilet facilities in the campaign for political status, freedom from prison work and the right not to wear prison uniform.

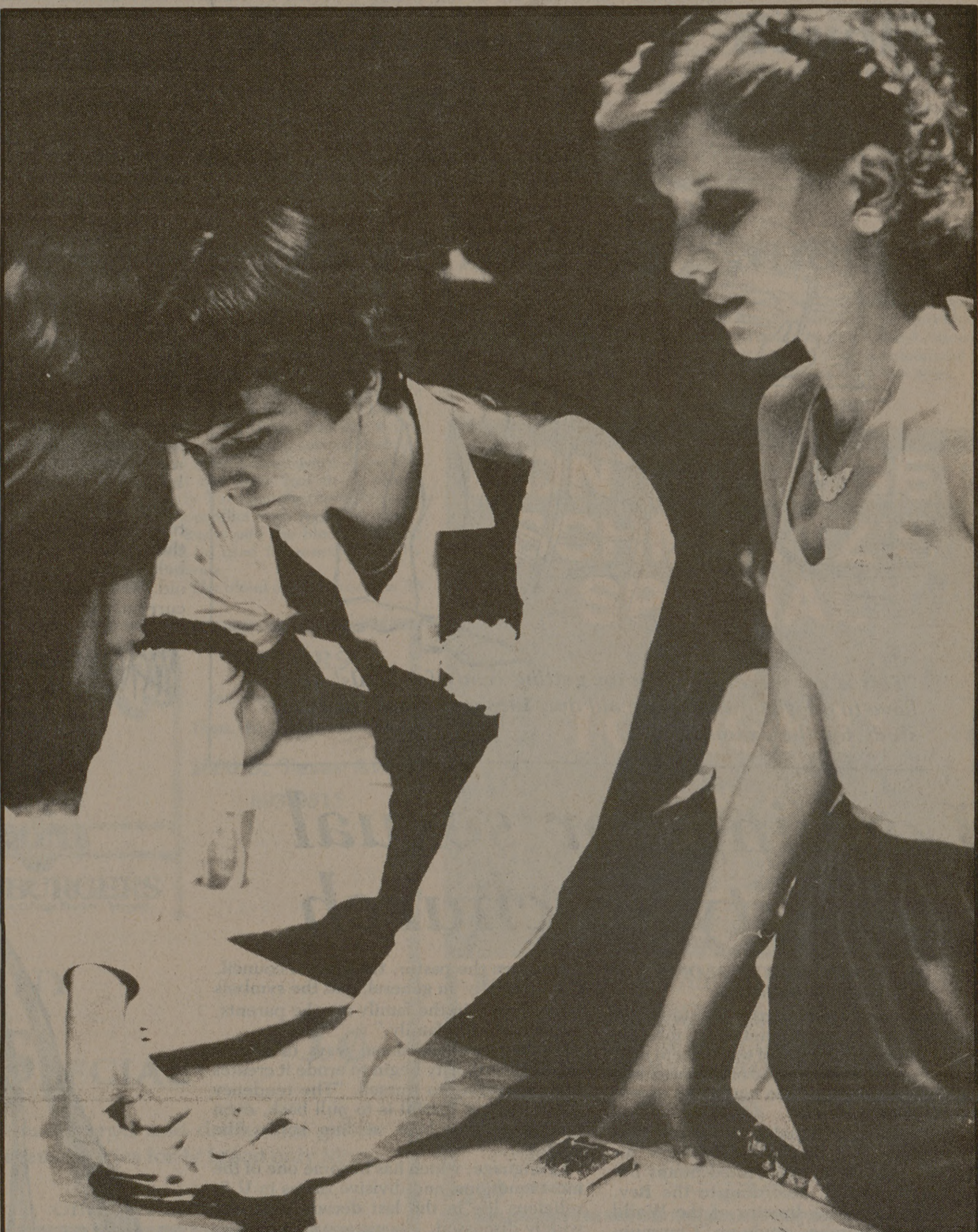


Photo by Carolyn Cole

Ladies and gentlemen, place your bets

Don Mundy deals a mean hand of Black Jack at Casino '81 in the Memorial Student Center Friday night. He and his assistant, Beth Keen, both participated in the event sponsored by the Residence Hall Association. See page 6 for more pictures on this weekend's events.

