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Proceeds from legs contest to be given to United Way

By MARY KAY KIRK
Reporter

Who wears short shorts? Members from several student organizations including the Residence Hall Association, the Corps of Cadets, the football team and Off-Campus Aggies wore their short shorts Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center for a legs contest to raise funds for United Way.

The contest, which required a \$25 entry fee, was sponsored by Student Government and was the first of its kind. Student Government United Way Chairman Katherine Golley said she hopes it will become an annual event.

"We like the idea because this kind of thing can't get rained out," she said, "and anyone can enter."

This year's 10 participants were judged by the appearance of their legs and by audience response. Each also was asked a question by the announcers, Golley and Keith Kornfuhrer, Student Government's student relations chairman.

The judges, also Student Government members, included Student Body President Sean Royall, Maritza Pena, John Rigas and Kelly Harvey. They presented an award to a male winner, a female winner and an overall "sexiest legs in Aggieland" winner.

The male winner, football player Marshall Land, told the audience why he thinks he has such great legs.

"I eat plenty of meat," he said. A sophomore from Company A-1 said, "I think he should have won, and besides, who's gonna tell him he didn't win?"

Stacey Shaeffer, the female winner, was sponsored by a local apartment complex. She said she was very impressed with the contest.

"It was all done in very good taste," she said. "I had a lot of fun."

While most responses to the fund-raiser were positive, some



Photo by MIKE SANCHEZ

Marshall Land displays his legs for judges John Regas (left), Maritza Pena (center) and Sean Royall.

people said they felt that a sexy legs contest was a tactless way to raise money.

But Golley said the contest wasn't meant to offend anyone.

"We tried to eliminate the bias by opening the contest to men, women, or anything else," she said.

The overall winner was Texas A&M mascot Reveille V of Company E-2.

Mascot Cpl. Mark Muse said, "She has the best legs on campus because she doesn't have to shave them to be sexy."

During questioning by the announcers, someone said that Reveille had an unfair advantage

since she had four legs instead of two.

The winners will be announced during halftime at the Texas A&M vs. Arkansas game.

Although the legs contest was all in fun, it was part of a much bigger plan, Golley said. The goal of the United Way Committee, she said, is to raise \$3,000 during the year.

Several groups have been eager to make donations, Golley said. She added that the United Way gained more than money from the legs contest.

"The main benefit is exposure for the United Way," she said. "We're trying to raise the students' awareness."

Vet students to raise money with pig chase

By MANDY MIKULENCAK
Reporter

Watch out Razorbacks!

On Friday, Aggies will be attempting to collar greased piglets and call hogs at the Greased Pig Chase and Hog Calling Contest, sponsored by the Veterinary Class of '87.

The contest, which begins at 7 p.m., will be held at the Louis Pearce Animal Science Pavilion on Jersey Street.

Joseph Hajda, a class representative, said the contest is a "mock" preparation for Saturday's football game against Arkansas and Coach Jackie Sherrill will be there as an honorary judge.

Potential pig pursuers and hog callers must sign up in teams of four, either all women, all men, or two women and two men. The entry fee is \$10 a team.

Hajda said applications can be obtained this week at tables set up in the Commons, Sbis Dining Hall, the Memorial Student Center or at the dean's office in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

The winners of the contest will receive complimentary movie passes and dinners at area restaurants.

For those who would rather watch the squealing sport, admission will be 50 cents.

Proceeds will benefit the Brazos County United Way and the veterinary class.

Hajda said his class will use the money to finance its fourth year banquet and to help pay the fees for the State and National Board Exams the students take their final year.

Prof chosen to head sea grant program

University News Service

Dr. Thomas J. Bright, professor of oceanography at Texas A&M, has been named director of the University's Sea Grant College Program, effective Friday, A&M President Frank E. Vandiver says.

With Bright's appointment, Feenan D. Jennings, Sea Grant director since 1978, becomes full-time executive director of the Office of University Research Services. Jennings had been serving in a dual capacity at Sea Grant and research services since 1983.

As director, Bright will administer \$3.5 million in marine-related research, education and public service programs. Funding comes from private sources, state and local governments and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Bright joined the A&M faculty in 1968 and has been a professor in the Department of Oceanography since 1981. He is an authority on marine research, with particular emphasis on coral reef, estuarine and near-shore ecology. He has served as chairman of the Oceanography Senior Advisory Committee and as coordinator of the Biological Oceanography Division.

Bright has been involved in the environmental regulatory process, through testimony at congressional and federal agency hearings, consulting for federal and state agencies and industry on environmental issues, and presenting lectures and television appearances.

OPAS program treats students to spontaneous performances

By CYNTHIA GAY
Staff Writer

MSC Opera and Performing Arts Society treated students who frequent Zachry Engineering Center to an unexpected dance routine last Thursday in the main lobby.

As students left their classes, they were caught by the sight of two preschool girls, dressed in colorful leotards, dancing sprightly in the lobby's center.

Minutes later the ground floor and both balconies of Zachry filled with about 500 curious students and professors as the prancing pair from Cheryl's School of Dance stepped through their recital.

"I was shocked," said Layne Bourque, a senior industrial engineering major, describing his first impression of the troupe. "I saw all these

girls dancing around in pink and black tights."

It's all a part of SPEX, a series of spontaneous performances begun last spring and continuing with four performances so far this semester.

The key to this OPAS event is its spontaneity, said Wendel Lloyd, OPAS director of audience development.

How about a student saxophonist rippling out jazz in front of the Chemistry Building for spontaneity?

Marcus Drayton played his saxophone Nov. 1 for about 50 students who just stopped by to enjoy the music.

"I just got my horn out and started playing," said Drayton, a junior mechanical engineering major.

Chosen by OPAS because of his MSC Variety Show performance last spring, this independent musician

said he kept right on playing.

"It was a great chance to stay in practice," Drayton added.

OPAS also enlisted the trombone talents of David Hass in early September followed by Becky Garrison's violin solo in October.

Garrison said she enjoyed the challenge of a constantly fluctuating group instead of the usual recital audience.

"Every five minutes I got a different audience," she said. "It's a neat experience."

Lloyd said SPEX is an effort to bring the performing arts to A&M students free.

The idea for these impromptu happenings was born two years ago as the High Noon concert series, consisting of occasional performances held in the MSC main lounge, Lloyd said.

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