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## Sisterhood of University Leaders raises funds for D'Feet Breast Cancer with campus carnival

By Ciara Anderson, '16



Photo: Amanda Barbato, Nautilus Staff

Members of the Sisterhood of University Leaders (SOUL) spin cotton candy for carnival goers. Each booth allowed attendees to participate in different activities or purchase goods. All the funds generated were donated to D'Feet Breast Cancer.

A velcro wall, fortune teller, cotton candy, free prizes, and so much more were seen at the D'feet Breast Cancer carnival which took place on campus. All of the proceeds that were raised

from this event went to the local D'feet Breast Cancer organization, a non-profit that provides services to Galveston County women.

The Sisterhood of University Leaders (SOUL)

hosted the event to give back to the community and help bring breast cancer awareness to campus. D'feet Breast Cancer provides community outreach, education services, and free mammo-

grams. As a non-profit, this organization depends on donations.

Sarah Ann McKellar '17, SOUL President, helped create a new leadership opportunities within SOUL. The

goal of this organization is to establish leadership skills in women, give back to the community, and most of all give back to women.

SOUL raised funds for the breast cancer organization by creating and selling t-shirts and sponsoring fundraising events mostly at local entities such as Yaga's.

This semester the young women of SOUL now have more responsibilities with new committees created within the club based on their respective majors and passions. Some of the committees include outreach, risk management, corporate, and advertisement.

The teamwork that was displayed throughout the event showed ambition and passion. Some future events that the organization has planned are: a fundraiser for the women's crisis center, education opportunities at IGNITE, and collaborating with the Counseling Center to destigmatize mental health on college campuses.

The goal amount to donate to the non-profit was \$1000. The goal has not yet been reached, but t-shirt sales are ongoing. If you would like to donate to any of the charities or purchase a t-shirt, reach out to the club via email at soulsisters16@gmail.com. If you would like to become a part of SOUL look for them at organizations night the first week of the Fall semester as they only accept new leaders once a year.

# Candidates for Texas A&M Maritime Academy Superintendent position hold public forums on campus

By Jack Clark, '19

## Captain Michael Rodriguez



[Photo: Megan John, Nautilus Staff

Captain Michael J. Rodriguez was the first of three candidates for the Texas A&M Maritime Academy Superintendent position.

The search for the new Superintendent of the Texas A&M Maritime Academy has reached its final three candidates. The first prospective applicant that held forums on campus was Captain Michael J. Rodriguez.

The meetings with the nominees will encompass many complex issues that our university faces. Rodriguez came to TAMUG and attended meetings throughout the entire day held by several different committees that will all help decide who the next Superintendent will be.

Captain Rodriguez began his day by meeting with the executive heads of campus. This was Rodriguez's chance to make his initial introduction to the directors of campus. Rodriguez, unlike the other two candi-

dates, is not an Admiral in the Navy. However he has a distinguished career in the United States Merchant Marine as a deck officer.

Rodriguez set out to sail the day after his graduation in 1979 from the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Throughout his 17 year career as a deck officer Rodriguez gained crucial experience that can be beneficial to cadets as they too make the same passage to become a third mate.

While he is the current Deputy Maritime Administrator for the United States Maritime Administration (MARAD) his background includes close ties with Congress and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) over maritime related issues.

Throughout the day

Captain Rodriguez met with the academic leadership team, the search committee, the license option department heads, and also had a luncheon with Corps of Cadets student leadership.

There are certain issues on campus that every committee concerned themselves with. The biggest was the obstacles cadets face when trying to attain their required sea days. The first part of the issue with sea days comes from the size of Texas A&M's training ship. The *T.S. General Rudder* is not capable of servicing the growing size of the license option department.

Captain Rodriguez addressed the issue cautiously, expressing that any move towards getting a bigger training ship would require time and many steps. He ex-

plained that a better goal would be improving communication with other academies in order to share assets.

The second obstacle cadets face in the license option program is the lack of commercial billets offered to the university. During Captain Rodriguez's career he returned to Kings Point and served as the Academy Training Representative, which oversees cadets shipping out to companies for needed sea days.

In the public forum Rodriguez addressed cadets and faculty over the issues students face in the changing industry. He emphasized that the changing political relations around the world pose competition for all United States mariners.

When his day in Galves-

ton came to an end, his next stop was College Station to meet with university officials. Throughout his time in Galveston he received plenty of feedback on the need for the future Superintendent to maintain a constant line of communication with main campus. By the end of the day Captain Rodriguez expressed that if he were to assume responsibilities as Superintendent he would stay well connected with College Station officials.

While Captain Rodriguez has a background that can serve Texas A&M University at Galveston, the search continues with the other two candidates.

