

Parents' Day

Selection of outstanding parents highlights weekend of events

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Aggie parents will visit their offspring *en masse* this weekend to check out the campus and planned activities for Parent's Weekend.

And students will put forth their finest efforts for Mom and Dad.

Activities begin tonight and culminate Sunday with a full day of events sponsored by the Corps of Cadets.

The event, which is attended by over 15,000 parents annually, has been held for about 60 years. Over 40 separate activities have been planned for this year.

Today's highlights include the MSC Variety Show '82 Edition and Casino '82 sponsored by the Residence Hall Association.

VARIETY SHOW: The MSC Variety Show will be held in Rudder Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Performers include two Texas A&M football players performing original numbers on the piano and guitar, a barber shop quartet, a women's chorus, and various dance acts.

The show will also feature a gymnastics routine performed by Sherri Ryman, Miss Texas 1981.

CASINO: Those who can't make it to Las Vegas but still

want to try their hand at a game of chance can do so at Casino '82. The second floor of the MSC will be transformed into a gambling hall from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Participants can convert their \$3 ticket into \$3,000 worth of play money. Games will include such casino favorites such as blackjack, roulette, and craps. Those who are lucky enough to have any "money" left at the end may purchase prizes at an auction.

DAMES AT SEA: The Theater Arts Program will present two performances of "Dames at Sea" over the weekend in Rudder Theater.

The play, a spoof of 1930s musicals, is the story of a girl from Utah trying to break into show business in New York.

The play will be presented at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday. Tickets are on sale at the MSC Box Office.

SINGING CADETS: The Singing Cadets will present a concert Saturday at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. Tickets for that concert also are on sale at the MSC Box Office.

OCA BARBECUE: The Off-Campus Aggies will sponsor a Parent's Day Barbecue on Saturday, April 17 in MSC 212, from 4:00 to 6:30. Tickets are available

to the MSC Box Office or at the door for \$4.50.

Other activities scheduled for Saturday include a one-quarter and one-half marathon fun run, a Rudder Complex open house, a Southwest Conference baseball game between Texas A&M and Texas Tech, and two Aggie Cinema movies at the Grove.

PARENTS OF THE YEAR: Sunday will feature the Parents' Day awards program in Rudder Auditorium at 9 a.m., when the Aggie Parents of the Year will be named.

The annual award is given to parents who have successfully fulfilled the roles of parents, morally and economically, and been actively involved with individual students, the community and the University.

Nominations for the award must come from students at Texas A&M. The winners are chosen by a committee of students.

CORPS ACTIVITIES: Several Corps activities have also been planned for Sunday. The Ross Volunteers will present a performance at Kyle Field at 1:15 p.m. At 2:15 p.m. the Fish Drill Team will perform at Kyle Field. This will be followed by a Corps Review at 3 p.m. Parson's Mounted Cavalry will perform at 4:30 p.m. at the polo field.

Top Ten

QT — Quit Tanning

Sun worshipping seems to be a popular campus pastime these days. Bikini-clad women and bare-chested men throwing Frisbees make themselves at home on grassy medians, dorm rooftops and wherever else the sun may shine.

Many of these sun-seekers are furiously working to keep the tan acquired from a spring break trip to Bermuda. (Mummy and daddy's gift.)

Others are just trying to catch up.

But being tan isn't everything in life. For those who have better things to do with their time — or are simply envious — here are some reasons for *not* wanting a tan.

- 1 — If you change the color of your skin *now* you'll have to change all the color tones in your new wardrobe.
- 2 — If you try to play up to your professors during finals week, they probably won't believe that anyone with bronzed skin seriously worked hard all semester.
- 3 — Sweat makes your skin break out. Acne on tanned skin doesn't look much better than acne on pale skin, so why bother?
- 4 — Wrinkles. Leathery faces and necks are not attractive and coating your body with petroleum jelly before bedtime is kinky and won't help anyway.
- 5 — You can't afford suntan lotion.
- 6 — You must not sun until you lose at least ten pounds — even though brown fat looks better than white fat.
- 7 — So far you haven't found a bathing suit that allows you to get an even tan without baring any skin and you've vowed not to tan until you find it.
- 8 — Whenever you're in the sun for long periods of time something SO TERRIBLE happens to you that you can't even talk about it.
- 9 — Sunning makes you sleepy and you're too busy to sleep.
- 10 — Every time you've gotten a tan in the past you've had to compare it with others — now there's no competition.



Gunfighters will be out to get each other at Houston's Frontier Days celebration.

Houston begins Frontier celebration

Houstonians can once again experience the old West at Frontier Days.

The festival begins April 24 and runs weekends through May 31.

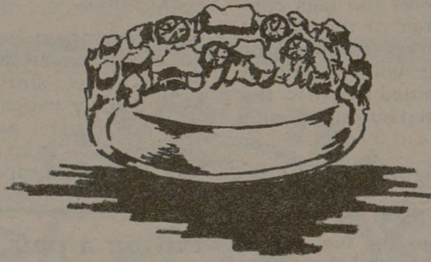
Continuous western entertainment, featuring everything from cow-chip throwing to live music, is featured at Frontier Days. Food, games, crafts and music will all be in keeping with the western theme.

A western melodrama, "The Red Eye Saloon Review," features singers and saloon girls, and "Folklore of Texas" includes Indian dancers, bluegrass music, cloggers, Mexican folklore and country and western dancers.

Frontier Days is open from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays.

Saturday admission is \$10 for adults and includes live country and western performers; Sunday admission is \$7.

The festival is on FM 1960 E, seven miles east of Lake Houston. For more information, call 456-0909.



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