

RHA inviting logo designs

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Battalion Staff
The Residence Hall Association is sponsoring a campus-wide contest to design a logo for Casino '84, traditionally held the Friday evening of Parents Weekend. The contest will be held through 5 p.m. Nov. 23.

Casino, the major RHA fund-raiser, was discussed Tuesday night at the regular meeting of RHA. Gina Harlow, director of RHA casino committee, said each logo entry should use the theme "Great Gatsby" or "Roaring Twenties."

Harlow said her committee needs as many ideas as possible for logos. She encouraged residence hall councils to publicize the contest and to promote student participation. Winners will receive \$15 and the opportunity to become a Casino girl or dealer.

Each logo entry should contain RHA in its design, use black and white printing, and

be submitted on a 5-by-5 white card. Harlow said all entries should be turned into the RHA office in 215 Pavilion.

In other action, President Kelli Kiesling announced the amount each dormitory has raised for the Christian Children's Fund campus drive.

Dr. Robert Scott Kellner, coordinator of the CCF drive, read a letter he recently received from President Ronald Reagan that recognized participation by Texas A&M in the fund-raiser. Kellner said he also received a letter from Rep. Phil Gramm that thanked Texas A&M students for their support in the project.

In other action, RHA committee directors provided updated information on committee progress and ongoing projects. Their committees include programs, casino, external affairs, public relations, and facilities and operations.

Dormitory presidents also provided information about upcoming dormitory activities and events.

Czechs angry about omission

United Press International
DALLAS — The U.S. Census Bureau has issued a new report that gives all kinds of information on Greek, Polish and Chinese speakers in Texas, but it lumps the Czechs in the "other unspecified" group, which has drawn protests — in English — from this cohesive minority.

"Whoever did that just doesn't know what the hell they're doing," said Nick Morris, president of the 60,000-member SPJST (Slovanska Podporujici Jednota Statu Texas), a statewide Czech organization.

"We've said for years that Czech is the third most spoken language in Texas, behind English and Spanish," Morris said. "No doubt about it. That statement has never been challenged."

The Census Bureau says the information is buried in miles of computer tape in a repository here at Texas A&M.

The language and ethnic data is contained in the two-volume General Economic and Social Characteristics report for Texas, based on data gathered in the 1980 census. The report gives a 23-page breakdown on ancestry and language groups.

The SPJST maintains its offices in a big stone and glass headquarters the group built eight years ago at Temple, heart of Czech Country. The building also contains an extensive Czech library and a museum of pioneer Czech artifacts.

The Czechs moved to Texas in a steady trickle until the late 19th century, when the rise of Bismarck's Germany sent convulsions through Europe and waves of Czechs into Texas, where they settled north of the Germans and Austrians who had come before, Morris said.

It was about that time polka rhythms showed up in northern Mexican music and Texans started discovering kolaces for breakfast.

It was also about that time that it was possible to conduct a day's business in Czech in central Texas, a linguistic legacy that has left traces of soft Central European inflection around Ennis, Rogers and Temple, as well as Ratibor and Zabcikville.

"The Czech we speak is not the so-called literary Czech, which is Slovenian," Morris said. "It comes from Moravia, the central province, and they are a very agrarian people."

Having said all that, the U.S. Census Bureau explains that the exclusion of the Czechs from its published reports was neither deliberate nor total.

"Apparently the numbers weren't large enough to be included in the report," said bureau spokesman Al Mirabal in Dallas. "Basically, the principle is that only 10 percent of the data off the tapes is printed."

In the "ancestry" category,

Mirabal said bureau policy requires that the census track six ethnic groups: English, French, German, Irish, Italian and Polish. Each state may then add others.

The census report lists, for example, 3,401 Texans of Portuguese extraction and 3,961 Ukrainians, but lumps the Czechs into the 4.38 million "other," including the state's Hispanics and blacks, who also

appear in detailed tables of their own.

In Texas, the census finds 7.8 million English-speaking adults, 1.7 million speaking Spanish at home, 75,463 speaking German, 41,451 speaking French, 18,094 speaking Chinese, 9,702 speaking Italian, 8,307 speaking Philippine languages and 5,489 speaking Greek.

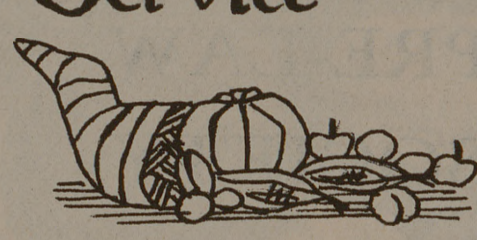
The Czechs apparently fall into a crack formed by 122,878 "other specified" languages.

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Savitch's will divides estate

United Press International
NEW YORK — Television woman Jessica Savitch left an estate, valued at \$250,000, to her mother, sister and seven friends.

Savitch's six-page will, made Dec. 11, 1981, was read Tuesday. It was filed for probate in surrogate Court in Manhattan.

The 35-year-old NBC-TV reporter and anchorwoman, who died at 400 E. 56th St., Manhattan, Oct. 23 when a car driven by Martin Fischbein, a New York Post newspaper vice president, skidded off a rain-soaked road and plunged into the Delaware Canal in New York City.

The will provided that her mother, Florence Savitch of 407 N. Essex St., Margate, N.J., be left one-third after debts and funeral expenses are taken out.

An identical amount was left to a sister, Stephanie Newman of 110 Anita Dr., Linwood, N.J. The will also established a trust fund for Newman's two sons and forgave a debt to Savitch for a loan on her Linwood home.

The remaining third of the estate was divided among seven friends: Mort Crim, an anchorman for WDTV-TV in Detroit, Mich.; Roberta Spring of Manhattan; Lelia M. Blight and Jean Sylvester, both of Washington, D.C.; Mary Navilla of Manhattan; Faith Thomas of Fairfax, Va.; and Dr. Patricia Payne Mahlstedt of Houston.

OCA pictures, meeting tonight

Aggieland pictures will be shown for the Off-Campus Activities at six tonight in the Memorial Student Center. The group's general meeting will follow immediately at 8:01 Rudder.

Student Body President Joe Stan and Executive Vice President Melissa Cospers will be the guest speakers at the meeting. They will explain how Student Government operates and outline the services it provides. The presentation is designed to let students more aware of what Student Government does. OCA will be gearing up for its "Bring Your Own Lunch" bon-

fire picnic at 2 p.m. Sunday at Bee Creek Park. OCA bonfire buddies will meet their buddy at the picnic. Further plans for the picnic will be discussed at the meeting.

OCA also plans to hold its Dec. 2 Christmas party at the Pepper Tree Apartments. The theme for the party will be discussed at the meeting.

OCA will sponsor a bake sale and a donut sale to raise money for the Christmas party. The bake sale will be held Nov. 21-22 in front of the Academic Building. The donut sale is scheduled for Nov. 28-30 in front of the Blocker Building.

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