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## Rear Admiral Thomas Shannon

Admiral T.K. Shannon was the second candidate to arrive at Texas A&M University at Galveston for the open spot of the Superintendent of the Maritime Academy. His visit was the same itinerary as Captain Rodriguez and he met with many of the same executive leaders on campus. After his visit he too made the trip to College Station for a review by their officials.

Admiral Shannon has had a long successful career in the Navy. As Shannon explained, he started his college education at Maine Maritime Academy as a deck cadet. While times were tough, he self-paid his way through the program and graduated in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science in Nautical Science.

However when it was time to get a job in the Merchant Marine the industry was down in a rut. He decided that he would join the Navy until the reces-

sion cleared up, only expecting to spend three years in the Navy. However, roughly a month ago Admiral Shannon retired after 34 years of service in the United States Navy.

Throughout his career he served on many ships including frigates, destroyers, and cruisers. He also commanded a carrier strike group and served as the air defense commander for the John F. Kennedy battle group.

One of the assignments during his naval career was his service at University of Texas at Austin. Shannon was the professor of Naval Science, and was the head of their NROTC program. However, when addressing his job at the University of Texas, Admiral Shannon pulled out an A&M decal from his binder and waved it at the public form.

Throughout the day many of the same questions were asked about the fu-

ture of the Academy. When it came to the issue of our training ship, Admiral Shannon expressed concern.

He went on say that when he was a cadet, he lived on the ship his first semester. He continued that Maine cadets weren't allowed to move off the ship until they could trace out nearly all the systems in the Engine room. He said that he knew the ship inside and out, and that every Maine Maritime Academy cadet took great pride in their ship.

He further explained that beyond the need of a ship to attain sea days, it is the comradery that ship life presents to the Academy. Shannon said that when you walk into his house the first thing you see is a painting of the training ship Shannon took so much pride in.

Admiral Shannon most recently was the commander of Military Sealift Command (MSC). As commander of the largest employer

of US mariners he was responsible for over 100 ships in MSC. Shannon also told the search committees that he has worked closely with maritime academies across the country while at MSC.

Since Shannon is leaving MSC and the Navy, he told executive heads on campus that it was time for him to give back to the younger generations. He explained that now that his career in the Navy has come to an end, he looks toward the prospect of being Superintendent as his opportunity to educate the next generation of U.S. mariners.



[Photo: Megan John, Nautilus Staff

Rear Admiral Thomas Shannon was the second of the three candidates for the Texas A&M Maritime Academy Superintendent position. Shannon just finished serving in the Navy and spoke about the engagement of the students here being what pushed him to run for this position.

# TAMUG Gay Straight Alliance holds event for National Coming Out Day in accordance with LGBTQ History Month

By Sarah Bordelon, '19

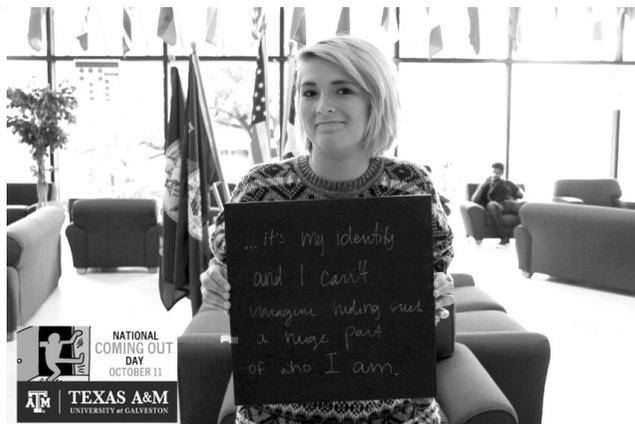
October marks a time to observe and remember the civil rights movement and the history of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community. Coming out and expressing who you truly are can be very difficult as 42% of LGBT youth say the community they live in is not supportive of LGBTQ people, according to the Human Rights Campaign.

LGBTQ History Month celebrates progressive movements, icons, gay rights and communities. It's a month of celebration and acceptance for those who otherwise feel isolated, judged or scared. It also serves as an awareness

month for those to understand what it would be like to walk someone else's shoes.

It pushes people to understand how difficult it is to come out, embrace your sexuality, and to live life happily regardless of the negativity you may be faced with. It is not an easy journey for most, and the hardest part of it is taking the first step to come out.

National Coming Out Day is a celebration for those who have come out and can openly live their lives, those who are scared to come out and now have an opportunity, and for support from anyone helping people to come out and express who they



|Photo courtesy: TAMUG GSA

Cat Currens, '19 responds to the prompt *what is the importance of coming out?* with "it's my identity and I can't imagine hiding such a huge part of who I am."

are without fear. According to the Human Rights Campaign, youth who have come out to their family or school report higher happiness levels, acceptance, support, and optimism than those who haven't.

The Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) is an on campus organization that is trying to help those in the LGBTQ community have a safe and supportive place to turn to by promoting equality and safety while fighting against discrimination and harassment on campus. GSA also educates students on LGBTQ issues such as gender identity, homophobia, and sexual orientation.

As the primary LGBTQ community on campus, GSA teamed up with the Student Diversity Initiative Office and set up an awareness event on National Coming Out Day as a large celebration for those coming out for the first time, and to spread awareness about why coming out is important.

For those participating in the booth, each student wrote on a chalkboard answering the question "what does love mean to you?" And the prompt "coming out is important because..." Individual pictures were taken with each student's response and made into a collage.

## Live fire burn room demonstration by the fire department emphasizes the importance of fire safety in dorm rooms



|Photo: Megan John, Nautilus Staff

Demonstrating the difference between a room on fire with and without a fire sprinkler, the Galveston Fire Department started controlled fires in mock rooms on the Mariner lawn.

## Is gay the new black?: A discussion on the similarities between the black rights and gay rights movement

By Reana Palmer, '18

Drawing parallels between different oppressed groups is a fairly effective way to open the eyes of those who do not face the same daily challenges as the oppressed. Translating opinions and ideas into dialogue is a useful tool to explain complex topics to those who don't quite understand.

The issue the Aggies United and Gay Straight Alliance joint discussion tackled were the obstacles that the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and other sexual orientations (LGBTQ+) community faces on a regular basis.

LGBTQ+ representation in Hollywood was discussed in this meeting. Television shows are becoming increasingly progressive with their portrayal of the nontraditional family unit. This is important to everyday society, just like it is important to see people of color on screen. Young people are

heavily influenced by media, and representation matters.

When young eyes see someone that is their skin tone, hair type, sexual orientation etcetera, they feel more comfortable in the skin they're in. They're more confident to live the life they desire.

While this is a step in the right direction, there are still some aspects hindering the normality of LGBTQ+ families and couples. In the discussion it was noted that, there are a million ways to be gay, but most shows reinforce the stereotype that one person in the relationship is flamboyant and the other is more traditional.

The suggestion of multidimensional nontraditional characters was made in the meeting. This would allow for more viewers to relate and understand the LGBTQ+ community more inclusively.

The LGBTQ+ commu-

nity fights for validation in the same way people of color fought and continue to fight for equal rights. Rights like marrying who you love, hospital visitation, and being fully accepted as who you are by law. These principles are some that most (straight) people don't even think twice about, because they are guaranteed to them.

This type of interaction on a college campus is exactly what students need, Michael Chang on researchgate implies. Without these types of interactions and diversity initiatives the quality and dynamic of education would be significantly lower.

You may walk out of an event such as this knowing something you never would have known otherwise. There is always room for more knowledge and grasp on topics such as these. Input is always valued and questions are always welcomed.

## Captain Putty takes on the position of Captain of the General Rudder during Captain Kleczar's leave

By Katie Hansche, '18

From bunkmates on the *Texas Clipper* to both working for Texas A&M Maritime Academy, Captain Scott Putty, '78 and Captain Joseph Kleczar, '78 have been friends for over 40 years.

Kleczar, vacated his position as the captain of the *T.S. General Rudder* earlier this semester due to medical reasons, and Putty assumed the vacated position on top of his classes and department responsibilities.

In conversation with Putty, he described Kleczar as a meticulous and integrous man who was good at his job and passionate about teaching the cadets.

The decision to take over his position was an easy one for Putty because of two reasons. For one, Putty has been the captain of the *T.S. General Rudder* before and is familiar with the procedures and requirements.

The captain of the *T.S. General Rudder* is required to keep track of Maritime Administration (MARAD)

regulations and requirements for training ships as well as the certificates and inspections required for any ship.

On top of that, the captain of the *T.S. General Rudder* is charged with running the deck department's Corps Activity, ZOPT 300, which is practical ship training where deck cadets learn basic ship knowledge and tool use. Now, since Kleczar is unavailable, and Putty is busy with classes, Chief Mate DeSimone is in charge of deck maintenance.

The second reason Putty readily took the captain position is that Putty and Kleczar have been friends for 40 years, as they graduated from Texas Maritime Academy in the same year. The two Captains were bunkmates on the *Texas Clipper* for their freshman/sophomore cruise, and have been friends since.

Through their careers, they ran into each other a couple times when board-



[Photo courtesy: Captain Scott Putty

Captain Putty (left) and Captain Kleczar (right) during the summer of 1976 at Texas Maritime Academy.

ing and disembarking ships until Putty started working at Texas Maritime Academy (TMA).

