

OCA makes plans for kite contest

by Lezlee Hinson

Battalion Reporter

The Off-Campus Aggies discussed tentative plans for a kite-flying contest, which it hopes to sponsor later this semester, at its meeting Wednesday night.

President Dale Collins appointed John McClay project chairman. The 25 members attending the meeting suggested possible contest divisions including the highest flying kite, the largest kite that flies, the smallest kite that flies and the best-looking kite that flies.

Collins said that if the contest is held before April 19, the RHA has agreed to include it in the Hall of the Year contest.

OCA plans to allow both team and individual entries. A possible location for the contest is the polo field behind Zachry. The group also plans to charge a small entry fee to cover its cost.

The OCA also discussed the Parent's Day Barbeque, which would be held on April 16, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. in Room 212 of the Memorial Student Center, said project chairman Rick

Lima.

Social Secretary Diane Horton reported that the recent M*A*S*H party was a big success.

In other business:

— OCA decided to try to reschedule the softball game against the RHA from April 2 to April 9.

— Treasurer Rick Lima reported that the OCA's last two fund-raising projects were both successful. The balloon sale made \$140, and the bake sale made \$104.

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Vice President for Student Services Dr. Koldus discusses traditions with Jackie Sherrill before their speeches Wednesday night at Schuhmacher Hall.

Sherrill, Koldus talk traditions

by Craig Harris

Battalion Reporter

Texas A&M's traditions are positive and unique, say Athletic Director Jackie Sherrill and Vice President for Student Services John J. Koldus.

Sherrill and Koldus spoke on traditions to a small crowd Wednesday night as part of this year's traditions awareness project, sponsored by the Residence Hall Association. Wednesday's program was sponsored by Schuhmacher Hall.

Koldus said traditions are important because they indicate where the University's priorities are, and they provide for a certain sense of security for the future.

He said many traditions have changed and new ones have been added, and most reflect positively on Texas A&M.

He said traditions like Silver Taps, Muster, Twelfth Man and bonfire reflect the importance of life and service to others.

Koldus said that many students aren't aware of many traditions like the freshman band members playing at 5 in the morning on the day marking the

number of days until final review. This year's class is Class of '86, so they played on February 10 — Koldus's birthday — and 86 days until this year's final review.

But Koldus said he doesn't like some traditions, like quadring and hazing, because they are not positive.

"Traditions should be positive and especially of service to others," he said.

Sherrill also praised Texas A&M's traditions. He said the atmosphere here is like no other institution, and he said he found much more than he expected when he came here last year.

"People up north still think A&M is a small, all military, all male, cow school, but being from Oklahoma, I knew better," Sherrill said.

He said that this view is being corrected and pointed out that Texas A&M competes with Yale and Harvard for academic greatness.

He said that because of the discipline here, Aggies are way ahead of students from other schools and that is why so many employers want to hire Aggies.

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The three man Texas A&M wheelchair track team will run how many laps around Kyle Field they can accumulate in one hour's time. Sponsors will be solicited for a certain amount for each lap.

The lap-a-thon is to raise money for two programs: a trip to Colorado and a kayaking program for disabled persons.

Any support will be greatly appreciated. For more information contact Larry Gee at 260-3097.

Election Commission holds meeting

The Election Commission will meet today at 8:30 p.m. in Room 203 of the Memorial Student Center.

Anyone interested in the upcoming elections and who wants to help run them is encouraged to attend. Filing for election begins Monday at 9 a.m. in the MSC Main Hall.

Entrepreneurs to hold meeting

The Texas A&M Society for Entrepreneurship and New Ventures (ENVE) will be hosting Frank Sekera, head of the Institute for New Ventures in New Technology, (INVENT) tonight at 7 p.m. in Room 120 of the Academic and General Building.

High School Co-Rec softball offered

The College Station Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a High School Co-Rec Softball League.

This league is for boys and girls in grades 9-12. All games will be played at Bee Creek Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays evenings. The entry fee is \$130 per team. Registration will take place March 14-25 at the Parks and Recreation Department located in Central Park.

The Parks Department will be taking registration fees at A&M Consolidated High School on March 22 from 11 a.m. till 1:15 p.m.

There will be an organizational meeting on March 21 at the College Station Community Center located at 150 Jersey Street at 6 p.m.

For further information please call the College Station Parks and Recreation Department at 693-7273.

BAC formal scheduled for Saturday

The Black Awareness Committee is holding a formal Saturday from 8-1 a.m. in the Aggieland Inn.

The theme of the formal is "Stepping Out" and tickets are \$8 for couples and \$5.50 for singles and are available at the MSC Box Office.

Former CIA Director to speak here

Former CIA Director Admiral Stansfield Turner will speak at Texas A&M University on March 22 at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Theater. The topic of his speech will be "International Hot Spots." His talk is a presentation on how to identify and interpret information on the unrest in the world political arena.

Admiral Turner directed the CIA from 1977 to 1981 under President Carter where he was in control of the entire U.S. intelligence community.

Admission is free. For more information please contact MSC Political Forum at 835-1515.

Kiwanis to sponsor Pancake Day

Kiwanis Pancake Day has been set for Saturday at the Brazos Center.

The three Kiwanis Clubs of Brazos County will be serving pancakes from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. A meal consisting of sausage and all the pancakes you can eat, along with coffee and milk will be served.

Prices are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Proceeds from this 31st annual Pancake Day support the community activities of the three local Kiwanis Clubs.

If you have an announcement or item to submit for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald or call Tracey Taylor at 845-2665.

Police beat

The following incidents were listed in University Police Department records for March 1.

HARRASSMENT:

• Harrassing phone calls were reported by a student worker at the Commons main desk. The caller is believed to be in McAllen.

THEFTS:

• A wallet was taken from the

ladies dressing room in Kyle.

• A student altered a parking permit into a spring permit.

FALSE REPORT:

• A student reported his parking permit had been stolen when in fact he had given it to his girlfriend, whom he has recently split with.