

## Best Bets

Looks like we all lived through last weekend's entertainment deficit, and it looks like this weekend will more than make up for it — there'll be lots of stuff in town to divert you from your studies.

Biggest deal this weekend — Bob Hope, without a doubt. Courtesy of MSC Town Hall, old Ski Slope himself will be in G. Rollie tonight at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 and \$11 at the MSC Box Office (845-1234).

I'm going to see Hope, then as soon as that's over I'm heading for Dr. G's to hear Karen Kraft (Oh, the busy life I lead!). I talked to her in Austin (via phone, of course) Tuesday — find out what she had to say in related story.

As reported in *The Batt* earlier this week, looks like Chicago is a possibility for a concert here sometime in November. Town Hall's supposed to be working on setting it up.

Other good stuff this weekend: Van Wilks Band, Saturday night at Dr. G's. Yes, one more band from Austin. They've opened for people like Heart and Triumph and write jingles for Lone Star Beer.

### Le Cabaret

This jazz club is the newest club in town, and offers live entertainment on weekends and occasionally during the week. For more information call 846-1427.

**Friday — D.J. show and open dance floor.**

**Saturday — Notropis.**

**Sunday — Open jam Session.**

**Wednesday — Sioux Morales.**

**Thursday — The Scroocs.**

### Dr. G's

Located on College Main, this club offers a little bit of everything. Acts over the summer have included everything from reggae to punk to rockabilly to folk music and just about everything in between. The club sells beer and wine — no hard liquor — but does provide set-ups for those who bring their own bottles.

Most shows start around 9 p.m. For ticket and other information, call Dr. G's at 846-1812.

Here's this week's calendar:

**Tonight — Karen Kraft — Blues.** See related story in this issue.

**Saturday — Van Wilks Band.** Rock 'n' roll, from Austin.

**Sunday — Four Hams on Rye — Rockabilly.** Four stars for four hams — these guys are my personal pick. From here.

**Monday — Open stage night — kind of an amateur free-for-all.** Call Dr. G's for more info if you want to do your thing on stage.

**Tuesday — Live play — The House of Leaves** (by John Guare).

**Wednesday — Dance attack — open dance floor,** Deanna has D.J. honors.

**Thursday — The Planets — Rock 'n' roll.** From Austin — kinda.

### The Lakeview Club

Country/Western dance club that hosts live bands most of the time. **Saturday — Fiddlin' Frenchie Burke** and a Little Bit of Texas. For ticket information and reservations call 823-0660.

### The Texas Hall of Fame

Country/Western dance club that hosts live bands most of the time.

The club is located on FM 2818 and shows start at 9 p.m. For more information call 822-2222.

**Tonight — Texas High Riders.**

**Saturday — Bubba Cox and the Easy Going.**

Okay, road-trippers, here's the out-of-town stuff:

#### Houston:

Cyndi Lauper — Oct. 10 in the Summit.

Billy Squire — Oct. 12 in the Summit.

Rod Stewart — Oct. 14 in the Summit.

Culture Club — Oct. 28 in the Summit.

For ticket information, call (713)961-9003

#### Austin:

Get ticket information at (512)471-1444.

At the Erwin Center:

Alabama — Oct. 12.

Cyndi Lauper — Oct. 13.

Alvin and the Chipmunks — Nov. 1 and 2.

## State Fair provides Texas-sized thrills

"Howdy, folks!"

"It's time for corn dogs, Big Tex, high school marching bands, the Clydesdale horses, pigs, chickens and an unbelievable midway of rides."

The State Fair of Texas has all this and much, much more.

The regular \$3 adult admission charge to the Fair, held in Fair Park in Dallas, lets you see an ice revue, a circus, a helicopter acrobatics act, a parade, a fireworks display and a drill by the U.S. Marines.

Pepsi is sponsoring "Pepsi on Ice" and Dr Pepper is sponsoring the Dr Pepper State Fair Circus. "Pepsi on Ice" is presented four times daily and the Dr Pepper circus has performances three times on weekends and twice on weekdays.

"Starship 3" features acrobatics and other aerial stunts performed from a helicopter flying over the Lagoon.

A parade beginning at 7 p.m. each night will feature marching bands, beauty queens and

floats. It will end with a fireworks display over the Lagoon.

On Marine Corps Square at 3:45 p.m. daily, the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, Silent Drill Team and Color guard will perform.

"The Great Rock and Roll Time Machine," a multi-media production with 215 songs, will play one every hour during the Fair. The show is sponsored by the Miller Brewing Company of Fort Worth.

