

Top Ten

Texans are a proud folk. After all where else in the ol' US of A do the big get bigger, the rich richer and the loud louder?

But what about those things Texans would prefer to divorce itself from? Texas isn't all bluebonnets, Dallas Cowboys and oil wells, you know. Among the usual political scandals and sexual revolutions lurks a few things Texans could live without.

- 1 — John Travolta and *The Urban Cowboy*. Now everyone thinks Texans are semi-literates who hang around with ex-odeo convicts who drink tequila with worms and never shave.
- 2 — The Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders. Well... at least *half* the Texas population could live without them — the female half.
- 3 — For the West, wind; the East, rain; the South, oil spills that coat beaches, your feet and innocent seagulls and the North, refugees from Oklahoma.
- 4 — *Ultra* magazine. We Texans are proud, humble people who love to hear about our neighbors' good fortunes. But being told that some Texas socialites have gold-plated toilet seats in their Rolls Royce is taking advantage of our down-home nature.
- 5 — Growth. We're a big state but not quite big enough to house the entire Northeastern population. Our sunbelt is getting tight. After all, we don't go up there to play in their snow.
- 6 — Twangs. Aww shoot, accents are OK, but when you're trying to outsmart a city-slicker that shore don't help much.
- 7 — Bum Phillips. We've already been without him for a year and see, it wasn't so bad. But the Houston Oilers were.
- 8 — Stale nicknames and first names with more than one word. Included are Bubba, Butch, Sissy and Jimbo. Others to ban are Billy Bob, Bobbie Sue and Betty Jo.
- 9 — Personalized leather belts. The only people who get these are ... see above.
- 10 — Chewing tobacco. Texans are handsome people but not with brown juice running out of the corners of their mouth and down their chin. Not to mention the sore parts of the body caused by sitting on the cans.



"HMM, YOU'RE RIGHT, IT IS SORT OF AGAINST THE RULES..."

Cards stacked against computer club's contest

by Colette Hutchings

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No need to ask if the computer science honor society will be playing with a full deck Tuesday.

They'll be playing with lots of decks — of computer punch cards — in their third annual Card Stacking Contest.

The contest, sponsored by Upsilon Pi Epsilon, is to promote membership in the club.

The public is invited to participate in the contest in the Zachry lobby from 2:30 to 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Registration for teams is between 1:40 and 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday and entrance fee is \$6 per team.

The maximum number per team is ten, and only eight teams will be able to participate in the contest. All teams must

have a faculty sponsor.

Two boxes of cards will be supplied for each team and glue, staples and other fasteners are forbidden.

However, the computer cards can be folded, mended or mutilated to aid in stacking. Club member Nancy Cox said it's a good idea for contestants to bring their own scissors. A ladder would also help for reaching higher stacks.

Contestants will have 30 minutes to build the stack before being judged by Dr. Don Drew, head of the computer science division in the Industrial Engineering Department. The cards will be judged on height.

Fred Hardin, club secretary, said that in past contests stacks have been built as high as 16 feet.

Hardin was on the winning

team last year and the height of his stack was 10 feet. He said different designs can be made with the cards which allow them to stay in place.

But it's important to take time when stacking the cards, Hardin said. Contestants in the past ruined their stacks because of rushing when stacking the cards, he said.

Another help for would-be card-stackers is build the stack straight in order to prevent a premature avalanche.

Prizes for this year's team winners have not been decided as of this writing, but last year the winners received a T-shirt with a computer card decal iron-on.

Although the number of participants in the contest is limited, club members say spectators are welcome.

Cancer Society begins fund drive

April is American Cancer Society month in Bryan-College Station.

And to promote the organization's efforts to help combat cancer, the Brazos Unit of the American Cancer Society will be conducting a residential crusade to raise funds for cancer research.

Questionnaires on cancer risks and early detection of the disease will be distributed to area residents along with a request for donations to the Amer-

ican Cancer Society.

Official dates for the block-walking campaign is April 13 through 20, Allison Aubrey, American Cancer Society spokesman, said.

"We hope to make the public more aware through our efforts in the drive," she said. "We also want to let the public know the different services we provide."

Last year about 400 volunteers canvassed the Bryan-College Station area and collected about \$10,000.

This year's goal is \$15,000.

The donations help support research, education and service programs sponsored by the society.

The American Cancer Society says that one in three persons with cancer, or about 33 percent, are saved. Others place the estimate as high as 41 percent. All agree that if more cases were detected earlier, this statistic would increase to about one patient saved in every two.



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