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Houston Tessie Selected Sweetheart

A&M Prexy Honored By Dallas Exes Club

By BOB SLOAN
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Passing under the high, arched sabers of a special Ross volunteer honor guard, A&M President Earl Rudder took his place at the head table at an appreciation dinner in his honor at the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel in Dallas last Friday night.

More than 500 A&M former students, their wives and an impressive array of distinguished guests paid \$7.50 a plate to hear the president give a report of progress of the college.

Some of the exes on hand for the Dallas A&M Club sponsored affair were Dallas Mayor Earle Cabell, '29, who read a proclamation to Rudder declaring Friday "Texas A&M College Day;" Brig. Gen. Graber Kidwell, commanding general of the 90th Division Artillery, '32; Chairman of the Board of West Texas Utilities, Price Campbell, '13; Julius Schepps, '17; contractor E. B. Zachry, '22; and Congressman Olin E. Teague, '32.

Teague praised the role A&M has played in national defense, drawing attention to the engineering and scientific advances A&M research has been responsible for in recent years.

Rudder outlined the recent achievements and long-range plans of the college, calling attention to the significant buildings erected on the campus.

He praised the general excellence of the A&M faculty, pointing out that improved salaries (an average of \$700,000 last year) had helped stem the flow of top faculty members to better-paying jobs in other states.

"However, dollars alone will not give us a good faculty," he stated. "Faculty members must be able to work in an atmosphere where they are respected and appreciated."

Rudder said students had a lot to do with this "academic atmosphere" and called attention to the high admission standards of the college, including the introduction of College Board entrance exams in September of 1963.

This emphasis on higher standards "is helping the school attract better students . . . with more seriousness of purpose (who) seek higher scholastic achievement and quality education," he said.

The president mentioned the plan of the Century Council in developing aims of the college for the next 15 years. Several members of the 100-man council were in the audience.

Entertainment for the dinner included folk music sung by Jim Paterson, '62, a member of the singing Cadets.

Master of ceremonies was T. Carr, '20, president of Forrester Cotton Inc., consulting engineers. General chairman for the dinner was Jack A. Crichton, '37, president and director of Oil and Property Management Inc., president of the Dallas A&M Club. Rowland Edwards, '43.



Mrs. Ann Fritzer . . . presided at meeting

Wives Council Names Officers Plans Contest

By SYLVIA ANN BOOKMAN
Battalion Society Editor

Plans for a second Mrs. Texas A&M contest were formulated last night at the year's first meeting of the Aggie Wives Council.

This year's contest will be held Dec. 2 in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom, with an entry fee of \$2.

The first Mrs. Texas A&M contest, held last year, was won by Mrs. Gerry Ann North.

In other business last night, the representatives of 31 Aggie wives' clubs elected Mrs. Jean Vaught council president.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Ann Fritzer, vice president; Mrs. Jayne Cherry, secretary; Mrs. Mary Frances Heep, treasurer; Mrs. Doris Evans, reporter, and Mrs. J. P. Hannigan and Mrs. B. A. Zinn, sponsors.

Nuclear Center Boss To Attend Vienna Talk

Dr. Robert G. Cochran, head of the nuclear science center and Department of Nuclear Engineering, left yesterday for the International Atomic Energy Symposium in Vienna, Austria.

Cochran, who represents the National Research Council-National Academy of Science at the meeting, will present a paper entitled "Programming and Utilization of Research Reactors."

The paper was prepared in cooperation with Dr. J. W. Chastain, head of the Division of Physics, Battelle Memorial Institute, and Dr. T. J. Thompson, director of the research reactor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Both are members of the subcommittee on research reactors, National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council, of which Cochran is chairman.

During the trip Cochran will join a group of scientists from Oak Ridge Laboratories on visits to reactor facilities in Italy, Germany, Belgium, England and France.

Many of these foreign laboratories are staffed by former students of Cochran, who has extended him special invitations to visit.

The National Science Foundation has awarded \$795 to the A&M Research Foundation to finance Cochran's trip. He will return Oct. 29.

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An open house will follow a regular business meeting after the dedication. The actual dedication ceremony is scheduled at 7:30 p. m.

Taking part in the dedication will be Board President J. B. Hervey, College Hills Principal Mrs. C. K. Leighton, Mothers and Dads Club President Archie Flowers, School Superintendent Taylor Riddel and Miss Ann Hurley, a fifth grade student.

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Aggie Sweetheart

Class of '62 Social Secretary Juan Martinez pins Miss Ann Edwards, 1961-62 Aggie Sweetheart, to "7,000 Aggies" following her selection Sunday in Denton. (Photo by Bob Sloan)

New Sweetheart's Reactions Related

By MYRA LONG

Lass-O Business Manager (Special To The Battalion) For the Texas Aggies, hours of fun and frolic along with numerous discussions and meetings ended at 11 a. m. Sunday with the naming of Ann Edwards as the 1961-62 sweetheart.

