

Annual show this weekend

# Dance Arts recital

by Ann Ramsbottom  
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The Texas A&M Dance Arts Society will close out National Dance Week April 29, with an evening of ballet, jazz, tap and aerobic dances.

The annual spring show, entitled "Gotta Dance," will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Dances, to be performed by members of the society's classes, will feature original

dances of classical choreography from such well-known ballets as "The Nutcracker" and "Swan Lake."

Members of the Dance Arts Society range from beginning enthusiasts to well-seasoned dancers, said Cynthia Clegg, president of Dance Arts Society.

"Several of our dancers have performed with professional civic dance companies," Clegg said. "Through the society,

many of these dancers have been able to continue to dance as a hobby as well as to perform.

"The organization is set up and run by students," she said. "Classes for dance are taught by instructors who have been auditioned by the members. This year all of our instructors happen to be students, though this is not always the case."

About 150 dancers will perform in Friday evening's show. Admission is free.

# Bands to play in Grove

The Musician's Club will be featuring rock 'n roll and new wave music by three local bands in the Grove Saturday evening.

The bands, Sticky Fingers, Keystone and Fusion, will perform from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

"We hope to make this an annual event," said George Graham, faculty advisor to the Musician's Club. "This is our way of allowing local groups to

display their wares. We're encouraging these groups to perform their original music."

The Musicians Club is made up of approximately 35 members, both amateur and professional, who are interested in music and music performance. The main purpose of the organization is to promote live music. The organization also hopes to be instrumental in helping form

groups and accumulating equipment to loan to different groups.

The Musician's Club is primarily made up of rock 'n roll enthusiasts and several jazz performers.

"We don't discriminate, however," Graham said.

The Saturday evening performance will cost \$1.00 per person.

# Breeding cycle begins here

by Cheryl Burke  
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Spring. Wobbly-kneed calves with huge, soft, innocent brown eyes. Precariously balanced bits of snow-white fluff — lambs bleating, crying for a mother's teat. Spindle-legged foals fearlessly racing headlong around their mothers in sunny pastures, daring their shadows to catch them.

It's an age-old image of a country spring, and here at

"It's a cycle that hasn't basically changed, even with artificial insemination and other breeding advancements," Louis Martin, manager of the beef cattle center, says.

All of the 30 Brahman cows at the beef cattle center are bred to calve in the spring. All of the other cows — the Hereford and Angus — calve in the fall.

The calves are born in the pastures close to the center. The pastures are cleaner than the stalls, and therefore reduce the

weighed and then left alone to grow.

Paul Castenson, manager of the dairy cattle center, says it is more profitable for the center to calve in the fall and winter months to cater to the demand for milk on campus.

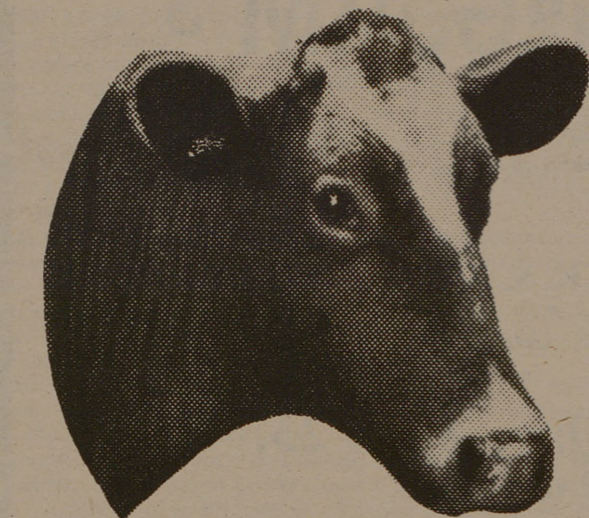
All of the dairy cattle are bred by artificial insemination. Artificial insemination reduces the chances of infection and increases the chances of fertilization.

However, artificial insemination is not as feasible in the sheep industry. It is as costly to impregnate a sheep by artificial insemination as it is a cow, and it is not as profitable, Dr. James Bassett, professor of animal science, says.

The spring comes earlier for the sheep center than for the other areas in the animal science department. The lambing began in early January and lasted only about six weeks. The center had a 150 percent crop return on its 35 ewes this year, with several sets of twins and even three sets of triplets — a rare occurrence.

Dr. Jack Krieder, associate professor of animal science, says the horse center will have a 90 percent reproduction rate this year from the 54 mares. Students in a horse production class supervise the pregnant mares, and care for the new foals.

Science has made it easier for breeders to produce more and healthier animals, but it has not been able to top nature's own basic cycle of life.



Texas A&M it's an image that even the advances of science haven't changed. The animal science department's livestock centers are in the middle of their breeding and birthing seasons.

chance of disease and infection. The new-born calves are carefully watched to be sure they nurse and receive the necessary colostrum — the nutrient-filled first milk. They are tagged,

# Party time for seniors

Well, seniors, it's almost time to shed the Texas A&M aura and enter the working world (or non-working world, if you can't find a job.)

Next weekend you'll have to be on your best behavior to impress your parents during graduation ceremonies. So the time to party is now.

If you don't have any previous plans for one last fling, here is a list of a few events scheduled in Bryan-College Station on Friday and Saturday. Take your pick and hit the road.

•The Texas A&M Rugby Team is the hosting the Western National Collegiate Rugby Championships Saturday and Sunday on the main drill field. Games will start at 10 a.m. on both days.

The Tournament will begin with a match between the Aggies and Kansas State University. The finals match will start at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. The winner will advance to the

National Finals on May 7, in Athens, Georgia.

•The Texas A&M business societies are sponsoring a party Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in Hensel Park. Admission is free and open to the public.

•"An Officer and a Gentleman" will be shown tonight at 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Theater and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. "Grease" will be shown at Midnight at Rudder Theater. Admission is \$1 per person per performance.

•Sigma Phi Epsilon will be sponsoring the Seventh Annual Fight Night, tonight and Saturday at the Brazos County Pavillion.

Admission is \$4 at the door and \$3 pre-sale. Tickets are available at Rother's Bookstore, Texas Aggie Bookstore and Tri State Sporting Goods.

The preliminary bouts of the two-day event will begin tonight at 6 p.m. and end Saturday at midnight.

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