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What's Up

Friday

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: will have a Bible study at 6 p.m. at A&M Presbyterian Church. There will also be a peanut butter fellowship at 11:30 a.m. at Rudder fountain.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Edgar Wolferts, Institute director, will speak at the sandwich seminar at noon in the Institute Building.

RETAILING SOCIETY: will have a happy hour and boxer shorts contest from 7 p.m. at Garfield's.

CAMPUS CRUSADE: will meet at 7 p.m. in the Grove for the Billy Hobbs campus rally.

PUERTO RICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: call the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting.

WESLEY FOUNDATION: will have movie night at 7 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation.

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Billy Hobbs will give an evangelistic presentation at 8:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder.

Saturday

TAMU SNOW SKI CLUB: Mount Aggie will be open from 10 a.m.-noon for all club members and ski students for instruction and practice.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION/NEWMAN: will have a dance at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.

TAMU SURF CLUB: will compete in a TGSA competition beginning at 7:30 a.m. in Surfside.

CORPUS CHRISTI HOMETOWN CLUB: will have a picnic at 11 a.m. at Spence Park.

CORPS OF CADETS: will have march-in at noon at Kyle Field.

Sunday

YOUNG LIFE COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP: will meet for Christian fun and fellowship at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC RELATIONS AND RECRUITMENT: will demonstrate and head folk dancing from 8-10 p.m. in 226 MSC.

HISTORY CLUB: will go to the Renaissance Festival at 10 a.m. Anyone interested should call Ann Cotham at 260-3173.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a Bible study at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's student center.

COLOMBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a picnic at 11 a.m. at Hesel Park.

CENTURY SINGERS/WOMEN'S CHORUS: will present "A Choral Collage" at 3 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: will have square dance lessons from 8-10 p.m. in 226 MSC.

HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC RELATIONS AND RECRUITMENT: will have an informational meeting for students interested in becoming representatives at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

Monday

MINORITY FRESHMEN ORIENTATION '89: Applications for associate director due in 151 W. Bizzell.

HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC RELATIONS AND RECRUITMENT: will have an informational meeting for students interested in becoming representatives at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

TEXAS MUSIC ASSOCIATION: will meet to discuss forming a local chapter at 7 p.m. at Brazos Landing. All persons interested in the music industry are invited.

INTRAMURALS: entries open for punt, pass and kick at 8 a.m. in 159 Rudder.

DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION: Chevron will offer information on careers in data processing at 7 p.m. at the University Inn penthouse suite.

ARLINGTON HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at Mr. Gatti's at 7 p.m. to watch movies.

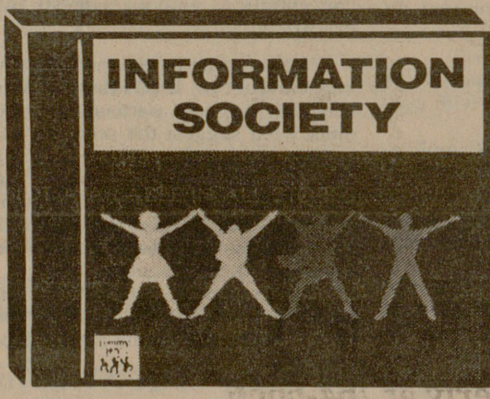
NOW: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 607 Rudder.

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TAMU SNOW SKI CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 607 Rudder.


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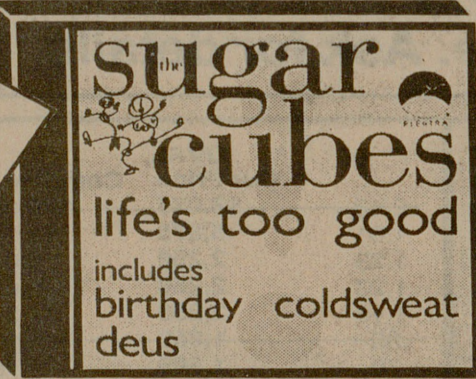
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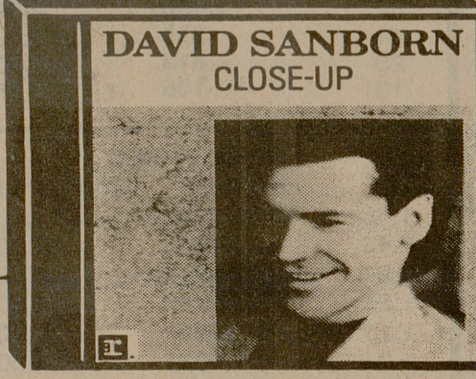
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Haney set to retire from Aggie Band

