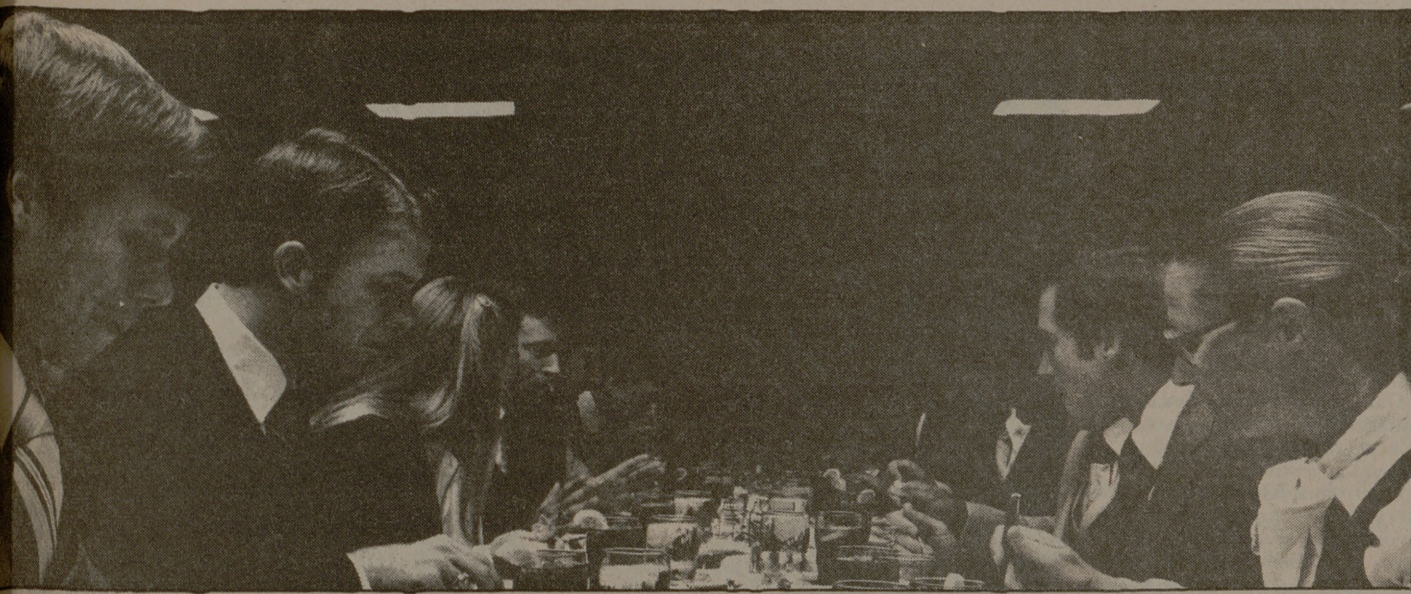


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Grads hear praise of Former Students

By GARY BARKER
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Association of Former Students President James S. Moore told 775 December '81 graduates Tuesday night that the association is fighting an ongoing battle to maintain the quality of Texas A&M University.

Moore, speaking to the Class of '81 Senior Induction Banquet in the Ramada Inn, said the Association of Former Students is dedicated to improving Texas A&M in three areas: students, faculty and facilities.

"We believe we should fill in to help Texas A&M in areas where other people haven't," he said.

Moore, a former state representative and a member of the Class of '52, said the association has helped improve the quality of the student body at the University since the early 1960s when it

began actively recruiting students from high schools.

The association continues to meet with high school and junior college counselors annually to inform them of University programs.

Moore said the association works to improve University facilities by donating funds. It also works to maintain facilities by employing a lobbyist in Austin who works to protect the Permanent University Fund, which is the source of building funds at Texas A&M and the University of

Texas, from being made available to other state schools.

He said the Association of Former Students helps improve the quality of faculty at Texas A&M by giving a \$5,000 stipend each to a group of outstanding professors every year.

All Texas A&M graduates automatically become members of the Association of Former Students. Graduates who donate \$25 per year to the association become active members and receive its mailouts including *The Texas Aggie*, its official publication.

The December '81 graduates were inducted into the Association of Former Students at a banquet in the Ramada Inn Tuesday.

