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## Annual Drag Show Rakes in \$1,800

By Sean Chavez, '24

On October 17th, 2024, the student organization Sea Aggie Pride hosted its annual fundraiser drag show at the Island Time Beach Bar and Grill.

The drag show is a yearly fundraiser for the student organization entering its 13th year of operation. The drag show attracts both students and professors to watch the contestants perform and compete.

In total, nine individuals competed, and two group acts also performed. To conclude the show, advisor Cloé

Bourdages and attendee Danny Roe surprised everyone with a performance of Pink Pony Club by Chappel Roan.

The contestant that won the drag show was Lollipop. Lollipop is a sequential winner, winning last year's drag show fundraiser.

Lollipop stated just after winning that "I am so excited I got to show off Sea Aggie Pride and raise a whole lotta money. I had so much fun."

The drag show was able to raise \$1800 in total. The drag show fundraiser sold 101 tickets in total, earning \$505 from the

presale. The drag show fundraiser made \$795 from cash tips given to the contestants, and Island Time Beach Bar and Grill allocated a portion of the night's food profits to the fundraiser.

That night, in addition to the cash tips and food percentages, there was a cash ticket lottery. The winner received half of the raised pot, while the fundraiser received the other half.

In the duality of the drag show fundraiser, the dialogue about drag shows being banned was also touched on during the fundraiser by the master of



Photo by Sean Holmes, '28

ceremonies, MC Kimber.

Being a seasoned performer, MC Kimber had this to say about the dialogue of drag show banning: "Drag is often publicly made to be something it's not. It's simply entertainment. It's fun. Its beautiful costumes.

It's stepping out of yourself and being somebody else for a moment, because who doesn't want to be somebody else for a moment? ... So, I wish people would learn that about drag and give it a chance and experience it before you judge it."

## TAMUG Hosts Battle of the Bay

By Sean Chavez, '24

On Saturday, November 2nd, 2024, the Sword and History Club hosted the Battle on the Bay tournament in the Aggie Special Events Center ballroom.

Five schools visited this tournament: the University of Texas at Dallas, Tamu and Tamug, Texas Tech, and Letourneau. In attendance, 22 fighters and 10 visitors were present as the tournament began.

The Sword and History Club of Tamug is in its 3rd iteration of hosting a tournament. As the tournament waged, other competitors between bouts would volunteer as judges.

In the future, the

Sword and History club aims to transform the HEMA comradery into an official club sport once the tournament concludes, thanks to tournaments held under the recently formed Texas College HEMA conference.

The winners of the longsword division of the tournament were Jackson Rotello of Weapons of Ancient Realms Society who won first place, Nicholas Lozuk of the Historical Swordfighting Guild of UT Dallas who won second place, Arhaam Haque of the Historical Swordfighting Guild of UT Dallas who won third place, and Andrew Mcneill of weapons of Ancient Realms Society who won fourth place.

For the mixed weapon division of the tournament, the event participants were

a mixture of different levels of experience, with some just beginning to be seasoned pros of the sport. The winners were Caden Marcado of Texas A&M University at Galveston, who won first place; Nicholas Lozuk of the historical Swordfighting Guild of UT Dallas, who won second place; Trieu Vuong of Texas A&M University at Galveston, who won third place; and Jackson Rotello of the Weapons of Ancient Realms Society who won f o u r t h place.

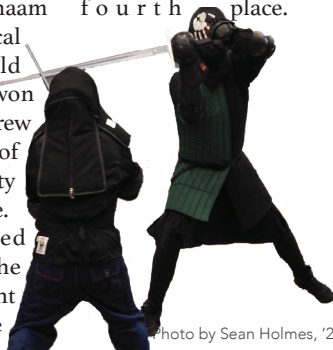


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## P Diddy Exposed

By Quentin Young-Rittenhouse, '26

If you were to take one step into hip-hop culture, you've most likely heard of P Diddy. Originally going by Puff Daddy, he first got big in the late 80's as a rapper and would eventually go on to start his own record label.

If you've ever wondered why he went by "Puff Daddy," it's because of his temper, which led him to change his name to P Diddy in an attempt to improve his public image. However, that anger persisted, and as it turns out, there were more heinous aspects of himself that he attempted to conceal.

An investigation that began earlier this year

exposed Diddy as a serial abuser. Multiple women came forward to tell about the physical and sexual violence he subjected them to through nearly 3 decades.

Diddy's own ex-wife, who has hotel footage of Diddy assaulting her, was the first to come forward with her experience.

According to Cassie Ventura, a musician, she endured forced participation in what Diddy referred to as "freak-offs" during her nearly two-decade marriage to him.

Then comes the most disgusting part of his crimes. He is a pedophile.

