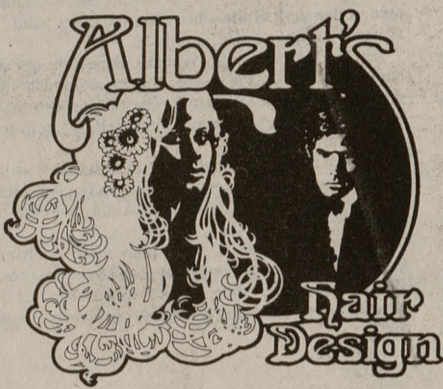


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A&M ag teams winning recognition

Away from the cheering football, basketball and baseball crowds, other Texas A&M University teams are competing and bringing home trophies, championships and recognition. Competition isn't in the limelight of Kyle Field or G. Rollie White Coliseum. Instead, it's in meat lockers, livestock arenas and forests.

The 1980 Texas A&M Meat Judging Team, for example, brought home a national championship, and the 1981 team is involved in competition that ends next spring. Participants are animal science majors who have perfected their judging skills during a series of weekend field trips to area meat packing companies.

"When we go to different parts of the country to compete, we sometimes tell people we are there to play softball or something," said Homer Recio, captain of the 1980 team. "They think we're crazy when we say we do meat judging and that we stay in a cooler all day."

Contests begin in the early morning hours inside a chilly meat locker and end in the afternoon after written defenses.

Texas A&M also boasts active teams for horse, livestock, wool and dairy judging. These teams compete across the United States.

The horse judging team has an enviable record, winning at the All American Quarterhorse Congress three times since 1972. The lowest the team has ever placed in the contest is fourth.

"Everyone comes to beat Texas A&M," said Dr. Gary Potter,

advisor for the horse judging team. "We're always the best-talking team there."

Effective communication is an important part of livestock judging, as it is for horse judging. Students must defend orally their rankings before the judges.

Dr. Douglas Wythe, coach of the A&M national champion livestock judging teams, said students spend long hours practicing their judging skills and use video tapes of their oral defenses to perfect their speaking skills. Texas A&M has had a livestock team since 1904 and many leaders in the livestock industry were former Aggie team members.

In wool judging, Texas A&M has won in nine of the last 13 years at the National Western Stock Show in Denver. Students study fleeces for such things as fiber diameter and yield, also giving oral

defenses of their rankings. Physical and technical test Texas A&M's Forestry team which competes in throwing, pole climbing, and lumber grading. This year, the Texas Aggies brought home a national championship. Two individuals won the men's and women's divisions.

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