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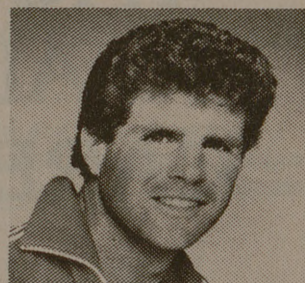
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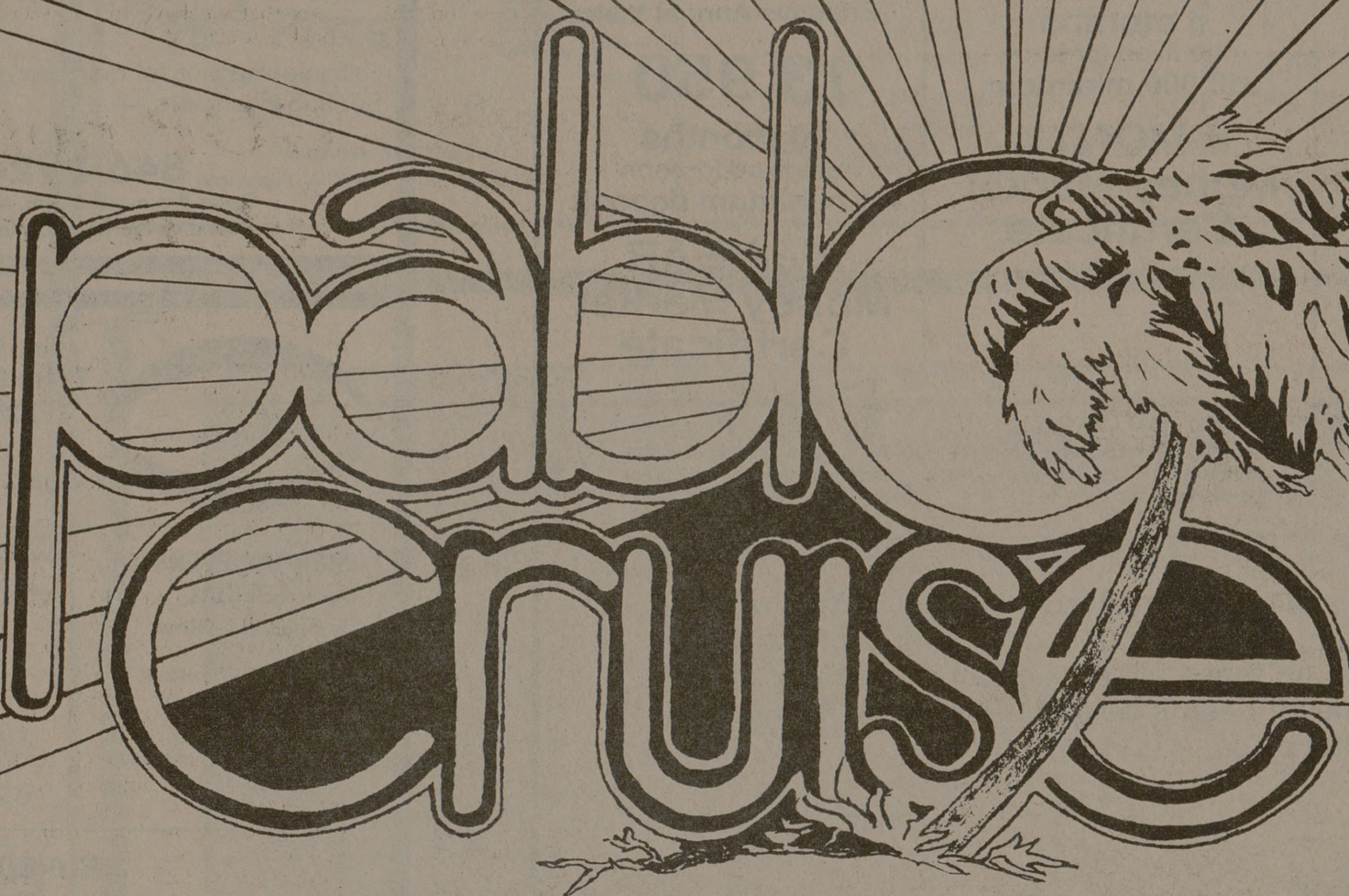
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