

# A&M to host driving contest

By **KIMBERLEE NORRIS**  
Reporter

If you've ever had a secret desire to race through campus in a sports car, heedless of stop signs, other vehicles, or University Police, then the Marketing Society has a deal for you.

Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Dodge Division of Chrysler Corporation and the Sports Car Club of America will bring the National Collegiate Driving Championships to Texas A&M.

Jim Currie, president of the Marketing Society, which is the campus sponsor, with the Texas A&M Sports Car Club, said the event will feature a rally course

on the Zachry parking lot. The course will be set off by barricades and traffic cones.

"Any Texas A&M student with a current I.D. and a valid driver's license may compete in the event free of charge," Currie said, "but we are asking that participants give a 25 cent donation which will go to charity."

Each driver will be permitted one practice lap around the course before a final attempt at clocking the fastest time with fewest penalties, Currie said.

Dodge is hosting the event on 70 college and university campuses nationwide to introduce its new sports car, the Daytona Turbo.

The Texas A&M Sports Car Club will assist the Sports Car Club of America with registra-

tion, setting up the course, and clean-up. Bob Claussen, president of the A&M Sports Car Club, said the three Texas A&M students with the fastest times will be flown to Daytona Beach, Fla. where they will compete April 6 in the grand finals against other college and university semi-finalists.

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Claussen said the course will be entirely safe.

"The emphasis will be on careful and skilled driving, not speed," he said. "Each driver will wear a helmet and safety belt, and the cars are locked into first gear, which means the speeds won't exceed much over 20 mph." Claussen said the cars are equipped with three kill switches that can be remotely operated if a driver were to have trouble.

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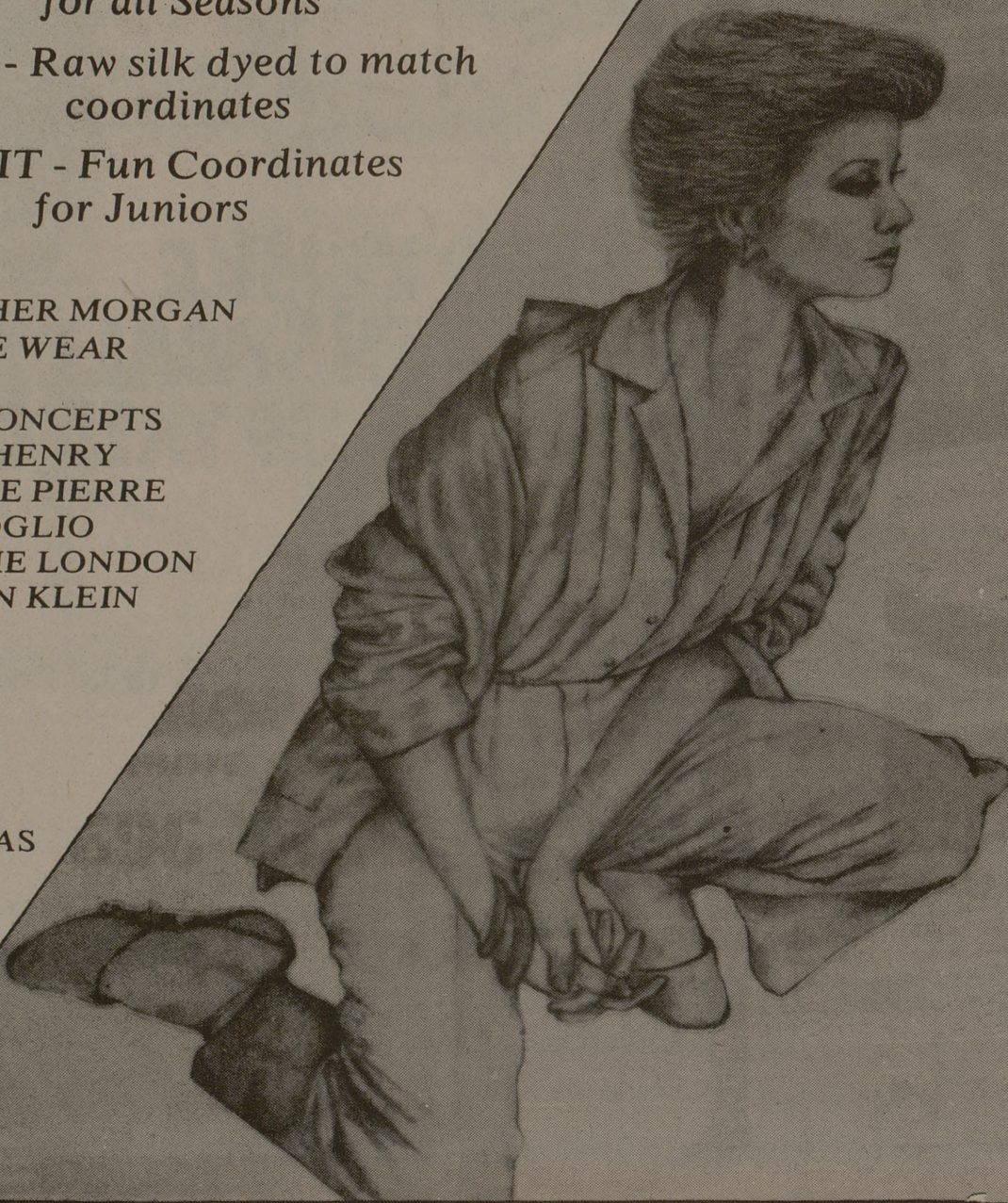
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# President's chopper makes sudden landing