Diddy's LA Mansion was for a long time under investigation by law enforcement due to his previously mentioned "freakoffs," which are



Photo by Sean Chavez, '24

## Class X Maroon Delegates are eager to serve our campus

By Sean Chavez, '24  
and Melton Nelson,  
'25

On the evening of October 18th, 2024, the student organization known as Maroon Delegates coated their next group of

representatives for the tenth iteration of the maroon delegates, Class X.

The Maroon Delegates are the sister organization to the Maroon Coats in College Station. The maroon delegates are an official arm of the university, serving as

ambassadors to prospective donors and giving their perspectives as current students to gather further support and resources for the university.

Jason Elliott '25, the cadet corps commander, was also present to receive

a maroon coat as a maroon delegate. Friends and family of the students, along with the current maroon delegates, were present to witness the students receive their coats.

According to cadet commander Jason Elliot, the

coating ceremony marked the final step towards complete acceptance and inclusion among the delegates. "From that point, I've been fully invested and excited to pursue any opportunity that comes my way through the maroon delegates."

Student body vice president and Class X Maroon Delegate Abigail McKenna stated that she was "Honored to receive a maroon delegate coat" and that the maroon delegates are her "way of giving back to campus." She is very excited to work more with our community and College Station as a Maroon Delegate and to both learn and build the future of our Galveston campus.

## Biker Rally Revving Up the Island

By Cooper Lee, '28

The Island of Galveston is a tourist destination like few others in the state of Texas due to its unique geographic position and attractions.

But from its beach season and cruise traffic, nothing compares to the incredible scale of the Lone Star Rally, held October 31st-November 3rd, which concluded this past weekend. The Lone Star Rally is the largest motorcycle rally in the state and the largest 4-day motorcycle event in the country.

For context on the sheer size of this event, the standing population of Galveston is around 53,000. The Lone Star Rally averages a guest attendance of half a million, grossing over \$115 million to the economy. With an event of this scale, there is much to discuss in

terms of how to make the most of your time, so here is a brief overview of what happened this year.

The earliest recognizable sign of the rally's beginnings is the influx of biker traffic around the island that condenses at the Strand, which completely shuts down and morphs to fit the event. Closed roads and all.

Naturally, the already difficult Strand parking becomes even more limited. There are plenty of services for paid parking, which can range from not a terrible deal to outrageous. I'd recommend parking a few blocks away and walking to the event. Once on foot, it becomes a question of, "What next?"

Along the various sectioned-off streets are a host of vendors ranging from jewelry to apparel to deliciously unique food and more. With all these options, there is going to be a range in both quality and price.

Ultimately, due to the size of the event, the

only remedy is to stop in at as many locations as possible. Which may be time-consuming but will also carry the bonus of stumbling into lots of other unique vendors and people, which truly is the bread and butter of the fun in this event.

Of course, how could we talk about the Lone Star Rally without talking about motorcycles? And goodness, there is plenty. The main road down the Strand is reserved for a caravan of motorcycles to ride by while hundreds, if not thousands, of onlookers stand by impressed, snapping as many photos and videos as they can.

Parked along any street possible are thousands of bikes of all shapes, sizes, and colors for all the bike enthusiasts to get their fix. Despite the niche interest appearance of this event, its sheer size and variation in vendors and activities mean that really anyone can have a good time.

That said, to make the most out of the experience, go with a group and stay away at night. Crowds can be overwhelming, and it's best not to be alone, and most of the violent crime that often accompanies the event often occurs in

the evening.

Armed with these guidelines and information, bike fans and others alike can begin to look forward to next year's exciting event.



Photo by Audrey Theiss, '28

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sex-themed parties attended by the wealthy and potentially regularly included minors, according to TMZ and other media outlets.

Diddy refutes these charges, but according to homeland security, the discovery of 1000 bottles of baby oil in his home does not bode well. Despite Diddy's arrest, no new information has surfaced for nearly a month. However, questions have already arisen about who else may have participated in Diddy's actions.

Some students are investigating this case on their own or expressing concerns. An anonymous student thinks that "Its a crazy situation. There's so much that gets put under wraps. It kinda goes to show that you never truly know what goes on behind the scenes."

Hullabaloo U program manager Brandon Chapman says "I really wouldn't wanna be in his camp right now."

Overall, it seems that with such horrendous accusations and charges pressed against him, more information would come to light from other parties involved. This just is not the case thus far, and we'll have to wait as the story develops.

