

Organizations host casino night

By Mark Evans
The Battalion

Card dealers tempt Texas A&M to test Lady Luck with a spin of the wheel while in the background couples slide across the dance floor, two-stepping to Garth Brooks' latest ballad.

With a scene similar to this, the Residence Hall Association and the Aggie Professional Forum (APF) will dare students to try their hand at Blackjack, Horse Racing, Craps or the Wheel of Fortune as the student organizations host the second annual Houston Casino/Monte Carlo Night.

Aggies, young and old, can test their luck on the night of Nov.

RHA, APF sponsor function before Rice game in Houston

As they gear up for the A&M-Rice football game the following day, Johnny B. Dalton's country/western dance club, the site of midnight yell practice, will provide the setting for the event.

When the tables close at 11 p.m., gamblers may then bid for prizes in an auction.

In addition to Houston, RHA has hosted casino nights in other cities, said Bob Ham, director of Casino '92 and a senior electrical engineering major. When the A&M football team has gone to the Cotton Bowl, RHA has held a

New Year's Eve casino night in Dallas.

APF, a Houston group of former students, first developed the idea for a Houston Casino, Ham said. They use the event as a fund-raiser for their club.

"The APF, out of Houston, came up with the idea as a fundraiser for their scholarship fund," Ham said. "Since we (RHA) have the experience of conducting the casino night up here for Parent's Weekend, they approached us about co-sponsoring the event with them to help run the casino."

RHA President Jana Terry, a junior English major, expects this year's Houston Casino to go more smoothly than last year's event.

"Since it's the second year, we've got a better handle on the situation," Terry said. "We have more dealers. Our publicity is better. Since it's the Rice game this year, we've had more time to prepare."

The success of last year's Houston Casino prompted the management of Johnny B. Dalton's to offer the RHA and APF money to continue holding the event at their club, Terry said. Last year, the money raised came strictly from ticket sales.

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Health Center urges careful medication use

Take one before meals; may cause drowsiness; take with food. Medications prescribed by your physicians are powerful substances! Some medications require a prescription because, in addition to having therapeutic properties, they can produce unpleasant or harmful side effects.

Only your physician is qualified to decide what medication to prescribe by comparing the seriousness of the disease against the potential side effects.

Whenever medicines are prescribed, tell your health professional about all medications that you are taking, including any non-prescription medicines.

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- If you are having any problems with your medicines.
- If you are, or think you might be pregnant.

Ask these questions about your medicines:

- What is the name of the drug and what is it supposed to do?
- How, and when do I take it, and for how long?
- What foods, drinks, other medications or activities should I avoid while taking this drug?
- Are there any side effects, and what do I do if they occur?
- Can I refill the prescriptions without an appointment?
- Can I get written information about the drug?

Why do some medications require a prescription?

- Some medications can interact with each other, rendering one of the medications ineffective or making it stronger.
- Some foods may interact with the absorption and effectiveness. Tetracycline, for instance, is not properly absorbed on a full stomach.
- Use of alcohol can also modify the effects of medications, may decrease the effectiveness of some or increase the risk of over-

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Armed man threatens, robs victim

After midnight on Sept. 28, a person seated in a pick-up truck outside an apartment in College Station was robbed at gun point.

In the parking lot of an apartment complex in the 500 block of Southwest Parkway, the suspect approached the victim from behind and began a conversation.

When the person was distracted, the black male pulled out a semi-automatic pistol, threatened the victim with it and demanded all of his money. After getting the victim's wallet, the suspect ran north and jumped over a fence.

Witnesses describe the suspect as a black male in his mid-

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OCA 'scares the yell outta' A&M

Haunted house begins seventh year with off-campus location

By Tammy Bryson
The Battalion

Trick-or-treaters brave enough to enter the "AggieLand Spooktacular" will see many changes in this year's annual Off Campus Aggies Haunted House.

"We'll scare the 'yell' outta you" is this year's motto for the event, in its seventh year.

Warren Talbot, OCA president, said the haunted house will be "top notch" due in part to a change in location.

"This is the first year it will be off-campus," he said. "Normally it is held in the MSC so we only have one day to set it up. Moving it allows us to set up weeks in advance and make it bigger and better."

Talbot said this year's event will be held in the old J.T. McCord's Restaurant, located in the Brazos Square at 2232 Texas Ave.

Karen Dudek, director of the OCA Haunted House, added that the event will be better this year because of the way the building is designed.

"J.T. McCord's is like a maze inside, so the haun-

ted house will be a lot neater this year," she said. "There are 30 different things to see throughout the rooms and hallways."

Dudek said one major improvement over last year's haunted house is the sound system.

"We will have a lot better audio system throughout the house," she said. "We'll have great sounds and screams in the rooms."

OCA discourages any alcoholic consumption during the haunted house, Talbot said.

"It hasn't been a problem in the past because it was always held on-campus," he said. "We just want it to be a safe event for everyone."

Dudek said a College Station police officer will be on duty during the event to monitor alcoholic consumption.

"Anyone who is intoxicated will not be allowed in the haunted house," she said. "And once inside, anyone who is unruly will be escorted out."

OCA is working in conjunction with the Brazos Food Bank for the first time this year to help raise food for the pantry. Anyone bringing one canned

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