Putty at the time was chief mate at TMA, and he was tasked with finding a new captain for the training

ship. When he came across Kleczar's resume, Putty described it as a very easy decision.

He knew who Kleczar was, how he worked, and what kind of man he was. All of those factors combined, and Kleczar was hired to TMA. Putty always mentions that the maritime industry is a small one, and his and Kleczar's story attribute to the validity of the statement: those who you graduate with, you will sail with.

"If you had told me in 1979 that Captain Kleczar and I would both have Master's licenses and had been Captain of the training ship and be teaching at TMA some 35 years later, I would have told you that you were crazy, but here we are," Putty said.

It was an easy decision for Putty to take back the position, but his wife isn't very happy about it. Putty now has to deal with the bureaucracy of having to be the captain of the ship, teach

classes and labs, and hold office hours.

Seeing as coming to TMA was supposed to be a retirement move, Putty describes taking on both jobs as going "from 60 to 100." It's a full-time position to be the captain of the *T.S. General Rudder* as well as a part of MART faculty, but Putty is more than willing and happy to step up.

Putty commented on the change he has seen at TMA since his first semester as a professor in 2012. "The Cadet Corps has doubled in size, we have wonderful new facilities in the Maritime Hall, significant upgrades in simulator facilities and some of the finest instructors I have ever worked with," Putty said.

"The only thing missing is a training ship that can carry all of us on one summer cruise. That is our mission and our goal," he concluded.

## New student-led program provides hands-on training for shipboard life to freshmen deck cadets

By Katie Hansche, '18

Will Darling, Cadet Captain and Deck Training Officer (DTO), along with the other Deck Practical Training officers meet weekly with freshman cadets for training in procedures and etiquette for shipboard life and work.

The Texas Maritime Academy's newly developed Deck Practical Training (DPT) Department aims to introduce common shipboard topics to freshman cadets in a lecture style atmosphere at the beginning of the week and a more hands-on-approach at the end of the week.

"This helps to give them an idea of what to ex-

pect so they are not taken by surprise during the exercise. If we can give them an idea of what they are going to be doing, we feel they can be more prepared to hit the ground running and get the most out of the training exercise," said Darling, DTO.

These lectures have ranged from line handling and mooring on the *T.S. General Rudder* to bridge etiquette in the simulator. The DPT officers created and carried out these more hands-on exercises to primarily benefit the freshman, but Darling observed another benefit: peer to peer education.

Darling said, "The ca-

detts are learning from their experienced MART instructors every day in class where they receive the bulk of their knowledge. The DPT program allows for them to hear some of the same information from an upperclass cadet's point of view who may be able to relate to the younger cadets more easily."

The DPT officers are Cadet Captain Darling, Cadet Chief Mate Nolan Lough, Cadet Second Mate Seth Williamson, Cadet Third Mate Jack Clark, and Cadet Third Mate Chanse Caire. These cadets all take part in the development of the weekly lectures and are all called upon to teach or

advise about things they are familiar with.

At some point during the semester, however, Darling and the DPT officers want to boldly go where few deck cadets have gone before. "This year we look forward to the opportunity of doing some cross training with the engineering practical training department," said Darling.

"They are starting up the engineering side of the program this year and there have been discussions about creating some deck training exercises for the engineers and vice versa," Darling continued.

Darling also mentioned

the possibility of including some DPT sessions for sophomore deck cadets to further prepare them for their hopeful commercial cruise internships over the summer.

Darling, the DPT officers, and the TMA Corps of Cadets are all proud of what the DPT Department has done for the freshman cadets. Darling expressed that he and some of his classmates wished there was some sort of DPT Department when they were freshman and sophomores to better prepare them for their cruises.

Darling thinks that this department will be cherished and passed down from

class to class, ensuring its longevity and benefits.

"I see the DPT department developing into something that people who may have never had experience with Corps leadership, like myself, will want to be involved with," he said. "We hope to avoid the freshmen thinking that this is just another requirement and develop a negative image of the program."

"This department is basically a 'regiment free zone' where we get together and try to make the cadets who are involved more prepared, proficient, and confident," he said.

# Diving Technology and Methods: a minor unique to Texas A&M University's ocean oriented campus

By Andrew Mondragon, '19

Texas A&M University at Galveston offers many majors and minors for anyone looking for a career path that involves the ocean. TAMUG offers some of the same basic minors other universities offer such as oceanography, chemistry, history, English, economics, and marine biology. But one unique minor that our school offers is Diving Technology and Methods. The Dive minor on campus has only been acknowledged by TAMUG and TAMU since fall of 2014, yet it is gaining popularity each semester.