United Press International

**ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE** — The helicopter carrying President Reagan from the White House to Andrews Air Force Base, Md., made an emergency Thursday when a red warning light went on. Reagan was unhurt and never in any danger, a White House official said.

Reagan was en route to Atlanta for a political appearance when the incident occurred aboard his Marine One chopper. The helicopter landed at Anacostia Naval Air Station where the Reagan party transferred to another craft.

The president was joking as he boarded the second chopper.

"This one's all right," he said. "I kicked the tires on it."

White House Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes said it had not been determined whether there was a problem with the chopper, or merely a faulty warning light.

Speakes briefed reporters on the incident aboard Air Force One as they returned from Atlanta.

"We landed at Anacostia Naval Air Station," Speakes said, "and the president was switched to another helicopter."

Speakes emphasized Reagan never was in danger, and called the emergency landing "standard procedure."

Also aboard the chopper were Speakes and White House chief of staff James

Baker and the pilot.

Speakes said he delayed releasing the information on the emergency landing until Reagan completed his appearances in Atlanta because, "I wanted to get all the facts from the military on this."

The short flight from the South Lawn of the White House to Andrews normally takes some 10 minutes. Anacostia Naval Air Station is about halfway to Atlanta.

Speakes said it was the time the president had been on a plane that was forced to make an emergency landing.

Reagan did not realize the helicopter was landing until it was nearly on the ground because, Speakes said, "He was telling stories to others on board."

# Mayor Halter designates February 'Heart Month'

By **JULIE ENNIS**  
Reporter

College Station Mayor Gary Halter signed a proclamation Thursday night during the city council meeting declaring February "Heart Month" in College Station.

"Heart Month," sponsored by the American Heart Association, will be a month of intense fundraising. Al Peterson, American Heart Association president for the Brazos County, said the money raised in College Station will be used for heart research at Texas A&M as well as community education for all age groups including young children.

The nation will join College Station and also declare February as "Heart Month," Peterson said.

In other business, City Planner Al Mayo presented to the city council an implementation plan for Northgate Committee recommendations. The plan included possible additions of privately owned parking lots, more trash can facilities, more "No Parking" signs and a way of notifying Northgate merchants of trash accumulations on their property.

He said A&M officials have agreed to help open communications between the Northgate Committee and the University regarding traffic and parking

problems.

Mayo suggested the provision of overnight parking at College Main, Nagle Church Streets north to limits, and the addition of one-hour parking during daytime hours.

Mayo recommended the price of a new street sweep, new lighting system and the employment of three police officers in the Northgate area should be included in the 1984-85 budget.

The council unanimously approved the construction of a flea market on approximately five acres of land east of Highway 6 and about 500 feet north of the intersection of Bryan Road and Highway 6.

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