

# Another Aggie Miss Texas? Odds are 1 in 10

by Susan Dittman

**Battalion Staff**  
Chances are one in 10 the next Miss Texas will be another Aggie.

Six of the more than 60 women competing for the title to be awarded Saturday are, have been or will be students at Texas A&M University.

All six are hoping to follow in the footsteps of the reigning Miss Texas Sheri Ryman, who plans to return to Texas A&M this fall.

The Aggie beauties competing for the Miss Texas crown include: Miss Texas A&M University, Gina Geiger of Clear Lake City; Miss Hurst-Eules-

Bedford, Cindy Green of Dallas; Miss Tarrant County Auto Show, Keely Santerre of Arlington; and Miss Sulphur Springs, Kim Lawrence of Quitman.

The two incoming Aggie freshmen in the pageant are Miss Dogwood Frails, Dondra Richmond of Palestine and Miss Leon County, Tracy Lynn Helmcamp.

Lawrence, a 1982 graduate of Texas A&M, said she has competed in pageants since she was 16.

"I love to perform in front of audiences," she said. "Pageants are about the only chance I have to do that."

For the talent section of the competition, Lawrence will do a musical/drama characterization of Eliza Doolittle from "My Fair Lady."

Lawrence said competing against the other Aggie contestants is fun.

"You have a lot in common and you already know some of the people," she said, "but there's still a tension there."

Green, a former Miss Texas A&M, said she and the other Aggies give the "Gig 'em" sign when they see each other.

"We're here and we're a family," she said.

The junior biology and pre-medical major said she thinks the pageant offers good opportunities for young women by providing openings for careers.

Green said she plans to continue at Texas A&M and then apply to medical school.

One of the more unusual experiences she has had as a contestant in scholarship pageants, Green said, was getting her pic-

ture on a billboard in Denton. "The man who designs my gowns wanted me to do some modeling for him," she said. "One day he told me to drive down the highway—and there I was."

Green will perform a piano solo during the talent competition.

Santerre, a political science major, has been in four pageants prior to the Miss Texas Pageant.

She said the reason she began entering pageants in the first place was to gain self-assurance and poise.

"Now I can tell somebody what's on my mind without stuttering," she said.

Santerre said she enjoys the competition of the pageant:

"I enjoy competing with myself and working hard."

Since being named Miss Tarrant County Auto Show, Santerre said she has been preparing for the Miss Texas Pageant.

"I've done nothing but lift weights, lie in the sun and read current events," she said.

Santerre plans to either go to law school or get a master's degree in international affairs when she graduates.

She has had three years of vocal lessons and will sing a song by Lacy J. Dalton for the talent competition.

Richmond, an incoming freshman who plans to major in marketing and management, said she has always dreamed of being in the Miss Texas Pageant.

Richmond will perform a jazz/gymnastic routine on a balance beam during the talent competition.

The finals of the pageant, which began Wednesday, will be televised live from the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth beginning at 10:30 p.m. Saturday.



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Flashing the "Gig 'em" sign are four of the six Aggies in this year's Miss Texas competition. The four are, from left, Gina Geiger, Miss Texas

A&M; Cindy Green, Miss Hurst-Eules-Bedford; Keely Santerre, Miss Tarrant County Auto Show; and Kim Lawrence, Miss Sulphur Springs.

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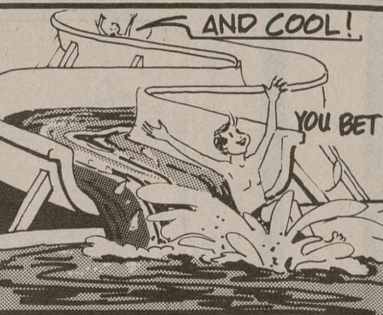
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tertainment with vegetables from their gardens or chickens from the farm.

That method of payment earned the fabled house the nickname of the Chicken Ranch,

but it later came to be glorified in a Broadway musical as "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas."

On July 11, the film version of the popular stage musical fittingly opens in the warehouse's home state, where stars Burt Reynolds and Dolly Parton are scheduled to headline a weekend of premiere events in Austin.

The house of illicit pleasures kept a fairly low profile for decades in LaGrange, about 50 miles southeast of Austin.

It was run by Miss Edna Marvyn Zindler exposed local law enforcement — led by the late sheriff Flournoy — were best close down the house. It

until then-Gov. Dolph stepped in that the establishment was closed in 1971.

Some enterprising restaurateurs later uprooted the house and took it to Dallas as an eating establishment but the venture failed and eventually was demolished.

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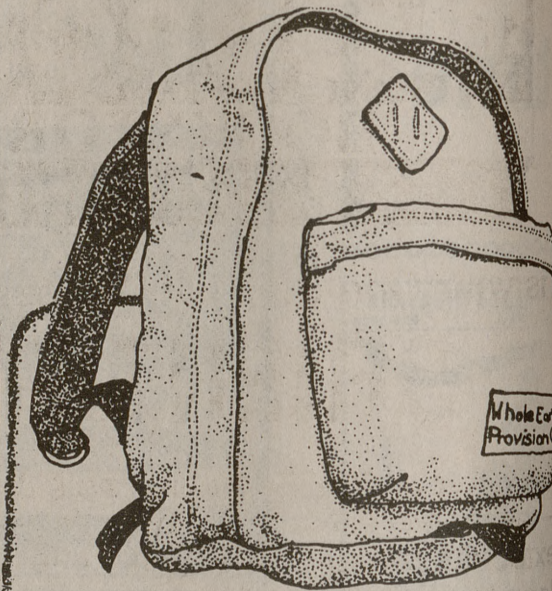
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