The Cotton Bowl Plaza stage will host country and western performers. Rob Dixon and the Lost Cowboy Band will play each afternoon or evening.

Gary Stewart will perform Oct. 6; Joe Stampley, Oct. 7; Frenchie Burke, Oct. 8-12; Mason-Dixon, Oct. 8, 15, 27; Bandana, Oct. 13; George Strait, Oct. 14; Little Joe y La Familia, Oct. 16; Shelley West, Oct. 20; Steve Wariner, Oct. 21; Reba McEntire, Oct. 22; Eddy Raven, Oct. 26; and Gene Watson, Oct. 28.

Texas Renegade will play each afternoon and The Shoppe will play each night at Stage 7.

Other bands will appear on the Big Tex Stage including a variety of high school bands, choirs and drill teams.

On the Hall of State Stage, the Hot Wheel Skaters, the North Texas Round and Square Dancers, the Plano Civic Children's Chorus and Solomon Surles Gymnastics will appear.

Other events require an additional ticket. The State Fair Rodeo is one. It begins Saturday and ends Oct. 14.

"Sugar Babies," the Broadway musical, is another. It started Oct. 3 and will run through Oct. 21 in the Music Hall.

Other activities requiring extra tickets are the National Finals Tractor Pull, Oct. 18-21 in the Coliseum, and Cotton Bowl World Class Championship Wrestling, Oct. 27 in the Cotton Bowl.

## Rodeo aids rehabilitation

Located in Huntsville, the Texas Prison Rodeo kicks off its 53rd year this Sunday, Oct. 7 at 8:30 a.m. and will run every Sunday in October.

Billed as "the wildest, roughest rodeo behind bars," the two-hour show takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. and features convicts in rodeo events such as wild horse races, calf tying, bull riding, bareback and saddle bronc riding, as well as novelty acts such as wild cow milking and chariot races.

The "Hard Money" event features forty red-shirted convicts attempting to remove a tobacco pouch stuffed with cash from the horns of a mad, charging bull. Definitely a hard way to make some pocket money.

The rodeo is only part of the fun. Inmate arts and

crafts are available, inmates display their musical talents in various bands and the High Rollers Drill Team from the "Retrieve" prison unit in Brazoria County perform on the midway outside the Huntsville "Walls" unit.

Clyde Brewer's Original River Road Boys, featuring Jim Nelson, entertain later in the day and perform country and western favorites.

Rodeo souvenirs will be available, or you can stop by the "Wanted Poster" display, have your picture taken and then made into a wanted poster to grace your living room or den (or to send home to mom — tell her you've been caught and need bail money).

On Oct. 7, the 1984 Miss Texas Prison Rodeo will be

crowned and David Frizzell and Shelly West will help round out the day's activities. Mel Tillis is scheduled to appear on Oct. 14, Janie Fricke on Oct. 21 and John Conlee will finish off the rodeo's roster of popular country and western entertainers.

Net proceeds from the rodeo help finance treatment and rehabilitation programs for the more than 35,000 inmates in the Texas Department of Corrections.

Tickets are available for \$5, \$6 and \$7 and may be purchased by sending a check or money order to: Texas Prison Rodeo, P.O. Box 99, Huntsville, Texas 77340.

If hard-driving thrills and spills are your cup of tea, check out the The 53rd Annual Texas Prison Rodeo.

## You are about to enter into the 'Twilight Zone' trivia contest

"Twilight Zone" trivia buffs will soon get a chance to test their mettle in a contest sponsored by "Twilight Zone" magazine.

Contest forms and rules are being posted on 100 college campuses across the U.S. during the first two weeks of October. If you can't find the forms and rules on campus, the questions will be printed in "The Twilight Zone Magazine Trivia Special," which will be on newsstands in early December.

All entries must be returned by Jan. 15, 1985. Unless, of course, you're living in the "Twilight Zone." If you're in the "Twilight Zone" you'll have to compensate for the dimension of time and space that you're in, and for the postal service in your area of the ozone layer or the galaxy where you reside.

Finalists in the contest will be flown to New York City in the spring of 1985 for the "ultimate 'Twilight Zone' stumpers."

The grand prize is a trip for

two to Jamaica and all of the sun, fun and other tropical delights you can handle.

So, if you live in the "Twilight Zone," or can answer a few easy questions like: "Name Ray Bradbury's two unproduced 'Twilight Zone' scripts," "Where was Rod Serling born?" and "List, in alphabetical order, the name of every 'Twilight Zone' episode ever filmed," you may want to take the time to fill out the contest form and win yourself a trip to Jamaica.