

Band, Ross Volunteers take part in Mardi Gras

By Brenda Neeper
Reporter

The Ross Volunteers and the Aggie Band will be in the midst of Mardi Gras celebrations in New Orleans and Galveston next week.

The RVs will be in the King Rex parade Tuesday in New Orleans.

"In the parade, we are the ceremonial honor guard escort," said Daryl Pickard, administrative officer for the RVs.

The seven-mile parade is the climax of the Mardi Gras celebration. The RVs began marching in the King Rex parade 32 years ago and

have been back every year since, Pickard said.

During the parade, the RVs will perform drill and rifle manuals, Pickard said.

"We'll also be performing special fancy drills known as 'King Rex of Mardi Gras manuals,'" he said.

The King Rex of Mardi Gras manuals are drills which are passed down each year to the RVs, Pickard said. These drills will be performed in front of the main reviewing stand, he said.

The New Orleans Aggie Club will host a dinner for the unit, Pickard said.

While the RVs are celebrating in New Orleans, the Aggie Band will be marching on Feb. 16 in a different parade in Galveston. Several other University bands such as the University of Texas Band and the University of Houston Band will also be in the parade.

This is the first year that Galveston has had a Mardi Gras parade, Capt. Jay Brewer, Assistant Band Director, said.

"I think it's going to be a real nice trip," Brewer said.

The band leaves Feb. 16 and will return the next day.

Dorm sponsors 'Kiss-a-Frog' contest for cancer research

By BELINDA HOOD
Reporter

It's been said, "Before you meet your handsome prince or princess, you have to kiss quite a few toads."

Well, the winner of the McFadden Hall Kiss-a-Frog contest will have to pay his dues during halftime of the Texas A&M vs. Texas Christian University basketball game.

McFadden Hall is sponsoring the "Kiss-a-Frog" contest to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

McFadden residents are collecting money in the names of the five contestants. The contestant who has the most money collected in his name will be the recipient of a warty kiss Feb. 16.

Participants are Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services; David Alders, student body president; Kelly Joseph, head yell leader; Kevin Murray, an A&M football quarterback; and Miss Texas A&M Kim Walters.

Donations are being collected at the Memorial Student Center, in front of Sbis Dining Hall and on the Quadrangle until Friday. A table also will be set up from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. on the first floor of McFadden.

"We're hoping to get people to give to a good cause," said Jeanette Bauer, special projects chairman for McFadden. "It will also be funny to see someone kiss a frog at the game."

A former resident of McFadden, Christy Cobb, died of cancer last

summer. Bauer said this was the reason the American Cancer Society was chosen to receive the proceeds.

"Everything helps, including any pennies, nickels or dimes in your pocket," Bauer said.

A representative from the American Cancer Society will be at the basketball game to receive the donation given in Cobb's name, Bauer said.

"Cancer is something that eventually touches everyone in some way, and with the breakthroughs being made, it is a good cause to give to," Bauer said.

Anyone unable to make it by the collection locations who wishes to give a donation can contact Ronda Duckers (260-8355) or Jeanette Bauer (260-8438).

Victim's parents want to watch murderer's death by injection

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The parents of a woman slain at the hands of convicted murderer Stephen Peter Morin say they want to witness his execution, which is scheduled for next month.

"He stole a young 21-year-old daughter from my wife and me, and we've sat back for more than three years and let the law take its course," said Don Bruce.

Morin is scheduled to die by injection March 13 for the shooting death

of Carrie Marie Scott, who was killed Dec. 11, 1981, in the parking lot of a San Antonio restaurant.

Morin faces another death sentence for strangling Bruce's 21-year-old daughter, Janna.

Parking

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Texas Tech maintains nine buses that run from the commuter lot to campus every seven minutes from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. The outermost bus route is three-fourths of a mile from campus.

Mary Voswinkel, chief of the Rice University Police, says Rice is fortunate because 8,000 parking spaces exist for Rice's student population of 3,500.

But, Voswinkel says although the stadium parking lot is only about two blocks away from the main campus area, students would like to park closer, and officials continually issue tickets.

"Students are always wanting to park as close as they can to the main campus area," Voswinkel says. "So we have a Volkswagen van and a 14-passenger shuttle bus that runs from the lot to the main campus from 7 a.m. until 12 p.m."

Lt. Richard Abshire, of Southern Methodist University, says efforts there are directed toward making parking spots readily accessible to women in on-campus sorority houses and for women housed in dormitories.

"The parking enforcement section at SMU concentrates on keeping fire lanes clear and making sure nobody abuses the parking spaces designated for the handicapped," Abshire says. "We also try and make sure females are close to their housing quarters. One of the biggest reasons for us doing this is to make sure they don't have a long way to walk at night."

Abshire says, like Rice, the parking spaces near Moody Coliseum — farthest from campus — are about two blocks away.

E.B. Myre, director of the Department of Public Safety at Baylor University, says adequate parking exists around the campus, but many students won't walk the two blocks from parking areas to the inner campus.

