

# Parents' Weekend festivities expected to attract crowds

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Visitors numbering in the tens of thousands are expected to flock to College Station this weekend to experience Aggie hospitality at its best during the annual Parents' Weekend. The ceremonies are the culmination of the efforts of the member Parents' Weekend committee. The group is a part of the Continuing Programs Branch of Student Government.

Parents' Weekend at Texas A&M began as a Mothers' Day program in 1919. During that year, Texas A&M College was offering a different academic semester, and classes ended in May rather than in June. That year, a program was started to honor an Aggie mother every year on Mothers' Day.

It remained a day to honor Aggie mothers until 1974. That year, the emphasis was changed from just a mothers' day to a parents' day.

The schedule for Parents'

Weekend begins today, but the preparation for the weekend began months ago.

Denis Davis, chairman of the Parents' Weekend Committee, said the planning for this year's weekend began last October. The committee's responsibilities include organization, programming and public relations for the weekend. The committee also screens all applicants and selects Aggie Parents of the Year, she said.

Davis said this year's event will have a new feature for the benefit of incoming parents and visitors. The Gathright Awards and the Buck Weirus Spirit Awards will be announced during the Parents' Day awards ceremony Sunday.

The following events have been scheduled for Parents' Weekend '83:

**Friday**  
1:30 p.m. — Federation of Aggie Mothers Clubs meeting, 201 MSC

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Who's Who reception, 301 Rudder  
6 p.m. — Elephant Bowl, Kyle Field  
7:30 p.m. — MSC Variety Show, Rudder Auditorium  
7:30 p.m. — Federation of Aggie Mothers Clubs open house, MSC 145  
8 p.m. to 11 p.m. — RHA Casino, Memorial Student Center  
8 p.m. — Theater Arts presents "Transit," Rudder Theater  
8:45 p.m. — Aggie Cinema presents "Author, Author," The Grove

**Saturday**  
8 a.m. — Cap and Gown coffee, 302 Rudder  
8 a.m. to 11 a.m. — Racquetball courts open for parents, East Kyle Field  
8 a.m. to noon — Walking tours of Texas A&M, leaves every hour from Information Center, Rudder Tower 1st Floor  
8:30 a.m. — Hot air balloon fly-by  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Family por-

traits taken, MSC Main Lounge  
9:30 a.m. — Federation of Aggie Mothers Clubs meeting, MSC 201  
9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. — RHA slide show and coffee, Academic and Agency Building lobby  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — MSC committees special demonstrations, MSC Main Lounge  
12:30 p.m. — Federation of Aggie Mothers Clubs luncheon, 211 and 214 MSC  
12:30 p.m. — Skydiving Club jump, Main Drill Field  
2 p.m. — Former Students/Varsity football game, Kyle Field  
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. — Separate dorm activities  
4:30 p.m. — OCA All-University barbeque  
8 p.m. — Singing Cadets concert, Rudder Auditorium  
9 p.m. — "We've Never Been Licked," The Grove

**Sunday**  
7:30 a.m. — Flower pinning, Corps Area  
9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. — Parents'

Day awards ceremony, Rudder Auditorium  
10:30 a.m. — Reception, Rudder Exhibit Hall  
10:30 a.m. to noon — Pavilion open house, second floor Pavilion  
11 a.m. — Traditions program, Rudder Theater  
11 a.m. — Parents' Day chapel program, Women's Chorus, All Faiths Chapel  
1 p.m. — Singing Cadet banquet, MSC Ballroom  
1:30 p.m. — Ross Volunteer performance, Kyle Field  
2 p.m. — Women's Drill Team performance, Kyle Field  
2:30 p.m. — Corps of Cadets review and performance, Kyle Field  
3:15 p.m. — Fish Drill Team performance, Kyle Field  
4:30 p.m. — Parson's Mounted Cavalry performance, Polo Field  
4:30 p.m. — Ross Volunteer awards ceremony, 610 Rudder

# Casino '83 offers games and auctions

by Kimberly Hix  
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Walking in the door you are handed \$3,000. You carefully choose where to begin, knowing you could walk away a loser or a 43-point diamond.

Take a chance. Play the cards. Spin the wheel. Throw the dice. Tonight is Casino '83.

Pick your game — blackjack, roulette, craps, beat the dealer, wheel of fortune, bacarrat or ruse racing. If cards aren't your thing, there are concessions and mean girls. Three auctions will be held throughout the night.

Casino night is sponsored by the Residence Hall Association. Proceeds will aid in providing programming, conference trips, educational and social programs and a banquet.

Casino night will be from 8 to midnight tonight. Tickets are \$3 advance and \$4 at the door. The door tickets are exchanged for \$3,000 in play money.

A large profit is expected this year for the RHA. Casino '82 grossed \$11,000. But Casino '83 isn't always been a big fundraiser. The first Casino night 10 years ago was put together by about 25 people in Puryear lounge. It cleared approximately \$200.

Casino '83 workers began organizing the evening last fall. Local merchants have donated more than \$4,000 worth of prizes. Meetings, held every two weeks this semester, assured chairman Kevin Bailey that the work was moving according to schedule, he said Thursday.

"I never thought I'd get it all together," Bailey said. "But it's gone rather smoothly. I've got good people."

Those people include three co-chairmen, 20 subchairmen, more than 200 dealers and casino girls and 11 members of the Corps of Cadets who will handle security.

"The enthusiasm is tremendous," he said. "People call wanting to help all the time. It's something you can have a lot of fun with, yet it's beneficial."

The job of coordinating Casino night has been fun, Bailey said.

"But I'd be lying if I said at times it wasn't frustrating. There's such a large amount of people and administration to deal with," he said.

The administration was helpful in scheduling meeting rooms, obtaining facilities to set up the games and in working around Parent's Day activities, Bailey said.

"Everyone has just worked

hard," he said.

Two training sessions have been held for dealers and casino girls where basic rules of the games were taught. Trainees also were given instructions on how to deal with the gamblers as well as the cards.

"The Casino girls and dealers have more fun than anyone else," he said. "They're there for four hours, and the time goes by fast."

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# Crofton selected head yell leader

Jeff Crofton, a junior industrial distribution major from Tyler, was named head yell leader for 1983-84.

A 14-member committee of six staff members and eight students interviewed the three new senior yell leaders and made a recommendation Thursday for head yell leader. The recommendation was sent to John J. Koldus, vice president for student services, for his approval.

"It's going to be a great honor to be able to serve the University

next year," Crofton said. "I hope to do a good job representing all sides of the University."

As head yell leader, Crofton makes final decisions on matters concerning yell practices, leads the practices and makes sure they run smoothly.

Crofton, who served as a junior yell leader this year, said the year has been a learning experience for him.

"(But) I've still got a lot to learn," he said.



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