'Dallas' patriarch dies at 65

United Press International
LOS ANGELES — Jim Davis, the veteran movie and television actor who became internationally famous as the tough-talking family patriarch Jock Ewing in TV's "Dallas," died Sunday in his sleep. He was 65.

A family spokesman said Davis, who was recovering from abdominal surgery performed late last month, died at his Northridge home. His wife of 36 years, Blanche, was with him at the time.

No cause of death was given.

The silver-haired actor made dozens of movies and more than 300 television appearances during his long

career, but failed to attain stardom until he appeared in "Dallas" and the Ewing oil dynasty became a national obsession and an international hit.

Standing 6-foot-3 even without cowboy boots or hat and talking in a gruff, gravelly voice, Davis played the perfect Texas patriarch presiding over the back-stabbing, marital infidelities and empire-building of his quarrelsome clan — especially the evil J.R. Ewing.

Before his "Dallas" days, however, Davis was a veteran of more than 150 motion pictures, including "Winter Meeting" with Bette Davis, "El Dorado" and "Rio Lobo" with John Wayne,

"Last Command," "Monty Walsh" and "The Choirboys."

He also starred in the television series "Maise" with Ann Sothern, "Stories of the Century," "Rescue 8" and "The Cowboys." He made hundreds of guest appearances on other popular shows.

Davis was born in Edgerton, Mo., on Aug. 26, 1915, and attended William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo. He spent a year as a rigger with a traveling tent circus and later became a salesman for an oil company, a job that eventually brought him to California and an acting career.

MSC Council meets tonight

The MSC Council, in its final meeting for the 1980-81 year, will hear a progress report from the Committee for Awareness of Mexican-American Cultures.

The Council will meet in Room 216T of the Student Programs Office at 7:30 tonight.

The proposal, presented on March 30th, is seeking permission from the Council to allow CAMAC to join a statewide Mexican-American organization. The primary purpose of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MECHA) is to promote unity among Mexican-American students at several universities.

The proposal also asks that CAMAC be allowed to host the annual state convention of MECHA in November 1981.

President Doug Dedeker said the Council will also set meeting dates for the summer. He said the Council plans to

make some minor revisions in the constitution and bylaws to make some ad hoc committees permanent. These committees include the Program Study Committee and the Financial Study Committee.

Any constitutional revisions must be approved by two-thirds of the Council's voting members. They are then subject to approval by the Dr. John J. Koldus III, vice president for student services and Dr. Charles Samson, acting president of Texas A&M University.

Dedeker said the Council will also decide the members of the 11 standing committees. Some of these include the Nominating Committee, which makes recommendations for Council officers; and the Budget Review Committee, which reviews all budget requests from the 19 Directorate committees.

Screaming, fighting may increase danger to rape victim

Expert advocates psychological defense for rape

This is the first of a two-part Battalion series on the problems of rape and sexual harassment in the Texas A&M-College Station community.

By MARY ANN HINNANT
Battalion Reporter

Telling a woman not to scream, struggle or try to use something as a weapon when she is being attacked by a rapist might sound a bit ludicrous to her. But she could be endangering her life by doing so.

In a film entitled "How to Say No to a Rapist and Survive," Frederic Storaska, a self-proclaimed expert on rape, tells a group of college men and women that screaming and fighting a rapist are the most common reactions, and believing that these methods are effective is a giant myth.

"Resisting or striking the attacker can have the opposite effect and may provoke a rapist to harm you more than he originally intended," Storaska tells his audience.