The Dive minor boasts many class options for a student to choose from. Some of the basic classes offered are Scuba I, Scuba II, Rescue Diving, Scientific Diving, Underwater photography, Alternate Diving Technology, Methods in Scientific Diving, Tropical Marine Ecology, Divemaster program, and an Instructor course. Most of the dive classes are taught by the dive instructors Joe Bosquez, Vi-



[Photo courtesy: Texas A&M University at Galveston]

Tropical marine ecology, a diving technology and methods class, taught by marine biology professor Thomas Iliffe provides students the opportunity to cavern dive in Mexico.

anne Euresti, Sara Williams, Amie Hufton, and new faculty member Laura White. One of the most popular dive courses, Introduction to Scientific Diving, as well as Methods in Scientific diving and Tropical Marine ecology are taught by Marine Biology professor Thomas Iliffe.

One of the reasons the Dive minor is popular is that it is acknowledged by the

university so financial aid and scholarships can pay for you to get your scuba certifications while gaining experience underwater.

The Dive classes can get expensive depending on what classes you take and if you are paying out-of-pocket. However, the school offers a wide range of scuba courses so someone can find one within their budget, and

they keep adding to the existing courses.

The most popular course on campus is the Introduction to Scientific Diving, which is one of the special courses because it is a marine biology (MARB) class, so if the student taking the class is a MARB major they can get the credits for their major and minor. After completion of this course

the student also gains the American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS) Scientific Diver certification. After taking the scientific diving course, students can take Methods in Scientific Diving, which can give a student more experience and allows them to go on a dive trip to Florida.

Another fun and popular dive class is Tropical Ma-

rine Ecology. This course takes the student to Mexico to dive for two weeks. If the student has taken Scientific Diving previous to Tropical Marine Ecology they are also able to make cavern dives during the trip as well. However, students are not required to have taken Scientific Diving before taking Tropical Marine Ecology, they just need to be Open Water certified. It's still a unique class offered through TAMUG specifically.

TAMUG is offering a one of a kind minor, and if anyone has the opportunity to do it they should. Only one other college offers a diving minor, and it is located in California. College Station doesn't even offer the minor as their dive program is very small compared to TAMUG. A dive minor is a good addition to a resume especially when applying for jobs like NOAA, NASA, and aquariums. With so many possibilities, why not take the dive?

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Juniors (U3 classification)

Friday, Nov. 18  
Sophomores (U2 classification)

Monday, Nov. 28  
Freshmen (U1 classification)

# Halloween costume or cultural appropriation?: My culture is not an ensemble

By Reana Palmer, '18

While most college students have grown out of trick-or-treating on Halloween, it is still fairly normal for them to dress up for the holiday related events. Whether that is a party, festival, or small get together. The hardest part of Halloween is choosing a costume for the night, and it is important to note that someone else's culture is not something to try on for size.

It hasn't been unusual

to see Pocahontas garb, samurai robes, or corn rows utilized as a costume on Halloween, and most people dressed as these do not come from the portrayed background. It may seem like an irrelevant issue to those people, but to the people whose cultures are stereotyped it is devastating to see.

The color of their skin and the culture they grew up with is not something

that should be made into a costume, because unlike most, they cannot remove it at the end of the night.

Non people of color (POC) do not know what it's like to be stereotyped and even shunned for just being themselves and embracing their roots, and it is insulting that they want to "dress up" as someone who has gone through a lifetime of discrimination. Native Americans for example had

their dignity and their lives stolen from them during the trail of tears era, and some think it is okay to put a feather in their hair and wear traditional face paint for one night. A lifetime and more of hurt does not equate to a costume idea.

Cultural appropriation is a term thrown around often with a negative connotation. People make the argument that those who are offended are only

defensive because they are "hypersensitive," and that cultural appropriation isn't a real concept. It is true that what you choose to wear is a part of your first amendment right to free speech, and nobody is trying to take that away. The issue is much bigger than that; it's about the impact you're making on those around you.

If there's a thin grey line between a costume idea and someone else's culture,

it's best to stray away from it. Let's stick to cartoon characters, book heroes and movie heroines instead of stereotypical racist outfits.

It takes an effort to put your best foot forward this Halloween season, and it costs \$0 to make sure you're not making anyone around you feel uncomfortable or scrutinized.

# How you can make a positive environmental impact by lessening your dependence on plastics

By Mariah Waters, '18, Guest Writer

Most people may not know that the average American produces around 185 pounds of plastic every single year, according to EcoWatch.

When you start putting calculations into play you will find that America creates more trash and plastic waste than we know what to do with. Though it can be concluded that our country is not the only one to blame, simply because trash and

plastic waste is everywhere, I believe that the mindset every individual should have is "It starts with me".

