

4 alumni honored with highest award



Four Texas A&M University graduates will receive "distinguished alumnus" awards during commencement exercises this Friday and Saturday. From left to right are; Searcy

Bracewell and John H. Lindsey of Houston, Joe H. Moore of Austin and Midland, and James L. Sewell of Dallas.

Texas A&M University will bestow "distinguished alumnus" designation, its highest honor, on Searcy Bracewell and John H. Lindsey of Houston, Joe H. Moore of Midland and Austin, and James L. Sewell of Dallas during commencement ceremonies here Friday and Saturday.

The award has been given to only 59 of Texas A&M's 86,000 graduates. Distinguished alumnus recognition is presented by the University and its alumni organization, the Association of Former Students.

The honor is reserved for former students whose exceptional contributions to society have singled them out as men of great stature and ability. The awards will be presented at Texas A&M's spring commencement exercises Friday night and Saturday morning.

Bracewell, a 1938 Texas A&M graduate, is senior partner of Bracewell and Patterson, a Houston law firm with branch offices in Washington and Austin. Bracewell founded the firm in 1945 with his father and brother.

The Texas lawyer was president of South Texas College of Law in 1974-76 and is president-emeritus of the institution. Bracewell was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1947 and two years later made a successful bid for the Texas Senate where he served 10 years. He was president pro-tem of the Senate in 1957, and in 1969-71 was chairman of the Texas Water Development Board.

He has been a counselor since 1964 with the Texas A&M Research Foundation, of which he became a trustee in 1967 and board chairman in 1976. He is a founding member of Texas A&M's President's Endowed Scholars Program and served on the Association of Former Students Board of Directors.

Lindsey, a 1944 Texas A&M graduate, is partner of a Houston insurance agency bearing his name. Known for many behind-the-scenes contributions to the University, he is a past president (1964) of the Association of Former Students and also a founding member of the President's Endowed Scholars Program. He too has been a Research Foundation counselor since 1964, and a foundation trustee since 1969.

Lindsey also serves on the Prairie View A&M University Foundation Board and is on the executive committee for the South Texas College Law Board of Trustees.

The Houston civic leader has assisted the University in numerous ways. Lindsey helped influence Frank Wardlaw to organize and direct the Texas A&M University Press, which in just over three years has published more than 50 works and won national recognition. His Houston contacts led to the annual Student Leadership Trip each spring by 50 students who attend opera, ballet, symphony and theater performances, visit museums and meet civic leaders. Lindsey also encouraged and promoted recognition of E.M. "Buck" Schiwetz, 1921 Texas A&M graduate and one of Texas' great artists.

Moore, an independent oil operator of 30 years experience, graduated from Texas A&M in 1938. He was an exploration geologist for Shell and Fullerton Oil Companies and, through holdings in West Texas, New Mexico and other areas, realized the "energy problem" long before it became fashionable. He has studied the problem many years and is working to help establish a better national energy posture.

He has served in Association of Former Students capacities for local club to association presidency.

Amtrak hosts garage sale

WASHINGTON — Amtrak will hold its own version of a garage sale beginning Friday, and if you ever wanted to own your own Metroliner seat or a lounge car table then head for Indiana.

Among the items for sale are a few white elephants including thousands of yards of brightly colored fabric for passenger car interiors Amtrak discovered that passengers didn't like.

Amtrak said Wednesday, thousands of items will be on sale both Friday and Saturday, most of them on a first-come, first-served basis although bids will be accepted at less if no one is willing to pay Amtrak's price.

The sale will be held at the Beech Grove maintenance facility outside Indianapolis.

It will include:
—About 250 Metroliner seats made surplus by a renovation of the high-speed cars.

—Hundreds of seats from conventional passenger cars including folding seats Amtrak says are just the thing for highway vans.

—Almost 400 tables from food service cars and lounge cars.

—Thousands of spare parts for passenger cars, which might come in handy for owners of private railroad cars.

the latter in 1974. Moore and his wife, Betty, created a revolving fund for the Texas A&M University Press, for publication of a series on Texas art. The Moores have generously aided faculty improvement, the Aggie club through a 12th Man Athletic Scholarship, a President's Endowed Scholarship and the Texas A&M Development Foundation. The Texas A&M educational television-radio building was named last fall in his honor.

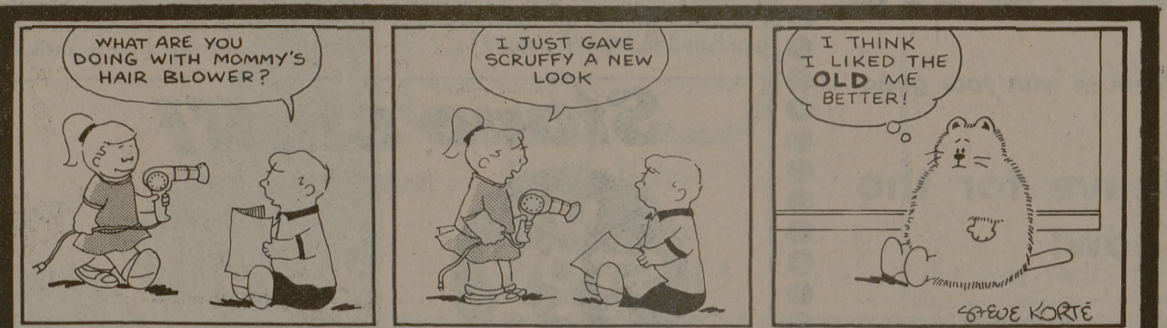
Sewell, a 1927 Texas A&M graduate, is president of Standard Lumber Co., with 51 years experience in refinery management and oil firms. He was president of Taylor Oil and Gas Co. and Delhi-Taylor Oil Corp. for 16 years, until assuming the lumber company presidency in 1968.

His leadership with oil and gas corporations and a Dallas bank led him to the presidency of the Mid-Continent and Texas Oil and Gas Associations. He now serves on their boards, as well as the board of the American Petroleum Institute.

The president of the Association of Former Students in 1970, Sewell served in 1961-62 on the Century Council which provided guidelines for Texas A&M into its second century.

He was an Association Student Loan Fund trustee 20 years and chairman in 1967-75, a Development Foundation trustee since 1972 and chairman in 1974.

The Dallas A&M Club recognized Sewell in 1972 with the Jimmy Williams Award as the outstanding Texas A&M man in Dallas.



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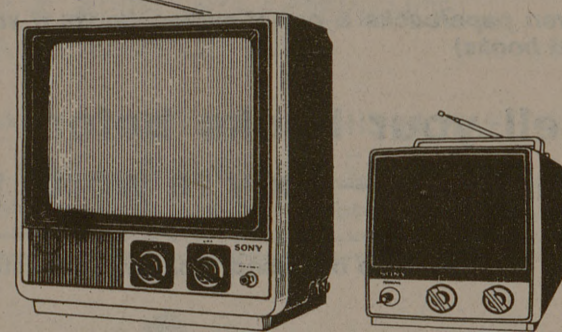
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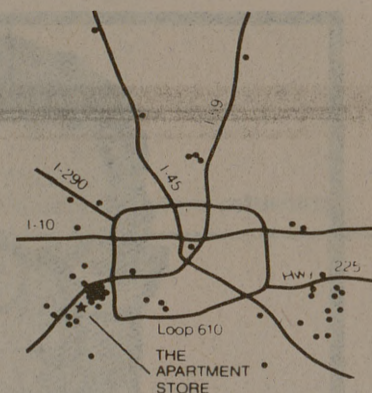
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