

Sound Of Music

Photo by Anthony S. Casper

Melanie Sattler, a freshman civil engineering major and member of the Brazos Valley Symphony

Orchestra, practices in preparation for this Sunday's concert at Texas A&M

Drivers from U.S., Canada to race in 20th Aggiecross

By Shelly Simmonds

The 20th annual Aggiecross will be run this weekend with competitors from all over the United States, said David Agerton, president of the Texas A&M Sports Car Club. There are about 100 competitors

in the race from all over, Agerton There are cars from other states besides Texas such as Oklahoma, Louisiana and also some from Canada, he said.

The Aggiecross is an event that has been put on once a semester by the Sports Car Club since 1970. It is held at the Texas World Speedway, which is about nine miles outside of College Station.

Agerton said, "We're the only people that use the speedway for an autocross type of event, no one else

Aggiecross is a high-speed, solo road racing event with cars competing in separate classes, Agerton said. The classes are based mainly on the

size, weight and horsepower of the drive a sports car the way as car, he said.

This is so we don't have a Volkswagon competing against a Corvet-te," Agerton said. "In each one of the different classes, the cars in it have a different level of potential performance.

Aggiecross will be Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20 at the speedway. Agerton said applications are still available. The fee is \$40 for members and \$50 for nonmembers,

"Really what we do is we have a sports car club and it's for people to

car was meant to be driven,"

"We provide events for the release their anxieties of cooped up behind the wheel of a car and only being able to dri mph or 55 mph," he added.

The club just became inc rated by the state, Agerton said. means that the club is insured more protected, he said. If any action were to be taken, it would taken against the corporation not the club members, he said.

'Old lady of the sea' stays afloat

Swimmer, 56, still seeks challenges

Taylor doesn't object when she's referred to as "the old lady of the sea." After all, the 56-yearold marathon swimmer has been challenging the Atlantic Ocean for nearly eight years.

'I'm going to try it again," she vows, standing on the sandy beach, her blue eyes looking east over the horizon toward the Bahamas. "This time, I'm going to make it.'

Taylor's elusive goal is to swim from the island chain to Florida's Gold Coast, an arduous task she has tried and failed three times.

To prepare for an attempt in May, the 5-foot-5-inch athlete has gone into full-time training, exercising, bicycling and swimming 7,000 meters daily under the eye of her trainer, Bob Duenkel, swimming coach of Northeast High School.

Also planned, for August, is another English Channel swim, a feat she accomplished in 1973 and 1975. Taylor was 46 when she made her second crossing, giving her the record for the oldest woman to ever conquer the 21-mile distance.

"I'm going to do the Channel again so no one can take my record," says Taylor, for whom marathon swimming is an obsession. However, it has

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— Stella Taylor, a 56-year-old marathon swimmer.

provided little material gain for her other than plaques, mementos, some guest appearances and media attention. Currently unemployed, she subsists on meager savings from jobs that, over the years, have allowed her to train for her swims.

'Financially, it hasn't been rewarding," she admits. "I've never been able to cash in on my

Surprisingly, Taylor didn't get involved with marathon swimming until she was 40, a time when most people gravitate to less strenuous

Born in Bristol, England, she came to the

United States when she was 19. She spent four years in a convent, but left before taking her vows to become a nun.

Despite her late start in the sport, some of Taylor's swims were exceedingly difficult. In 1971, she swam a 14-mile closed course at

the Aswan Dam in Egypt. "It was a very hard swim because of the currents and it was 100 degrees overhead and 54 degrees in the water," she recalls. Later that year, she swam another longdistance event in the Nile River.

She swam round-trip around Fort Lauderdale in 1976 and on June 13, 1977, she set a record for completing the 40-mile distance across Lake George in New York.

In 1981, Taylor swam the 24 miles of Loch Ness in Scotland in less than 19 hours while the water temperature was 48 degrees and, that same year, she swam 40 miles across Lake Okeechobee from Moore Haven to Belle Glade

Taylor prefers the Atlantic challenge to all

"It's the sharks and the dangers," is how she analyzes her goal. "I like some danger for it to be a challenge. Once I've made it, I'll be happy."

Terrorism

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curity guard foiled what could

have been a terrorist massacre. The El Al airline guard, at Heathrow Airport, found a bomb in the false bottom of an Irishwoman's hand luggage as she tried to board the Israeli airline's Flight 016 to Tel Aviv.

About 360 people were aboard the targeted Boeing 747.

The woman was arrested but her name was not immediately released. British police said she may have been duped by her boyfriend, an Arab, and may not have known about the explosives.

A search was mounted for the

In Tunis, two young Tunisians on a motorbike tossed firebombs at a compound housing U.S. Marine guards and other U.S. Embassy staff members, setting an American-owned automobile afire, U.S. and Tunisian officials

reported. No one was hurt.

Police said one youth wa rested and the other escaped.

To the south, in the Suda capital of Khartoum, the Embassy was preparing for airlift evacuation of more 200 embassy staff member dependents.

Gunmen in Khart and seriously wounded an A can embassy technician Tu near the Libyan embassy.

An embassy statement sa anti-American threats issue neighboring Libya, which grown politically closer to \$ in recent months, forced evacuation.

Fifteen thousand protes demonstrated Wednesday Khartoum, burning Amend flags and chanting, "Down, Do U.S.A.!"

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