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Olympiad to raise funds for charity

by Joel deGuzman

Battalion Reporter

The Aggie Olympiad is a chance for all Resident Hall Association dorms to swim, run, row or Hacky-Sac against each other to raise money for the Red Cross.

The competition is a service project sponsored by Haas Hall. Haas residents and local merchants organized the event to raise funds for the Bryan chapter of the Red Cross.

"We thought it would be a good way to bring the dorms together and promote spirit within the dorms," says Laura Lockney, Haas Hall vice president and Olympiad committee chairman.

Dorm president Celia Monteleone initiated the idea for the event last semester. She says the project is the largest the dorm has ever attempted since it opened four years ago.

The Olympiad is divided into swimming and track events. The swimming events will include: t-shirt relay, 100-yard medley, 100-yard freestyle and inner-tube race.

The track sports include: the three-mile run, frisbee throw, football throw, Hacky-Sac, 800-yard relay, three-legged race, tug-of-war and obstacle course.

The Aggie Olympiad will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 23. Track and field

events will be in Kyle Field, and swimming events will be in the indoor pool.

All participants must be RHA dorm residents or off-campus "fish" adopted by dorm residents. An individual can enter up to two events, and teams must consist of members of only one dorm.

All contestants will receive a t-shirt and can attend the "Thrill of Victory" party at the Quonset Huts that evening.

Registration for the Aggie Olympiad is today and Tuesday on the first floor of the Memorial Student Center and Wednesday in front of Sbsia Dining Hall.

Queen Cotton crowned

by Patrice Koranek

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Donna Joy Monroe was chosen from a field of 76 contestants as Queen Cotton in the 49th annual Cotton Pageant held Saturday night in Rudder Auditorium.

The pageant was sponsored by the Agronomy Society.

Monroe, a junior biology major from Dallas, was sponsored by Walton Hall.

Eight contestants were chosen as the queen's ladies before the final selection was

made. The following were chosen as members of the queen's court: Nancy Blanco, Melissa Grisham, Donna Patrick, Linda Rowland, Sharon Slovak, Rhonda Waters, Linda Wheeler and Connie Wurzbach.

The contestants were interviewed at a tea and reception Saturday and were presented in formal dress to the judges during the pageant. Paulette Schwartz, assistant at the Texas Watermelon Queen Cotton Contest, Lil Stallman, queen coordinator for the Texas

Watermelon Association and Paul Kruse, a Bellville attorney, were the judges. Roddy Peebles of the USA Radio Network and newscaster of Cow Country News was master of ceremonies.

King Cotton and eight dukes were elected prior to the pageant by members of the

Agronomy Society. James Jackman, a senior agronomy major from Plano, was crowned King Cotton. The King's Court included the following members of the Agronomy Society: Ricardo Garcia, Rodney Crenwelge, Daryl Piwonka, Kyle Aljoe, Tim Vance, Garth Welch, John Koemel Jr. and Paul Schoene-mann.

Brazos de Dios Rodeo to show 'quality stock'

by Leigh-Ellen Clark

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It's the clash between 1,800 pounds of bucking bull and 180 pounds of rider. Rodeo is a match of man against animal — and man against man.

The Fourth Annual Brazos de Dios Rodeo and Western Fiesta will bring professional cowboys and riding stock to Bryan-College Station from Thursday to Sunday at the Brazos County Pavilion.

Bryan Mayor Richard Smith and College Station Mayor Gary Halter both proclaimed this week Brazos de Dios Week. The proclamation says that Brazos de Dios is a project to develop and encourage a strong community spirit. A ribbon-cutting will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Brazos County Pavilion.

Tickets to the rodeo are available for \$4.50 in advance at the College Station Chamber office, the Brazos County Pavilion and Court's Western Wear in downtown Bryan and at Culpepper Plaza. Tickets also may be purchased at the door for \$5.50. Thursday is family night and

tickets are \$3.50 in advance and \$4.50 at the door.

The Brazos de Dios Rodeo is produced by Neal Gay of the Mesquite Championship Rodeo. Gay said the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Inc. approves the Brazos rodeo along with more than 700 other rodeos nationwide.

"The Brazos rodeo is on the same level as the Fort Worth and Houston rodeos because of the PRCA," Gay said. "And you're going to see the same quality stock at this rodeo as at the larger ones on the circuit."

