



Best of the Worst comes to The Grove

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If you've got those "I don't want to study for finals tonight" blues, never fear — Piranhacon III is here.

Piranhacon is a bad movie festival that MSC Aggie Cinema has sponsored at the end of dead week for the past three years.

Five of the best of the worst movies ever made will be shown consecutively in the Grove beginning at 8:45 tonight and the cost for this dubious entertainment is 50 cents.

Becky Laird, chairman of Aggie Cinema, said that more than 500 people attended last year's Piranhacon and attendance is expected to be even higher this year.

She said the purpose of Piranhacon is for people to come and have fun before finals.

Laird said the movies for Piranhacon are chosen by members of Aggie Cinema who take random surveys to find the worst movies.

Having Piranhacon in the Grove is fun, Laird said. "People bring cots and sleep a lot of the time," she said. "And trains are always an atmospheric interference."

No food, drinks or alcohol can be brought into the Grove, but Aggie Cinema will have a concession stand set up, Laird said.

To prepare you for Piranhacon (afterall, these are the best of the WORST movies) here's a rundown:

Invasion of the Bee Girls: A government agent is sent to California to investigate some deaths brought on by the Bee Girls. Better bring insect repellent — it could come in handy during this movie.

Cars that Eat People: Be nice to your car this weekend. Otherwise it might revolt as do the automobiles in this flick.

Truck Stop Women: Playboy's Playmate of the Year, Claudia Jennings, teams up with some other mamas to drive those truckers crazy. Bring a CB radio to this one.

The Fearless Vampire Killers: The sexual fears in the old vampire movies are satirized in this comedy-horror story. Sharon Tate and Roman Polanski star. Might be a nice time to visit the concession stand.

Evil Brain from Outer Space: Grotesque beings try to capture the earth for their ruler — the Evil Brain! Maybe you can capture the brain and use it for finals next week.

Honoring Mom an old, sometimes fun custom

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In case you've forgotten your childly duties, Sunday is Mother's Day.

All over the country, cards and letters, flowers, candy and other gifts will find their way to the open arms of the lady responsible for bearing, literally, each of us. If it's too late to mail a card, a phone call might be even more appreciated.

But there are other ways to say "Thanks, Mom." Some are serious, some are a little mischievous. A few administrators on campus were asked how they said it in the past, and here are the answers.

Dr. Jim Reynolds, Memorial Student Center director, said that in his early college days, he and three of his buddies arranged beauty shop appointments for their moms at the same boutique for the same time. Then, just after their mothers had their hair put in curlers, the boys kidnapped them and took them to lunch. Another year, he said, he made a homemade pizza for his mother and sneaked a few plas-

tic bugs and worms on it.

Carolyn Adair, director of student activities, was asked if she ever did anything to embarrass her mother on her day. She said: "No, but I embarrassed me. I called her last week. She thought that was pretty funny. She said, 'Honey that's great, but Mother's Day is next Sunday.'"

Dr. Anne Marie Elmquist, head of the modern languages department, said her four children usually don't do anything unusual.

"No, I'm no longer at the point where anything really exciting happens," she said. "It's always been a really nice day. They usually take me out for a big dinner."

Some people like Dr. Henry Dethloff, history department head, are just full of good intentions.

"I usually sent her flowers and I liked to buy her scarves," he said. "She never seemed to wear them, but I thought they were pretty."

This tradition of honoring mothers began in 1908, when the second Sunday of May was set aside to pay tribute to

mothers. The first church service honoring mothers was at the Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton, W. Va. The tribute was made a result of the hard work and persistence of Anna M. Jarvis, who died childless 40 years later.

The sermon at that service was said to be an impressive one inspired by the Biblical quotation, "Woman, behold thy Son; Son behold thy mother." The church was filled with color due to hundreds of red and white carnations provided by Jarvis for each mother and child.

As much as we Americans like to think of ourselves as trendsetters, we can't take credit for the original idea. All the flattered mothers of our country can thank the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals for mothers many years ago.

Compared to these observances, Mother's Day is a new event in the United States. During the Civil War, Julia Ward Howe proposed that July 4 be renamed Mother's Day in order to reunite families and promote peace. However, that idea never took off the way fireworks did.

Top Ten

On the bottom of this page you read about what some Texas A&M administrators did on Mother's Day when they were children. And look what they grew up to be. So, in appreciation of Mother's Day we've provided a few sentimental ideas of what to give to mom. Some may not fit the bill but just remember to tell her you love her — she'll forgive you, after all she's your mom isn't she? It's her job.

- 1 — Buy her one of those mushy, sentimental cards, the kind that has at least two pages before it gets to the point and sign it: fondly.
- 2 — She liked those drawings you did when you were little — so how about doing one for her now? Try to see if you've made any progress. A box of crayons doesn't cost much, and you can use her stationery. If you still feel cheap, buy refrigerator magnets to hang your masterpiece.
- 3 — Say it with flowers, candy or perfume — anything fragrant and fattening will do even if it comes from old Easter baskets, dresser drawers and friends' old corsages.
- 4 — How 'bout a picture of her darling offspring to tug her heartstrings? You can clip yours out of the Aggieland — after all it did cost you \$15 and you know what you look like.
- 5 — Take her out to her favorite fancy restaurant and ask her in front of the waiter to cut your meat for you.
- 6 — All moms love jewelry. And what better way to make her stand out in a crowd than by giving her some hand-made jewels. Make bracelets out of strips of colored paper. Make sure to pick lots of different colors so she'll have one for every outfit.
- 7 — Lingerie is a perfect gift. Let dad pick it out.
- 8 — Tell her that you really want to start an open relationship with her and not be secretive any more. So tell her everything you've EVER done including the things that made you say: "If my mom ever finds out about this, she will die."
- 9 — Revamp the family photo album and put "then" and "now" pictures of mom on the same page.
- 10 — And for a finale, make her curse come true — have three kids just like yourself and say "Now, I understand."

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