

Old homes decked out for tours

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"Christmas in Olde Bryan," a tour of historic Bryan homes will be held Saturday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The third annual tour will feature four Bryan homes on the west side of town and, for the first time, a synagogue.

The Swift-Darby home, located at 109 Sterling, is a turn-of-the-century Victorian home that has had its framework altered several times and is currently being restored and converted into two apartments.

The Astin-Shipman home, located at 506 W. 26th, was built in 1918 by Nina Heard and Roger B. Astin. It is now owned by Dr. Nolan Shipman. This house has a fireplace in every room and wood carvings that complement the house's interior. The grounds have a carriage house and a children's playhouse.

The Oliver-Presnal house, located at 602 W. 26th, was built around 1904. The current owners are Dr. & Mrs. Henry L. Presnal. The exterior of the home features double-story columns and wrap-around porches. Original and leaded glass permeates the house and the many decorative mantelpieces of varying

styles and woods are an added interest to the interior of the home.

The Chance home, at 102 S. Parker, was built in 1911 and is currently owned by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Harty. The grounds of the Chance house include a carriage house and servants quarters. A unique highlight to the interior of the home is the French wallpaper in the living room which was ordered from Paris when the home was built.

Temple Freda is located at 205 S. Parker. The synagogue, built in 1912, was the first structure built by the Jewish settlers when they came to this community. All of the furnishings of the synagogue are original and the stained glass windows are of particular interest.

The Embroiderers Guild will sponsor a Christmas Bazaar which will be set up in the Swift-Darby home and The Community Singers will be caroling throughout the tour.

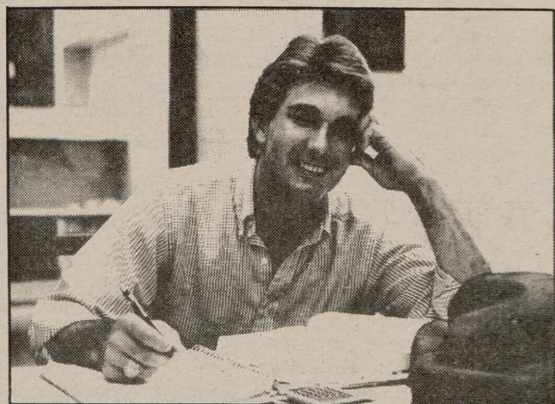
Tickets are \$5 per person and are available at local banks, at both Bryan and College Station Chamber of Commerce offices, and may also be purchased in the homes on the days of the tours, which are sponsored by Citizens for Historic Preservation.



staff photo by Irene Mees

The Christmas spirit will be flowing in "Olde Bryan" tours. Pictured here through several historic homes this is the Astin-Shipman home on weekend during the "Christmas West 26th St. The house was built in 1918.

Those Aggie men



Mr. September, alias Kent Rosenburger, is a senior building construction from Houston.

by Dana Smelser

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Before you start thinking that Texas A&M University has so many traditions that it can't handle any more, think again.

The Twelve Men of Aggieland has come to campus. But don't confuse it with the tradition of the Twelfth Man. The Twelfth Man features thousands of Texas A&M students. The Twelve Men of Aggieland, however, is a calendar featuring 12 male students.

Each month on the 1983 calendar features one Aggie male and sets him in a surrounding that depicts his personality. For example, Brad Lund, the December model, stands in front of an airplane. May model Paul Anglin is clad in jogging togs.

The models come from around the nation. Seven males are from Texas, the others are from Virginia, Delaware and California.

The calendar was produced by Westar Productions, which is made up of several Texas A&M students. A spokesperson for the business said the students discovered their models by walking around campus during the summer and asking "promising" males to model. The field of 20 potential models was narrowed to the 12 pictured in the calendar.

Westar plans to make the Twelve Men of Aggieland a tradition, and produce it again next year. The calendar can be purchased at the MSC Bookstore for \$2.95.

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