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In Advance

Dinner honors African-American students

Festivities honoring African-American former students of Texas A&M will begin at 5:30 p.m. Saturday with a reception at the Clayton Williams Alumni Center.

The reception will be followed by a dinner and program at 7 p.m. at the MSC.

The reception and dinner are sponsored by University President William Mobley, the Association of Former Students and the President's Former Students Advisory Committee on Black Issues.

The program's speakers include President Mobley, Chairman of the Texas A&M Board of Regents William McKenzie, President of the Texas A&M Alumni Association Andrew Hansen, and Robert Bisor and Sam Williams, co-chairmen of the President's Former Students Advisory Committee on Black Issues.

Boot Dance to be held May 12 in Rudder

As the zips of '90 pack up their trunks and move out into the real world, the Class of '91 will be showing off their new boots at Boot Dance.

On Saturday, May 12, the new seniors will finally get the chance to wear the boots they have spent the last three years working for.

The dance will take place in Rudder Exhibit Hall from 9 p.m. until midnight.

A variety of music including rock, country, rap and New Wave will be provided to fit all tastes.

Picture packages will be available at the dance for \$9 and \$12. Each package will include an 8-by-10 picture of the Corps of Cadets member as well as a picture of the couple.

Although Boot Dance has traditionally been viewed as a Corps of Cadets function, it is open to every junior at the University.

Tickets are on sale for \$18 at the Rudder Box Office and include a champagne glass and a Boot Dance '90 key chain.

What's Up

Friday

A&M HILLEL: will have dinner at 7 p.m. and shabbat services at 8 p.m. at the Hillel Jewish Center.

GOLDEN MEMORIES DANCE: will have music of the 1930s, '40s and '50s at 8 p.m. at A&M Consolidated High School.

STUDENTS OVER TRADITIONAL AGE: will have supper club at 6 p.m. at Swensen's. Call Nancy at 845-1741 for more information.

Sunday

BRAZOS VALLEY ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP: will have a guest speaker at 3 p.m. in 160 Medical Science Bldg.-West Campus. Call Pat at 693-1680 for more information.

COMMODORE AMIGA CLUB: will have a meeting at the Langford Architecture Center in 300AB at 2 p.m. Call 847-2365 for more information.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

Soviet youths tour America, make film

FREEMONT (AP) — Sixteen young Soviet film enthusiasts filed into the video production department of the Dow Chemical Co. speaking broken but friendly "hellos" to editors who would soon help them add the final touches to a video they recently filmed in America.

The students, ranging in age from 9 to 17, from Tbilisi, Georgia, spent two weeks in America recently as part of a Galveston area-Soviet youth media exchange program called Kids Make Movies.

Toward the end of their educational journey, which included a trip to NASA, the University of Houston-Clear Lake and Galveston, the students visited Dow to work with editors and video production specialists.

They will take the film back home to show friends, family and a local television station the American culture they absorbed.

Roy Schneider, a video production specialist who contracts with Dow, worked extensively throughout the day with the students.

"It was amazing to me to see that children are children no matter where they are from," Schneider said after the visit. "Their thoughts, their ambitions, what they did, what they talked about were the same as American children at the same age."

Schneider said the students seemed to be very ambitious in their endeavors.

"They didn't want to break for lunch because they were working — American kids are the opposite," he said.

Schneider said he let the Soviet students prepare the first few minutes of the film completely on their own.

"We let them make decisions and I would press the buttons," he said. "I would lead them a little ... because most children and people new to production want to use all the toys."

"I would try to lead them in the area of sometimes less is more," he said.

Schneider said the Soviet students belong to an after-school filmmaking class where they work with crude, simple materials in film, and most of them had never seen or worked with video tapes.

"They were amazed at electronics and the speed of editing videos," he said.

The students caught on quickly, and during their two-week trip they created a five-minute program with a musical introduction, followed by interviews with workers from NASA and the Soviet students' reactions to the space center.

Natia Tsiskarishvili, 14, mostly became entranced by a graphics demonstration given on a Macintosh computer while the other students worked editing the film.

She watched her name spelled out and spun around on the terminal's screen.

Tsiskarishvili, who speaks English, said she most enjoyed visiting NASA and the university and will tell her friends about her "very nice" host family.

Sergo Buiglishvili, 15, also speaks English and is a student who recently produced and directed an award-winning film. The film, "The Last Bell" is based on the death of a classmate during a political demonstration in Soviet Georgia. It was recently honored at the Odessa Film Festival as a top student film.

Buiglishvili said he was very impressed with the seriousness of meetings by organizations in America.

"It is very official, these meetings with people who do such important and good things," he said.

He said all the students were amazed that they were able to be inside of the space center, talk to astronaut Story Musgrave, and shoot the movie.

"Our mission is to make joint films," he said. "It's very interesting to work together. The Georgian kids are learning from American kids and American kids are learning from Georgian kids how to work together."

Kim Crabbs, an American visual artist, founded Kids Make Movies in 1988 after she recognized a need for kids to have a vehicle to express their ideas.

"The last six years I have worked with kids giving them an opportunity to control images themselves," she said.

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