You may ask yourself, "where do I even start?" Here are a few items that I use in my day-to-day life: A reusable water bottle to eliminate the usage of plastic water bottles, reusable shopping bags to replace ones from the grocery store, metal straws, and my ToGoWare which is a small

bamboo utensil set that can be clipped onto any bag (silverware from your home works just as well).

There are so many other ways to prevent litter and plastic from filling our oceans and streets. All it takes is research and applying simple changes to your everyday life. If plastic waste decreased the loss of marine life would be significantly restored.

Some may not think that

things like this won't make a difference, but I genuinely believe that it will. The students at Texas A&M University at Galveston should especially consider this because we live by the ocean, which all life depends on.

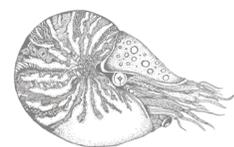
According to EcoWatch, "Eighty percent of pollution enters the ocean from the land." Things like the Great Pacific Garbage Patch are a testament to the mounds of garbage that are

constantly disregarded.

Marine life die every single day because of the waste we produce, I definitely think it's worth it to try and make a difference, even if it's a small one.



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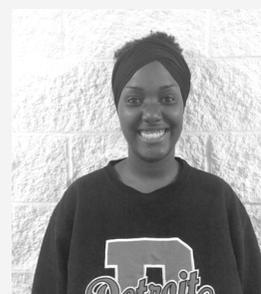
"It's in very poor taste, but I see the best in people and I refuse to believe that they are intentionally hurting people. I think they are just ignorant to the stigma."

-Devon Steed, '18



"This should be common sense. A culture is a way of life, not something to be vandalized for the sake of a holiday."

-Rachel Ozlowski, '18



"I feel like in 2016, we shouldn't still be having this conversation. You should know how absurd it is to "dress up" as someone else's culture when they're actually being attacked for it in everyday life."

-Corinthia Morgan, '19



"Most people that do it may not necessarily know what exactly they're doing, and that's why I think more awareness should be brought to this issue especially around this time."

-Asha Black, '18

# On a steel horse they ride into Galveston: Lone Star Rally brings hundreds to Galveston Island

By Alyssa Garcia, '16

The quiet island known for laid back beaches and great community festivals can expect a roaring of impassioned engines every fall. Bikers of every sort and style blaze the trail of motorcycles into Galveston for a festival unlike any other: Lone Star Rally.

Areas of the island close for three days for a collection of culture that praises a unique mode of transportation that is the motorcycle. Be ready for a loud whirlwind of a weekend of fun November 3-6 and embrace

the 2016 biker rally.

Riders participating in the rally will travel from far and wide to fill the streets and show off vintage, customized, and beloved bikes.

Parades and vendors can be seen on Strand Street and on Seawall Boulevard near Pleasure Pier where handmade trinkets and leather apparel can be bought in spirit of being on the open road.

Many booths will be run by the artisans and sponsors themselves; however it is likely to see a few famil-

iar faces too. Organizations and clubs of TAMUG dedicate time to work at the local event that benefits the community and school. One of the many clubs is TAMUG Two Step in which their mission as an organization and dance team is to promote the school community and local community coming together to learn new dances for fun and for good causes.

"[Lone Star Rally] benefits the club by raising funds for us to be able to put on events... and also to lessen the price of club dues.

We go and perform at outside events...and represent TAMUG to the community," said TAMUG Two-Step Vice President Ruby Wilkinson, '18.

"As volunteers we will be helping with the merch tents that sell the official biker rally [items]."

The local community is mutually benefited, as service by an Aggie is sure to be done with a friendly smile, good attitude, and efficient service.

Going out to these annual local events helps ev-

eryone become comfortable with the dynamic community of the island and hopefully be exposed to a new perspective. Lone Star Rally puts Galveston on the map as one of the national pilgrimages rally goers can flock to. Not only will motorcycles be featured but a collection of classic cars, trucks, and jeeps will be shown as well.

Nationally famous customizers will provide services to those ready to upgrade their ride with a paint job or accessory that is ultimately a memory of the Gal-

veston experience. Bands perform at Saengerfest Park on the strand and Beach Central Park on the Seawall, as well as many other local establishments along the routes.

If you're lucky a surprise concert may come up like in 2012 with a free concert by Bret Michaels, former lead singer of Poison. There's something to enjoy for everyone of any age at this unforgettable party. Just remember to enjoy yourself responsibly!

# Remake of the cult classic "Rocky Horror Picture Show" by FOX released just in time for Halloween

By Alyssa Garcia, '16

Get transported back to the very beloved extraneous castle of Dr. Frank-N-Furter where a group of eclectic resident aliens led by the transvestite from Transylvania receive two visitors. Brought back to life by FOX, a modern rendition of the cult classic 70's musical "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" features many familiar faces to do the film justice creatively and with a fabulous flare.

