

# Aggie Senior's Collection Traces Nazi Rule History

By JAY COLLINS  
Ben E. Swearingen '69, senior history major from Texarkana, is interested in historical events and has a large collection of German war souvenirs.  
His collection of more than a thousand uniforms and other pieces of equipment is his greatest pride. One of his most valuable possessions is a Waffen SS dagger personally autographed by Reichfuehrer (SS) Heinrich Himmler.  
Swearingen also has documents signed by Adolf Hitler and various members of the German General Staff.  
He has a letter of condolence personally written by Mussolini to the U. S. ambassador when President Harding died in 1923.  
Swearingen's medal collection includes the Knights Cross with oak leaves and swords. Only 80 of these medals were given, he says.

"It took a great feat such as turning the tide of a major battle to receive this medal," he said.  
He also has the Pour le Merit, the highest military medal awarded during World War I by the German Army.  
His library has over 200 books on World War II including several taken from Hitler's yacht, he said.  
In addition to collecting war souvenirs Swearingen corresponds with Mussolini's widow and from this source of information has been able to learn quite a bit about the German and Italian side of World War II which has not been printed.  
He also corresponds with a 18-year-old German girl he "met" under very peculiar circumstances. Swearingen was given a German soldier's identification booklet which had the soldier's address. Out of curiosity Swearingen wrote the soldier and about a month later received a letter from him.  
He found out the soldier had a daughter and he has been corresponding with the girl for several years.  
In addition to collecting souvenirs Swearingen took time to graduate from Texarkana High School in 1955 and then attended Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Mo., where he completed two years of college.  
Being interested in the military he came to A&M but was unable to secure a contract because of his eyesight, he said.

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Its future potential values in the fields of agriculture, petroleum geology, oceanography and ceramics are of immeasurable greatness, it is pointed out.  
This work, carried out by Dr. U. Grant Whitehouse, technical director of the Electron Microscopy Laboratories, and his associates, Miss Lela M. Jeffrey and James D. Debbrecht, represents the fruits of a cooperative effort by the Department of Oceanography and Meteorology and the Laboratories.  
The results obtained, which constitute a definite scientific "breakthrough" in a scientific zone that has resisted the challenge of many other investigators, were described in pictorial and technical detail by Whitehouse before the recent Seventh National Conference on Clays and Clay Minerals in Washington, D. C.  
The interactions and coalescence of clay minerals, originally fractionated to sizes as small as a ten-millionth part of an inch and their transport by rivers to ocean waters where they are distributed, deposited and compacted on the ocean floor has been outlined in considerable detail by the work, Whitehouse declares.  
The erosion of terrestrial soils by flowing waters with the loss of vital clay components and methods for distinguishing rocks formed in marine environments from rocks formed in non-marine areas were also discussed by Whitehouse.  
Information relative to the tendency of soil clays to hold and transport organic materials which is of significance to agriculture and waste disposal problems, was

also cited.  
"The great response to our efforts by Washington audience was gratifying," Whitehouse says.  
"We are indeed glad to have obtained information that not only will assist geologists find oil and help the U. S. government in its exploration of the marine bottom, but also promise future benefit to the farmer and the construction engineer.  
"We shall continue, but give credit where credit is due—to my associates—to many academic and industrial friends for their continuous encouragement—and to 'Emma', our electron microscope.  
"The unlimited value of electron microscopes as research tools can no longer be denied," he concluded.

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Oil, Gas Quantity Subject of Report  
A. W. Talash of the Texas Petroleum Research Committee at A&M is the co-author of a recent report showing the oil and gas production and reserves of the Lake Pontchartrain area of East Texas.

Area Reserve Units Relocated in New Armory Building  
The Bryan-College Station area U. S. Army Reserve units began moving into their new armory last week, according to Maj. George E. Miner, area adviser.  
The new facilities, located at the corner of Carson St., and Bomber Dr., will house Army Reserve offices, classrooms and a motor pool. The new armory will provide better facilities for storage of Army Reserve equipment and furnish more classroom space to facilitate training.  
This new center, valued at approximately one quarter million dollars, will be formally dedicated around the first of next year, said Maj. Miner.  
"The new armory, it is felt, will stimulate more interest in the Army Reserve, especially among men with no prior service, as well as prior servicemen," he said.  
The Bryan-College Station Army Reserve area commander is Col. Veon M. McConnell.

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man is a freshman in A Signal Company. All four of the men had been visiting relatives in Groves.  
Reed was an honor graduate of Port Neches High School and received his M.A. and B.A. degrees at Baylor University. He came to A&M in 1956, assuming his first teaching position here.  
He is survived by his mother, Mrs. J. R. Reed of Groves, two sisters and several nieces. Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church at 3 p. m. today with the Rev. Frank L. Gryer officiating. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park at Groves.

Flu Epidemic May Hit Here In Early '59  
The latest report from the Texas State Department of Health estimates that a flu epidemic is likely to hit this area sometime in January. Dr. C. R. Lyons, director of Student Health Services, reported Thursday.  
"Students better get their flu shots now so they will be prepared for the epidemic," Dr. Lyons said.  
"It will be better for them if they get their shots before Thanksgiving, because when they return after the holidays they will bring back various infections from all over the state. When all of these germs come together they are likely to cause a sizeable epidemic if the flu does strike."  
An adequate supply of vaccine is now on hand at the College Hospital, but in case of a flu epidemic the supply will be used up rapidly, he said.

Lab Studies Show Unknown Findings  
Heretofore unknown details of clay and related rock microstructures have been recently revealed through special studies in the college Electronic Microscopy Laboratories.  
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S&S Judging Team Makes Trip Friday  
Approximately 25 members of the Saddle and Siroin Club are leaving Friday on a judging trip to the San Antonio area.  
Ranches and farms to be visited include the Scofield Ranch, Esar Angus Ranch, Stlaus Media Hereford Ranch, the 711 Ranch and Burbank Farms.  
The trip will be a preliminary contest to select three judging teams.

Christmas Gifts Sold in Ag Dorms  
The Christmas season at A&M is usually brought in by the sale of Christmas gifts in the dorms under the supervision of the Student Concessions Committee.  
Items previously sold included Bibles, Christmas cards, Aggie trays, Aggie Albums, and photographs of Corps Trips, Bonfire Week, and the Aggie Band.  
W. L. Penberthy, Director of Department of Student Activities, coordinates the proposals and policies of the program with the area subcommittees.  
Items sold in the dorms must be approved by the committee. These items are felt to be of definite service to the students, and are reasonably priced. Agents selling approved products will have a Concessions identification card.  
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5,850 Autos Registered On Campus  
Approximately 5,850 automobiles have been registered on the campus this fall, according to Fred Hickman, chief of Campus Security.  
Student-owned cars make up 3,600 on the list and campus employees amount to about 2,250. One reason why there are so many cars registered on the campus is that many students and faculty members have registered more than one car, he said.  
Hickman reported that some 1,500 tickets have already been paid for violations on the campus this fall.  
"This is entirely too many tickets," he said. "The main trouble seems to lie in the fact that most students neglect to read and adhere to the regulations that they are issued when they register their cars."  
Should a student acquire five tickets in one semester, his car will be restricted from the campus for three months. So far this year 12 cars have been restricted.  
Last year \$35,000 was acquired through registration and traffic violations. This money is used to build new student parking areas and improve old ones, Hickman remarked.

Debate Team Hosts Thirty Schools  
The 10th annual invitational A&M Debate Tournament will be held Nov. 21-22.  
The debaters will discuss whether further development of nuclear weapons should be prohibited by international agreement.

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