

CAMPUS NAMES

Chemistry Club awards presented

At its annual banquet the Texas A&M University Chemistry Club presented awards on April 11 to the undergraduate chemistry majors. Loren Richardson, of Houston was named Chemistry Department's Outstanding Undergraduate, and presented a Hugh E. McLean Jr. award. American Institute of Chemists Outstanding Student was Carl Dufner of San Antonio. Donald Beck of Dallas

and Toni Chancellor of Bedford were presented with Chemistry Department Achievement Awards, and Terry Seidel of Rosansky received the Merck Index Award. Michael Smith of Princeton was cited as the CRC Outstanding Freshman and Rebecca Torres of Killeen received the Dow Fellowship. ACS Undergraduate Leadership Awards were presented to Carl Dufner and Dan Ryan of Houston. Donald Beck of Dallas also received a Hugh E. McLean Jr. Award.

The banquet concluded with

the installation of new officers. President of the Chemistry Club is Margaret Sanders of Pearland. Mike Dishberger of Conroe is the vice president and secretary is Leslie Pope of Corpus Christi. Treasurer is Elizabeth Schluback of Miami, Fla.

Granger receives 1st Lampport award

Recipient of the American Physiological Society's first

Harold Lampport Award is Dr. Harris Granger of Texas A&M University's College of Medicine. Granger, 33, was selected the outstanding cardiovascular investigator from nationwide nominees. The award was based on his studies concerning the fluid balances in circulation, the build-up of excessive fluids, and research related to control of blood flow in the body. Granger, associate professor of medical physiology, is nationally recognized as an authority in capillary dynamics and the function of lymphatic vessels.

First area log cabin has many memories

By CHRIS CAIN

Tucked back among light-green spreading oaks, vines, bushes and blossoming wildflowers, rests a white log cabin. Its logs have settled over the years and slumped in the middle, adding rustic charm to the 58-year-old cabin.

It's rather odd to see a log cabin alongside the more conventional wood frame house, especially in 1978. Even in 1920, when the cabin was built, it was probably an unusual sight.

The log cabin, at 405 Dexter, was built by Dr. Floyd B. Clark and a friend, Drink Milner, the son of a former Texas A&M University president.

Clark, a Texas A&M history professor and later, an economics department head, came to College Station with his wife in 1915. They lived on campus, as did the rest of the professors at that time.

"He and his wife wanted to move off campus," said Gloria Martinson Lefner. Lefner inherited Clark's estate after his death last summer at the age of 92.

"They bought this land from Jersey Street back about 200 acres," she said. Clark owned a strip of land that eventually extended from Jersey to Southwest Parkway, Lefner added.

"Everybody used to tell him that it was 'hanced' out here," she said. "Hanced" means haunted or ghostly, Lefner explained.

In the early 1920s, there were no large trees in that area. "When they built that (the cabin), and he and his wife moved out here, there weren't any trees on this street," she said.

The area across from the cabin was Dexter Lake. It is now a picturesque park with a stream running through the center. In early photographs of the cabin, there were a few young, scrawny oak trees at the edge of the lake and some behind the house, but other than that, its landscape was bare and scattered with stones.

Lefner said she did not know where Clark got the logs for the cabin. She had never thought of asking him that, perhaps because she has always seen the area with trees and not without them.

"Dr. Clark wanted to build a log cabin in the original form of a log

cabin — log on top of log," Lefner said.

"First off, they didn't have any money. They had to pay for the land," she said. Clark's strange desire to construct a cabin and the low cost prompted him to build it, Lefner said.

She said she didn't know if Clark had dreamed of being a pioneer or settler. He was a very intelligent man who had his quirks, Lefner said.

"You had to know him to understand him and it took a lot of time to

in-law used it as an art studio while, Lefner added.

He retired from Texas A&M the late 1940s and several years later, his wife died. Lefner, Clark wanted to move back into the cabin because it held so many memories for him but it wasn't able, she said.

"He built a garage-apartment behind the log cabin," she said. Clark would go over there every day. He had a telephone in it and he would sit by that telephone, listen to the radio, and look



Battalion photo by Jean Ha

Restoration is planned for the first house to be built south of the Texas A&M University campus. It was constructed by Texas A&M history professor in 1920 and was recently sold to an antique dealer.

know him and all the quirks he had," she said. One of his quirks was he wouldn't drink tap water — maybe that's why he lived to be 92, Lefner said.

The Clarks lived in the log cabin, the first house in the area south of the campus, until 1928 when they built the wood frame house at 305 Dexter, Lefner's present address. She said there was always someone in the log cabin while the Clark's lived in the other house. It was never rented, she said. His sister-

window every afternoon."

Lefner used to cook and clean him until his death last summer. Clark had no children or relatives she inherited his estate, Lefner said.

She sold the log cabin to an antique dealer last month to pay inheritance tax. "I would not let it go under any other circumstances but the fact that it was restored," Lefner said. "That number one reason I let it go (the cabin) go. I swore to him I'd tear it down," she said.

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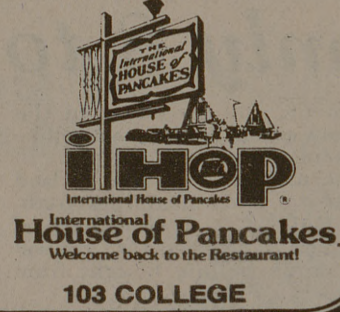
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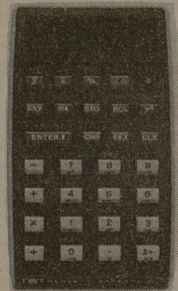
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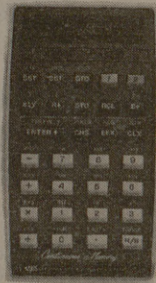


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