In an interview minutes after she had been selected for the coveted honor, Miss Edwards stated that the first thought she had was one simple word—Me?

Her gloved hands covered her face in a quick gesture before her face broke into a radiant smile.

Miss Edwards' said her first coherent thought was, "the honor to have been accepted by the Aggies as their sweetheart, and the great surprise."

The blond-haired, blue-eyed sophomore claims Houston as her home town. It is also her school center for the next two years. She is a nursing major affiliated with

the Texas Women's University Nursing Center in Houston.

After two days of tension and excitement, the 'Aggies' choice found words to express her feelings about the Aggies whom she had met over the weekend:

"I think they are the friendliest, most mannerly, and considerate group of men I have ever met. They also put me at ease and made me really feel like a part of the group."

She feels that the honor she received holds many new and wonderful experiences, and she is looking forward to the activities which will include her duty as the official representative of the Fighting Texas Aggies.

In answer to the question, "What do you feel will be your greatest duty in representing the Aggies, she thought carefully and then said, "Keeping people informed on the way Aggies really are."

Aggies are no strangers to Miss Edwards; she has been on the A&M campus several times. Now, she is anxious to acquaint herself with the traditions and ways of Aggieland.

Upon arriving on the TWU campus, Miss Edwards had a chance not only to make new friends among the Aggies, but to renew old friendships established during her freshman year, which was spent in the Denton classrooms.

Several hobbies rank high on her list of "things I enjoy." Swimming and bowling head the list, with reading and dancing falling into place, she added.

She said that for the next year, Aggies and A&M will be her main hobby and she felt sure it would be one of the most interesting, if not the most wonderful things she had ever undertaken.

In the months to come, Miss Edwards will represent the school at ball games, banquets and teas. As the answer to a final question, Miss Edwards used one sentence to sum up what she had learned during the hectic routine—"I learned to respect the Aggies."

Ann Edwards Will Reign In '61-62

By TOMMY HOLBEIN
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After two caucuses and a second interview with each finalist, the Aggie delegation to Texas Woman's University selected Miss Ann Edwards, sophomore nursing major from Houston to be the 1961-62 Aggie Sweetheart Monday.

This was the conclusion of an active and entertaining weekend as 14 Tessies vied for the coveted title of "the girl pinned to over 7,000 Aggies."

Miss Edwards attends the Texas Woman's University Nursing Center in Houston, enrolled in clinical training. She is a graduate of Jesse Jones High School in Houston.

The sweetheart committee arrived on the TWU Campus late Friday night, and official functions of the weekend began the next afternoon at one with an informal "get acquainted" session.

From the initial meeting, the group moved to Lowery Woods for a buffet-style picnic, with the girls attired in casual sportswear. Following the picnic, a relaxed afternoon of television and hi-fi commenced in the lounge of Hubbard Hall.

Dinner for the Aggies and finalists was served in the southeast dining room of Hubbard Hall, followed by a formal dance from 8:30 until 12 p. m. in the Hubbard Ballroom. Robert Boone, music coordinator from A&M, provided record selections for the evening dancing.

A rotation system was set up for the dance, where members of the selection committee changed partners after every third dance. In

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this way, all finalists were interviewed, screened and a complete interchange of participants was accomplished.

Sunday morning events were opened with a service in the "Little Chapel in the Woods" conducted by TWU students. Coffee in Hubbard Hall followed the devotion, and then breakfast was served.

Tension and suspense began reaching climax during and following the meal; at 10 a. m. the Aggies filed into a caucus room while the finalists waited, seated in a semi-circle, in Hubbard Hall ballroom.

After almost 30 minutes, an announcement was made that the committee had ended in deadlock, necessitating a second interview with each girl.

Fifteen minutes later, the Aggie Sweetheart was crowned. (See SWEETHEART on Page 3)

Junior College Meet On Tap Here Monday

A two-day conference of Texas Junior Colleges will get underway in the Memorial Student Center next Monday for the purpose of creating a better understanding of the programs of both junior and senior colleges in the state.

Each year A&M sponsors the conference in an effort to aid the Junior College Education Program in this state.

"Junior colleges have a real 'place in the sun' in this state. Since many students transfer to A&M from junior colleges, we want to coordinate our program with that of the junior colleges in order to help the student better his education," conference chairman Dr. C. H. Ransdell said.

Highlighting the conference will be an address by Dr. Homer D. Babbage, assistant U.S. commissioner of education for higher education, Washington, D. C. His subject will be "Junior College Participation in Federal Assistance to Higher Education—Current and Future Plans."

Also on the program are conferences on "The Role of the Junior College in Teacher Education in Light of the New Certification Requirements" and "Summer Counseling and Testing Clinics."

Closing out the conference, Dr. Lee Wilborn, assistant commissioner for instruction, Texas Education Agency, will demonstrate and discuss "Effective Uses of Various Instructional Media."



President Honored . . . Rudder and wife pass under sabers



Hospitality, Tech Style . . . the pause that refreshes