Tim Curry the origi-

nal Dr. Frank-N-Furter, an extraterrestrial transsexual from Transylvania makes a comeback as the narrator of the film as the criminologist expert Charles Gray. The cookie-cutter newly engaged couple Janet Weiss and Brad Majors, originally Susan Sarandon and Barry Bostwick, are now played by Victoria Justice and Ryan McCartan respectively. Contributing to the new cast are Christina Milian as Magenta and Adam Lambert as Eddie.



Finally, Laverne Cox takes center stage as Dr. Frank-N-Furter producing Staz Nair, the Rocky Horror creation.

The performances of the assembled cast did justice to represent a diversity of characters with spunk, howev-

er they were done with obvious lip synching. While the actors stayed true to their character's legacy, the modern flare gave each song a heightened musical showcase complete with microphones and stages. Although

the film is known for the unnatural and supernatural there was a flow to the film that made it seem as though you were really involved in the storyline. FOX and director Kenny Ortega seemed to play up the production by overdoing the aspect that it was indeed a production, demoting the emotional appeal the musical phenomenon had to offer. Costumes were impeccable beginning to end and displayed the eccentricity of the aliens from Tran-

sylvania.

All in all, the stars did an excellent job of embodying the controversial and crowd favorite that is "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." It is comforting to know the musical that rocked the nation in a very trying time can come back to the screen and be welcomed even more so in our day and age to keep us rocking to timeless songs. It's just a step to the left and a jump to the right to relive the magic.



## All-time best Halloween movies to keep your holiday spirit strong until Thanksgiving



By Ciara Anderson, '16

The best thing about Halloween is the plethora of acceptable movies to watch in the month of October. Some are better than others and some are so bad they are good. Some horror films are too gory, while some are just right. Some are acceptable for all ages; some should have an age restriction. Don't really know which movies would be perfect for the upcoming Halloween movie marathon party, or just a day inside with some pumpkin pie and hot chocolate? Here are a few suggestions.

20) The People Under the Stairs- This is the movie to watch when you need a bit of light humor and horror. This is laddled with social issues and cannibalism... yes cannibalism.

19) Hellraiser- There has never been reason enough to not open presents from strangers. This movie brings the terrors of another dimension to life.

18) Nightmare Before Christmas- One of Tim Burton's best; this is a great film to watch at any time of the year.

17) The Silence of the Lambs- Hannibal Lecter's first appearance on the big screen.

This movie is scary because of its shock value, but an all-time classic it will remain. Another cannibalistic film for the books!

16) Nightmare on Elm Street- Johnny Depp's first appearance on the big screen. If this isn't reason enough to watch this cult classic, then Freddy's lullaby should be enough. 1, 2, Freddy's coming for you...

15) Scream- Another Cult classic. This is a franchise all in itself where Ghost face originated. Slasher films have never been so cool.

14) Killer Clowns from Outer Space- As if clowns weren't

scary enough; they ruined eating cotton candy for pretty much everyone.

13) Shaun of the Dead- In the land of all the spoofs of horror films, this one is the best. Take a horror break with this gem.

12) The Purge- Anything that can happen in real life is scary.

11) Rocky Horror Picture Show- A Tim Curry classic, time warping good times for all!

10) Pet Sematary- There is no typo in Sematary... "S" for scary!

09) The Amityville Horror- This classic will beg the question why people still don't believe in evil spirits. Just build a new

house... Unless a movie needs to be made, then move into one where everyone was killed inside!

08) Texas Chainsaw Massacre- No horror marathon is complete without this film, old and new.

07) House of a 1000 Corpses- Rob Zombie outdid himself with this film. It's terrifying, gory, and amazing.

06) The Shining- The creepiest film ever...

05) Friday the 13th - The unluckiest day ever, just be nice to everyone!

04) Halloween- Michael Myers. The killer of Halloween!

03) The Conjuring- Basically the Amityville Horror but based on a true story and therefore scarier.

02) It- In an era of clowns, no one did it better than Tim Curry.

01) Hocus Pocus- End your marathon with a lighthearted film dedicated to the three witches that captured the hearts of all Disney lovers!

## Sailing teams secures a spot in Nationals and qualifies for Men's Singlehanded and Coed Match Racing

By Jack Clark, '19

The Texas A&M Sailing Team strikes again with their firm victories this past month. The team faced stiff competition, prevailed, and secured yet another spot at Nationals. In fact the team qualified for Men's Singlehanded, and Coed Match Racing Nationals. The results are bringing more attention to Texas A&M University at Galveston as a national sailing powerhouse.