By Mia B. Moody
Reporter

After directing the Fighting Texas Aggie Band for the past 17 years, Col. Joe T. Haney will retire in May.

Haney, 62, said he is retiring to do some of the things that he likes to do, not to transfer to another job.

"I am going to miss directing the Aggie Band," Haney said. "I enjoy my job, but there comes a time when you have to move on to the next phase in life and this is my time. I am going to work on improving my skills in golfing, hunting and playing tennis."

Haney, a short man with a powerful voice, said he is successful with the Aggie Band because he has the ability to remain calm under pressure and because he has a good sense of humor.

At band practice, spectators can notice his sense of humor combined with compassion and patience. When the band makes mistakes, spectators can hear his pleasant but authoritative voice blaring over the speaker, "Y'all did good, but let's do it again so you can do it better."

Kevin Roberts, a drum major in the band, said, "I remember one time at practice my hat kept falling off. Colonel Haney waited until the rest of the band went in, then he told me maybe I needed to wrap a rubber band around my hat and my head to make sure my hat stayed on."

Mary Haney, Haney's wife, said, "Every year before the band goes to Louisiana to play LSU, my husband tells the band it's going to be rough during the game and if a scuffle should occur, they should make sure they take care of their dear old band director."

Haney makes a point of forming friendships with many of the band members. He considers his friendships with them to be important to the band's success, so he tries to get to know all of them. Although he is often unable to get to know all of them personally during their freshman and sophomore years, he is usually friends with many of them by the time they are seniors.

Many former band members come back to see him because they still feel a bond to him, he said.

Chad Corbett, head drum major for the band, said, "Every year Col. Haney makes it a point to become friends with the bandsmen. By the time the guys are seniors, he is almost like a father to them. He said he is even closer to the seniors this semester since this is his last year at A&M. He told us that he would like a senior too, because he is like A&M and moving to a different school in his life like we are."

Though Haney was never actually a senior at A&M, he did march in the Aggie Band. He was a student at A&M from 1944 until his 18th birthday, when he was drafted into the Army. Haney served two years and played in the Army band.

After World War II, he went to A&M because A&M did not offer the master's degree he wanted to pursue. He earned his master's degree at Sam Houston State University.

When Haney was in college, he was involved in more than just the band. He was an intramural tennis champion, played in a dance band, worked in the boys' camp and as a tennis instructor to help pay for his college tuition.

Haney learned to play every instrument in the band, but the trombone remained his favorite. He began taking private trombone lessons while in high school and continued to play throughout high school and college.

"I love to play instruments but I decided to direct bands instead of trying to play for my livelihood because it is so hard to make a living playing in a band," he said. "I also dislike taking long trips and spending nights in motels. The main reason I decided to direct is because I like working with young people."

Alan Hess, commander of the Aggie Band, said he can tell that Haney is proud of what he does by his devotion to the band. Hess said for the three years he has been at A&M, it has seemed as if directing the band has been Haney's first concern.

Haney, who is from Marlin, Texas, directed high school bands in Texas for 20 years before he came to A&M.

Assistant Band Director Mike Brewer said when Col. Haney first came to A&M, he made a promise that the Aggie band would remain The Aggie Band and not become an imitation of any other band.

"I have kept my promise," Haney said. "The band overall hasn't changed. The music in the band has improved since I have been here. The talent is better because the freshmen who are coming in are very talented. Many of them made all-state and regional teams when they were in high school."

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