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come increasingly popular according to a ASPRS survey last year are: breast augmentation, either increasing or decreasing the size of the breast; abdominoplasty, a tummy tuck; otoplasty, reconstructing the ear; mastopexy, breast lift; rhytidectomy, total face-lift including the forehead; rhinoplasty, reconstructing the nose; hair transplants; dermabrasion and chemical peel, correcting acne scars; and surgical body contouring.

Sally, a 35-year-old executive secretary from Sugarland, says she is terrified of fat and wrinkles.

"I have had three different types of cosmetic surgeries, am on a never-ending diet and exercise religiously," Sally says. "It is a problem with me, but not to the point where I have damaged my health. Actually, I have improved it."

Sally says she has had a nose job, face lift and suction lipectomy. But, Sally says she is still not satisfied and would like to increase her breast size by three inches.

"My analyst said the reason I can not find someone to settle down with is because I'm so obsessed with myself," she says. "I guess he is right, but I just want to look perfect."

The ASPRS reports that with the recent increase in people undergoing cosmetic surgery, the number of men having the procedures also has increased.

According to ASPRS information, a woman is used to having cosmetic surgery. But a man has trouble dealing with the fact he is concerned with the way he looks and tends to question his masculinity.

Opal Vinviola, a cosmetologist for That Place II in College Station, says, "We are all vain and want to

look our best to our peers. Even men."

She says men are most afraid of hair loss, which is usually related to aging.

Vinviola makes wigs and hair pieces for both men and women, and she says the biggest concern is that it looks natural.

"If we can look our best it can make a lot of difference in the way we project ourselves, and that may affect our relationships, careers and general well-being," she says.

Vinviola says her male customers come to her for permanents, hair lightening and manicures.

"In metro-areas men are even starting to wear make-up," she says.

One man participating in this new trend of men improving on what nature gave them is George, a 45-year-old petroleum engineer for a major oil company in Houston.

"I have always been athletically inclined and was always considered very attractive," he says. "But I found myself divorced, fat and gaining wrinkles fast at age 35, so I did something about it."

George, another exercise fanatic, is in search of that college football player body, has had a face lift and hair implants. He, like Sally, is still not satisfied.

"My reasons were not all due to my vanity," he explains. "I compete in a business world of hot-shot young executives, and I want to keep up with them in every way."

In Kinross-Wright's opinion, American society is youth- and appearance-oriented. He said some people exercise themselves to the point of exhaustion not only once a day, but sometimes two or three times a day.

Kinross-Wright says this recent trend of using surgery to correct

What's up

Tuesday

TAMU LACROSSE: is practicing at 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday on the drill field. Practice is open to anyone interested.

MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE: has a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

Wednesday

AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: has a meeting to plan the fall semester at 7 p.m. in Rudder Tower.

TEXAS A&M BOWLING CLUB: is meeting to elect officers at 8 p.m. in 404 Rudder. Team tryouts will be held at Chimney Hill Bowling Center on September 7 at 9 a.m.

STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID: will have an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 308 Chemistry Bldg.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION: has its first general assembly meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION: has a recruiting conference for all interested students at 7 p.m. in 201 MSC. Speakers from the placement center and College of Business Administration will be present.

MINORITY ENGINEERING COUNCIL: will meet at 7 p.m. in 205-206 MSC for a reception.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three days prior to desired publication date.

physical imperfections could become a serious problem if doctors involved in cosmetic surgery are not conscientious.

"Just as there are people who can not control their dieting, I can foresee people who can not keep from having plastic surgery as they realize each new physical fault they may think they have," he says.

Kinross-Wright says he already sees the purpose of exercise being abused and a tendency for society to produce exercise fanatics.

Shari Lewis, manager of Figure World in Bryan, disagrees with Kinross-Wright. She says she thinks the

fitness craze is changing, and the people are more concerned with how they feel rather than how they look.

"Of course, the quest for that perfect body is a hard road to travel, but that is why I see the trend going toward simply doing what is necessary to feel better rather than look better," Lewis says.

Physical fitness has become big tech Lewis says. She says the days of fitness, stress and nutrition testing are here.

Homosexuals hold protest of sodomy law

Associated Press

DALLAS — Determined to fight an appeals court decision that labels them criminals, more than 1,000 homosexuals staged a candlelight vigil and rally on the steps of City Hall Monday.

"I have been labeled a criminal and my privacy invaded," Dallas Gay Alliance president Bill Nelson stormed from the makeshift stage. "Don't let anybody tell you you are a criminal."

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Ap-

peals in New Orleans reinstated Texas' sodomy law last Monday, overriding its own three-judge appellate panel and a Dallas federal judge who said the law is unconstitutional.

The judges said the law is constitutional "in view of the strong objection to homosexual conduct, which has prevailed in western culture for the past seven centuries . . ."

But the Rev. Don Eastman, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church, told the crowd Monday

night that "there comes a time when we have to say, 'Tradition is wrong — let's change tradition.'"

The 5th Circuit panel also said the law, which among other things prohibits sexual intercourse between two people of the same sex, does not deprive homosexuals of equal protection under the Fourteenth Amendment.

The 9-7 vote delighted Dallas Doctors Against AIDS, which had kept the six-year legal battle raging. But it infuriated gay rights and civil-

rights advocates such as the Texas Human Rights Foundation.

Neil Cogan, a constitutional law professor at Southern Methodist University, said the appeals court decision means "the Texas Legislature is free to penalize whoever deems to be amoral."

He added that the decision's implications are very dangerous. "We must gather together to make sure it's changed."

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