"Have you ever thought of reacting calmly and pretending to go along with what the rapist wants?" he asks. "Have you ever thought of trying to defend yourself against a rapist psychologically?"

Like Storaska, self-defense practitioners in the College Station-Bryan community believe that reacting calmly and taking a rapist by surprise might discourage him and change his mind

about going through with the assault.

"Assuming a rapist doesn't have a weapon, handling a rape situation psychologically can really be very effective," said Dr. Eric Deudon, French professor at Texas A&M University and self-defense instructor.

"The rapist is expecting terror and resistance," Deudon said. "If you remove that element of terror which makes his actions so pleasurable by acting calm or even sexually enticed, the rapist might be surprised to the point that he won't do anything. He might just walk away or at least give you a chance to escape."

Although Storaska professes the psychological self-defense over physical self-defense, he also explains to his audience that no method is fool-

proof. No two rapists are alike, and no two rape situations will be the same. When psychological self-defense doesn't work, physical self-defense may be the only method of protection.

Passive and active methods of self-defense are explained in rape seminars given for the citizens of College Station by College Station police detective Greg Leeth.

Passive resistance includes the psychological self-defense of trying to talk the rapist out of going through with the assault while constantly looking for ways to escape.

"A rapist often needs to degrade his victim," Leeth said. "Passive resistance reduces the chances of doing so by treating a rapist as a person and responding to him unafraid."

Active resistance is the use of physical force against a rapist and includes anything from screaming and struggling to trying to physically harm him by kicking him in the genital area or putting his eyes out.

"I can't tell a woman exactly what to do if she is attacked by a rapist," Leeth said. All I can do is explain the different methods of self-defense so that she can decide which is the best method to use in a given situation."

If physical self-defense is necessary, Storaska claims a martial art would be the most effective method. But because no one is willing to study a martial art long enough to become an expert, this cannot be practically applied in a rape or

mugging situation.

"It takes hundreds of hours of practice to become proficient in a martial art such as judo or karate," said Wiley Cunigan, who teaches basic judo techniques in a self-defense class for women in Bryan.

"I don't promise to teach these women the art of judo in 10 easy lessons," Cunigan said. "But I do encourage women who are serious about learning how to defend themselves to continue to learn a martial art after my course has ended."

Although Cunigan teaches judo as a self-defense tactic, prevention is his first rule.

"I try to teach my students to avoid places where an attack is most likely to occur," he said. "I feel as though I've really taught them something if I've convinced them of that."

Deudon's self-defense class, taught on the Texas A&M campus, uses the techniques of a lesser-known martial art, ju-jitsu.

"Ju-jitsu is not a flashy martial art," Deudon said. "Unlike judo or karate, it makes no claim of deep philosophy, nor does it require or encourage physical fitness or strength. Ju-jitsu devotes itself entirely to the teaching of self-defense."

Dressed in street clothes, Deudon's students are taught his method of self-defense in parking lots, elevators, hallways and other places where a mugging or rape is most likely to occur.

"If he doesn't have a weapon and psychological self-defense doesn't work, a woman can use ju-jitsu effectively because it requires no physical strength."

Using the attacker's weight against himself, the ju-jitsu techniques concentrate on painful nerve areas. Very little effort is needed to sprain or dislocate a joint or break a bone.

"Women are very good at ju-jitsu because they are not tempted to use physical strength," Deudon said.

"Of course, this should be used only as a last resort. A woman's first reaction should be to remain calm while constantly looking for a way to escape. But even more important, she should take preventative measures to never find herself in a rape situation," he said.

A rape prevention and awareness program was presented to the women living in Spence and Briggs dormitories this semester by area coordinator John White, in conjunction with the University Police. The program consisted of Storaska's film on rape and a question and answer session conducted by Lt. Josie Hoelscher.

"Just because this is A&M, most girls have a false sense of security," White said. "Things do happen on this campus, but no one really knows the frequency."