**Family Weekend is a student favorite**

By Stephanie Jimenez, '26

Family Weekend is a program where students are able to bring their families along to

memory was doing the Aggie War Hymn during the Corps Sunset Parade and Yell practice." The parade allowed families to be able to witness one of the greatest traditions of Aggieland since 1928. The Aggie War Hymn is special to the heart of the Aggie Spirit. "I had a wonderful time

Dia de la Raza translates to "Day of the Race," referring to the mix of heritage and cultural diversity of Latin America. This event served 307 plates of tacos, drinks, and desserts to the families and students of TAMUG. Specifically, the event recognized the role of indigenous people

Sea Life Facility helped me understand the opportunities my kids have in this university." The Sea Aggie Former Student Reunion coincided with this family weekend, providing former students with the opportunity to share their career journeys and how their time at TAMUG shaped



Photos by Sean Chavez, '24

experience a weekend at Texas A&M Galveston. About 514 family members were able to visit more than 200 students on campus. Natalie Luna, '28, expressed her excitement for her family to experience our university's traditions, saying, "My favorite

with my family, but I do believe that there should be more stuff [events], more organizations and clubs involved, like SALL [Student Association of Latino Leaders] did with Dia De La Raza; they brought vendors to serve the community."

in Latino activism against "Columbus Day" in the United States.

Families were able to get a tour of the Sea Life facility and the TS Kennedy. Amelia, a mother of a freshman student on campus, believes that "Touring the

their careers in the Blue Economy. Erin N. Oradesky 91' spoke at the reunion, where she highlighted her career achievements and how she gives back to the community.

**SGA Hosts Halloween Meeting**

By Bubba Nelson, '25

According to student body Vice President Abigail McKenna, Texas A&M Galveston's Student Government Association is "a representation of the entire student body" and "our way to communicate to administration [as students]."

Being a professional organization that's goal is

to represent the entirety of the student body to administration and the greater Galveston community seems like a lot of pressure to uphold a strict professional policy. However, this is not always the case.

Senators and executives in the Student Government Association enjoy both the professional aspect and the privilege of working with students from other campus groups.

On October 30th, 2024, the Student

Government held their costume party meeting and presented two President of Halloween awards, which were selected by the Executive Cabinet and the Senate.

The meeting proceeded normally with updates regarding events planned by student government, such as Midnight Breakfast and the ETAM Workshop. Students quickly shifted their focus from the organization's professional aspects, which continued



Photo by Holly Pawlowski, '26

as they usually did, to voting on the best costume.

The Senate chose Matt McKenna '28 as the winner of the President of Halloween award for his highway patrol costume, while the executive cabinet chose Wesley Pawlowsk '25

for his UFC costume and the radiant positivity that he brings to the Student Government Association.

So not only is student government able to "make real change on this campus," according to Abigail McKenna, they are

also able to "communicate with other student leaders," whether formally or informally, to advance the quality of student life on campus or even the campus itself.

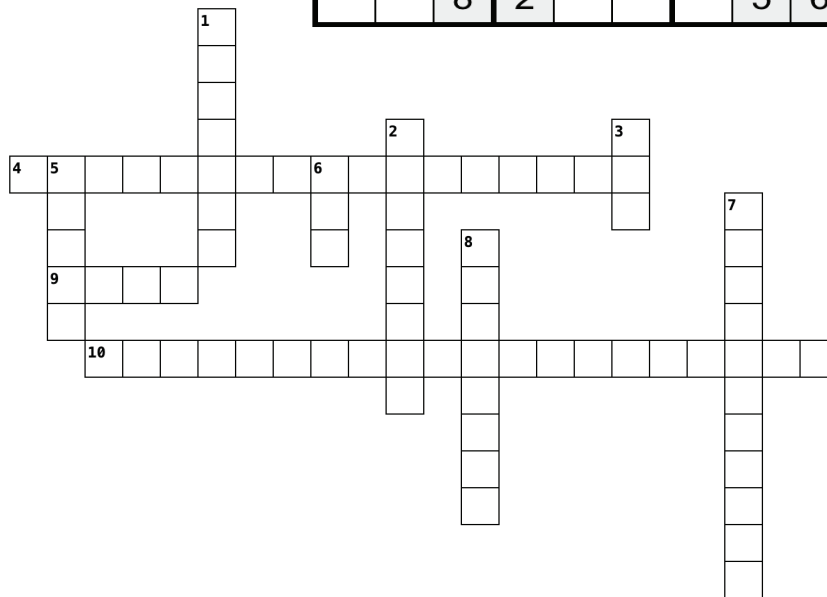
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- 2. A student lead newspaper that reports on news and events
- 6. A group of individuals that share interest in Asia and Asian culture
- 7. An International Organization associated with Kiwanis International
- 9. Focus on LGBTQIA+ related issues, as well as providing a safe environment for students

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- 3. A group of individuals that share interest in Black diaspora and Black culture
- 4. A group of individuals that share interest in Latin America and Latino culture
- 5. A community event to help the community
- 8. A group that educates them on the teachings and principles of the Catholic faith
- 10. Protection and enjoyment of oceans through a powerful student activist network



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