

CALENDER

FEBRUARY

At Ease

Local

3: Canadian Brass 8 p.m. — Rudder Auditorium
5: Dessert with the Brazos Pops 7 p.m. — Brazos Center
7: Black Awareness Forum — "Black History, Its Meaning, Scope and Challenge" 7 p.m. — 502 Rudder Tower
7-18: African Art Exhibit — MSC Gallery
9: Dick Gregory 8 p.m. — Rudder Theater
9-12: *Blood Wedding* — Rudder Theater
14: Black Awareness Forum — "African Liberation Struggles in the Post-Vietnam Era" 7 p.m. — 501 Rudder Tower
14-16: *Evita* 8 p.m. — Rudder Auditorium
16-19: Student Conference on National Affairs
18: Eugene Fodor, violinist 8 p.m. — Rudder Auditorium
20: "The Big Event" — Student Government
21: Black Awareness Forum "Malcolm X — a Review of the 60s: His Contribution and Legacy on the 17th Anniversary of his Assassination" 7 p.m. — 501

Rudder Tower
24-26: *Buried Child* 7 p.m. — Rudder Theater
25: Miss TAMU Scholarship Pageant — Rudder Auditorium
28: Black Awareness Forum — "Issues Facing the Black World: 1983-2000" 7 p.m. — 501 Rudder Tower

Dallas

11: Joel Grey — Dallas Pops Orchestra
11: Harlem Globetrotters — Reunion Arena
12-13: Truck and Tractor Pull — Reunion Arena
15: Eric Clapton with Rudder — Reunion Arena
18: Sammy Hagar — Reunion Arena
28-March 1: RUSH — Reunion Arena

Austin

6: The Royal Lippizan Stallions — Special Events Center 3 p.m.
10: The Harlem Globetrotters 7:30 p.m. — Special Events Center
13: Eric Clapton with Ry Cooder and his band 8 p.m. — Special Events Center
14: Judas Priest with Heaven 8 p.m. — Special Events Center
19: Billy Squier with Saga 8 p.m. — Special Events Center
25: Larry Gatlin and The Gatlin Brothers with Dottie West and Razy Bailey 8 p.m. — Special Events Center
26: Southwest Conference Championship Swim Meet — Texas Swim Center
28: The Kinks 8 p.m. — Special Events Center

Houston

4: RUSH tickets go on sale — Summit
4-6: Motorcycle Trade Show — Astrodome
5-6: Motorcycle Championship — Astrodome
6: Harlem Globetrotters — Summit
9-13: Sesame Street Live —

special matinees Saturday and Sunday — Summit
14: Eric Clapton with Ry Cooder — Summit
17: Big Band Extravaganza 8 p.m. — Summit
19: Sammy Hagar 8 p.m. — Summit
19: Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo starts
23: Kool & The Gang — Rodeo Show
24: Mel Tillis — Rodeo Show
25: Merle Haggard — Rodeo Show
26: Hank Williams Jr. — Rodeo Show
26: T.G. Shepard and Lacy J. Dalton — Rodeo Show
27: Eddie Rabbitt and Rosanne Cash — Rodeo Show
28: Conway Twitty and Sylvia — Rodeo Show

San Antonio

11-20: Livestock Show & Rodeo

Kerrville

19: Carlos Barbosa-Lima, classical guitarist. 8 p.m. Tickets \$5 advance, \$6 at the door — Kerrville Winter Music Festival

Information

Houston Summit
 — (713) 961-9003
Brazos Center —
 779-8338
MSC Box Office in Rudder Tower — 845-1234
Frank Erwin Special Events Center in Austin — (512) 471-7744 or 477-6060

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Eateries

Restaurants of all kinds can be found in Bryan-College Station — everything from the fast-food and

take-out joints to those of the wine and dine variety. But a few restaurants stand out

from the rest — because of the overall lack of tact in decor or the posh-posh image they project — usually determined by the owner's personality.

We've attempted to bring you a few of these different places but

could not feature all of them. So, restaurant hunters, don't just stop here in the search for the unique place to feed your face — there are more to be found. And all it takes to discover one is time, money and hunger.

our hobby was cooking," Mrs. Tapley said. "We used to have dinner parties and our friends would say 'Why don't you all open a restaurant?'"

All of the entrees are cooked by one of the owners. All of the wine is chosen by the owners.

Each time they decide to put a new type of wine on the menu, the owners taste at least three different varieties before selecting a menu wine.

"We sample all the wine," Mrs. Tapley said. "We have tasted at least three wines for every choice we have made."

The Texan has dishes ranging from a sirloin steak to quail with white grapes but their specialty is fresh lobster.

"We fly our lobsters in from Boston," Mrs. Tapley said. "That is one of our specialties but we also have Chinese food, a Japanese dish, several chicken

dishes and numerous steaks."

"We love it when students from Texas A&M come before some special occasion," Tapley said. "We have an awful lot of people who come in often. They are like regular customers."

Tapley also said that a lot of their best recipes came from her father-in-law who was a member of the Boston Symphony for 57 years. There were people from all over the world in the symphony and they shared recipes with each other.

Mr. Tapley graduated from Texas A&M and then they left for three years before returning to teach physics. After a while they decided to open a restaurant and have never been sorry.

"We love it," Mrs. Tapley said. "People really appreciate it so it ends up making it all worth while."

Buster's

Eat 'em or
beat 'em

by Ann Ramsbottom
Battalion staff

"Eat it and beat it at Buster's... somewhere in Bryan."

The popular advertisement seen in the form of a bumper sticker properly describes the not-so-traditional eating establishment in the Bryan-College Station area.

"We're just plain country, nothing fancy," said Carol Starling, co-owner of Buster's.

The restaurant seats 40, and the parking lot serves just a few, but Starling says that business is really good.

Buster's, co-owned by Starling and his daughter Jackie, has been in business since April of last year. Both Starling and Tyler cook all of the meals in addition to running the business.

The restaurant is small, quaint...and just plain country. "I feel like the customers are more at ease in this kind of an atmosphere," Starling said.

Buster's serves the usual hamburgers and french fries, but features a few dishes not commonly seen on a menu. Buster's famous red beans and rice with sausage has already gained

a popular following among many university students.

"I love the Aggies," Starling said. "I've been waiting on students for many years."

Buster's is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fish Richards

Home made

by Donn Friedman
Battalion Reporter

Most successful restaurants go through extensive planning stages to determine a theme and location. And then others just happen — like Fish Richards Half Century House, said its General Manager Bill Perry.

Originally the restaurant, located in a remodeled house on Wellborn road, was going to be painted bright yellow and be called the Lemon Tree, he said.

"When we started, I was looking to create a nice cocktail lounge that served hors d'oeuvres," he said. But by the time it opened, the theme had evolved into a full dining establishment.

It started with the renovation of an old house in 1977. During the work, a piece of wood was discovered with "Fish Richards '27" burned into it.

"It (the theme) hit us on the head," said Perry.

The Texan

Elite eats

by Patti Schwierzke
Battalion staff

The Texan's reputation for good food was not acquired overnight. The Texan started as a drive-in 16 years ago and today is one of the best restaurants in Bryan-College Station.

"We gradually changed it from a drive-in to a restaurant," said Diana Tapley, co-owner of the restaurant with her husband. "It didn't happen all at once."

Robert Tapley was a physics professor at Texas A&M when he decided to succumb to his first joy — cooking — and opened a restaurant 16 years ago.

"When we first got married,