In early October, Galveston hosted the South East Interscholastic Sailing Association's (SEISA) Men's Singlehanded Championship. Universities like Tulane, Rice, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, and the University of Central Oklahoma all ventured down to compete for the district's spot in Nationals.

Out of all the sailors that competed, only the vic-

tor would be selected to represent SEISA at the national regatta. TAMUG, being a dominate university in SEISA, had heavy representation on the course. The Sailing Team sent Alexander Hanna, '19, Alexander Thompson, '18, Jonathan Sager, '20, Ian Beck, '19, and Tomas Braly, '19, to compete.

When all the scores were counted, Hanna placed first and secured a spot for the team at Nationals. The conditions posed many challenges with high winds throughout the day.

"The first half of the day I felt it out, and by the second half it was a shootout between me and a guy from Rice," Hanna said. "It was also a challenge having a strong wind because of my size."

With Singlehanded Na-



[Photo courtesy: TAMUG Sailing team]

(Left to right) Ian Beck '19, Hayley Walker '18, Jonathan Sager '20 and Alexander Hanna '19 represented TAMUG at the Texas Corinthian Yacht Club during the match racing competition.

tionals in the bag, the team moved on to SEISA Match Racing Championships.

Match racing involves different rules, and therefore involved dedicated practic-

es. As Hanna said, "Match racing is one-on-one sailing. The goal is to control the game by using the rules to your advantage."

In Match racing the team sailed in Sonars, multi person boats with a fixed keel and a crew of three-four. "Unlike dinghies it's a bigger boat that requires more teamwork," Hanna said.

The team competed at the Texas Corinthian Yacht Club (TCYC) near Kemah. Representing our university was again Hanna, Sager, Beck, and Haley Walker, '18.

With match racing rules and strategies being different from most regattas, the team faced a new challenge. Members of the team had to routinely travel to TCYC to practice match racing in the fleet of Sonars available there as the regatta approached.

With Hanna as skipper, Sager as the main trimmer, Walker in the pit, and Beck as the bowman, the crew practiced against other members of the team.

By the end of the regatta TAMUG held another first place spot that will send the team to Match Racing Nationals. Hanna said, "We really grew as a team, and I'm really excited for Nationals. We were far better than the other boats as far as boat handling."

Hanna said, it is the team's "desire and drive to be successful at the next level," that pushes them towards their victories.

The team will compete for Singlehanded Nationals in Galveston November 4-6. They will also go to San Diego for Match Racing Nationals November 18-20.

## Lacrosse team prepares for Aggieland Classic tournament in College Station and their upcoming spring season

By Amanda Barbato, '19

The Texas A&M University at Galveston men's lacrosse team is a division II program within the southern conference of the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association (MCLA). The team competes against other schools across the state and country. The team also attends the Lone Star Alliance Conference.

This semester their focus is on the Aggieland Classic Tournament which takes place on main campus, in College Station. The Texas A&M University at Galveston lacrosse team will be competing against Texas A&M main campus along with other division I and II teams who signed up for the tournament.

The team practices twice a week during the fall and three times a week during the spring. This semester they are focusing on making sure everyone at-



(Left to right) Raleigh Shepherd '17, Nolan Tessem '18, Christian Hockley '19, and Chris Abdouch '17 as they practice on the intramural field.

tends practice as the Aggieland Classic Tournament is quickly approaching.

Last year the team's overall record was four wins and five losses. This year the team hopes to make it to playoffs, as last year they fell one game short. The team

aims to come back stronger this season with their new approach.

"We switched up the offense," said Jack Harrington, '19, lacrosse team historian. "We have a lot of good, new players that joined this year."

Harrington also attri-



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butes the future success of the team to the bonding efforts between teammates.

"Lacrosse is a real bond. The team will get better as the [teammates] gets closer, because you know how people are and you know how people play," Harrington said.

A notable event the men's lacrosse team held last spring was the tailgating event for their home game against RICE University. Parents came out to support the team and provided free food for all who attended. The team also won the

"Best Community Service Project" and the "Best Website" award last year.

The lacrosse team is still recruiting, as lacrosse is a spring sport. If you are interested in joining, contact Ricky McNeil '19, lacrosse president. You can also keep up-to-date with the team's events and stats via Wheelhouse, Instagram (@TAMUG\_Lacrosse), and twitter (tamug\_lax).

"Anyone is welcome to play, and there are no cuts. If you have played, if you haven't played, we are looking for people," Harrington said.

The Lacrosse team will be sponsoring another tailgating event for their homecoming opener game against Sam Houston State University on February 3. "Come watch the games come springtime because they are going to be fun," Harrington urged.