Many of the big names in rodeo will be at the Brazos County Pavilion, Gay said. Don Gay, holder of seven gold national finals belt buckles, will be the ring-master.

Events of the three night rodeo are: bareback and saddle bronc riding, women's barrel racing, calf roping, steer wrestling and bull riding. The cowboys will compete each night for prize money.

The high money winners of the year go on to compete in the National Finals Rodeo in Okla-

homa City in December.

Another of the weekend's events will be the Brazos de Dios queen's contest. Six women are competing to win a silver belt buckle and a hand-tooled saddle. The women are judged on appearance, personality and horsemanship.

The six women will be introduced during each night of the rodeo. The winner will be announced Saturday and will advance to the Miss Rodeo Texas competition.

Besides the rodeo, the grounds will offer food, arts and crafts and entertainment.

Barbecue, hamburgers, funnel cakes and kolaches will be sold. Handmade stoneware, weaving, computer portraits and helium balloons will be available in the arts and crafts booths.

Music groups will be present, including the Texas A&M Jazz Band and a "barrelhouse" piano player. Robert Shaw, the pianist, will perform traditional blues style music accompanied by Lavada Durst.

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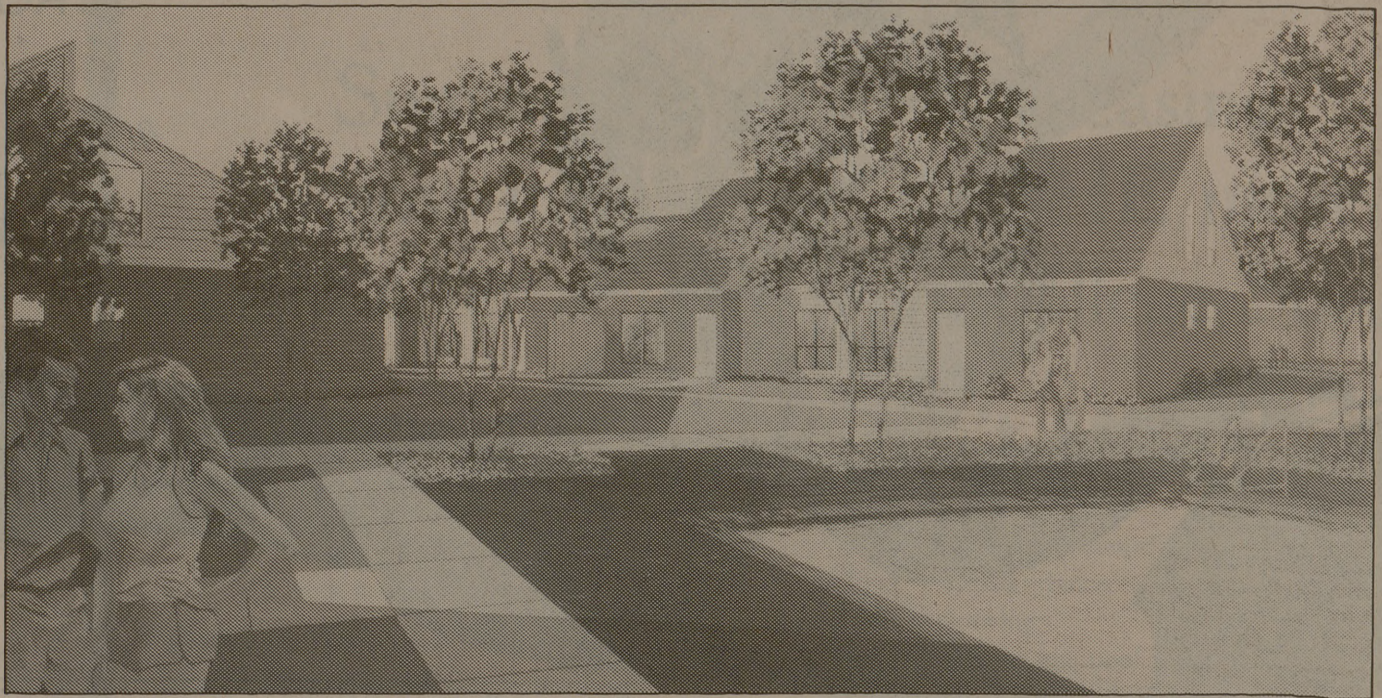
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