J.K. Jackson, parking coordinator at Texas Christian University, says sarcastically that he feels sorry for the people at Rice, SMU and Baylor.

"It's a damn shame what those people at Rice and SMU have to go through every day," he says. "It must be awful to have to walk two blocks every day."

"I have to walk about two blocks to my office every day and I feel like I'm one of the more fortunate people around here."

Jackson says TCU's main problem is that the parking isn't strategically located. He says most of the parking is about 1 1/2 miles from the main part of campus.

"We have a pretty good number of spaces available here, but some of them are a long way from the main campus area," Jackson says. "Students here would like to park closer to campus and that is understandable. Many of our spaces are several blocks away from the campus near our athletic stadium."

Joel Romo, of the University of Houston Police, says people shouldn't expect to park close to the campus if they are attending a large university.

"Of course we have to hand out our share of traffic tickets to those who insist on parking where they aren't suppose to," he says. "It's

about a 10-minute walk from our closest outlying parking lot and about an 18-minute walk from the farthest outlying parking lot."

Romo says one of the biggest problems facing police at UH is the towing situation.

Sometimes it is necessary for the police to have the vehicle towed to a holding lot several miles from the campus, he says.

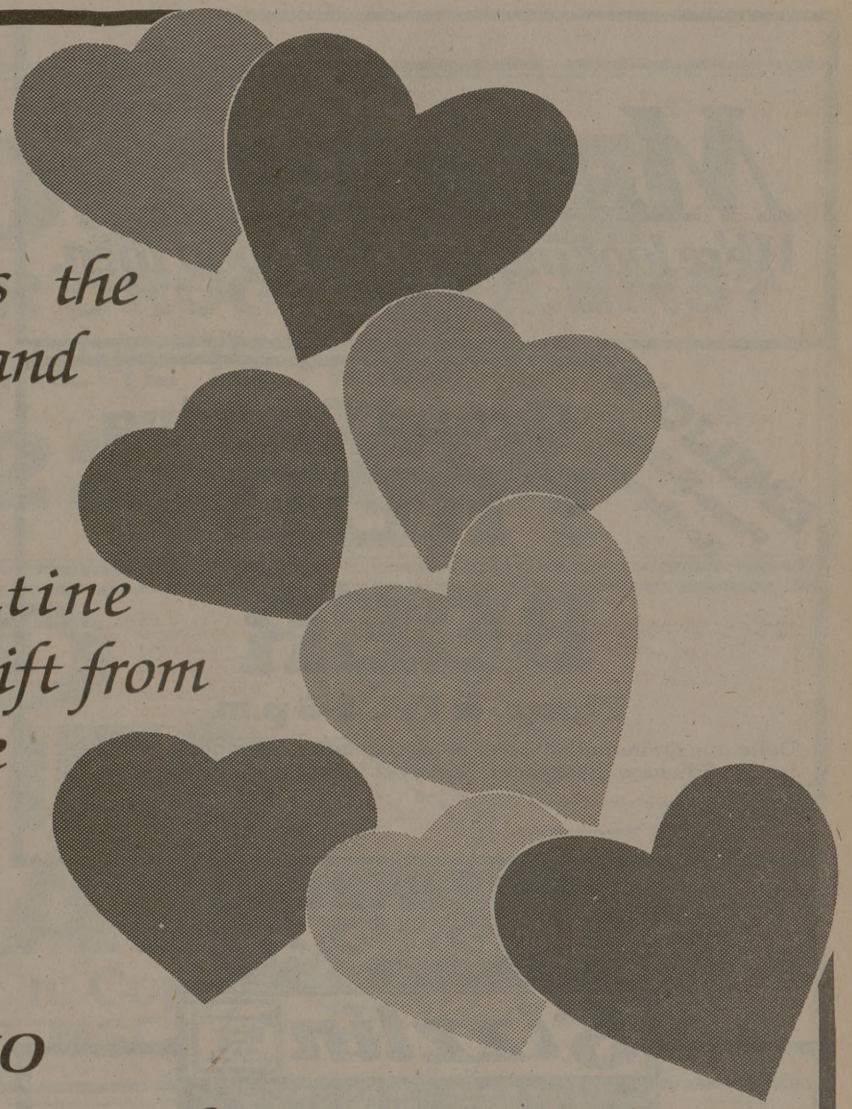
"It would be better for us to put a lock on the wheels of someone's car and notify them that they need to come to the police station and have the situation taken care of there," Romo says. "That way a person wouldn't have to go get his car across town."

Officials at the University of Arkansas say their parking problems aren't bad, but they too have people who want to park closer to their campus destination.

Jerry Thomas, a student at Arkansas says he thinks most of the people there are satisfied with the parking situation, but some still like to park closer especially when the weather is bad.

"We are charged only \$10 for a parking sticker and I don't think it is that bad of a deal," Thomas says. "Of course most students have to walk some to get where they want to go, but that is to be expected at any school I suppose."

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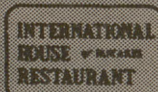
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