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The president's perspective

A&M President Frank E. Vandiver observes the statue of Robert Kleberg Jr. which was built in honor of Kleberg's many contributions to the University.

The statue, dedicated Thursday, is located in front of the Kleberg Animal and Food Sciences Center at A&M.

Christmas tree lights to help raise funds

by Maureen Carmody
Battalion Reporter
Bryan-College Station can expect an extra little something for the Christmas season this year — a 40-foot cedar Christmas tree twinkling with more than 2,500 lights.

The tree, which will be on the northeast corner of the Texas A&M University campus at Texas Avenue and University Drive, is a project for raising money to aid the Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center.

Harold McCullough, director of development at the center, said that by donating \$10 or more to the rehabilitation center, citizens can honor or memorialize a person or group with a light on the tree.

Also participating in the program are Hal Ferguson, a coach at A&M Consolidated; Merrill Green, a coach at Bryan High School; College Station and Bryan Independent School District choirs; and Rev. Bob Walter of A&M United Methodist Church will be the master of ceremonies.

The tree was donated by the Texas Forest Service, whose headquarters is at Texas A&M. The Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity will collect contributions on campus in the Memorial

Student Center beginning Nov. 15.

The City of College Station has offered to put the decorations on the tree and set up an electricity pole for the lights, McCullough said.

Part of the donations will go toward the building of a new rehabilitation center that will be near St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan. The new center will cost about \$1.8 million, McCullough said, and they still need \$500,000.

Local residents already have donated \$6,000 to the project and \$5,000 of that amount came from one family to sponsor a star that is to be placed at the top of the tree. The family has challenged other residents to outbid them for sponsorship.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a light on the tree should contact the rehabilitation center at 3300 E. 29th St. in Bryan, or go by the Alpha Phi Omega cubicle in the MSC.

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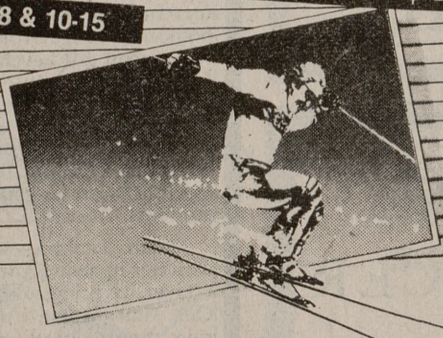
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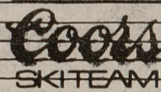
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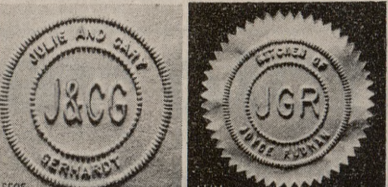
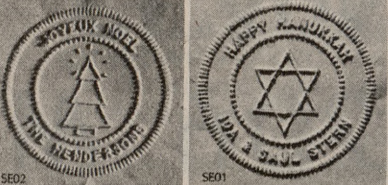
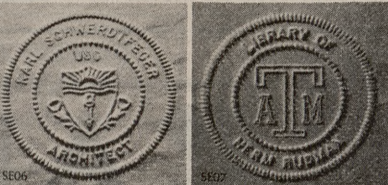
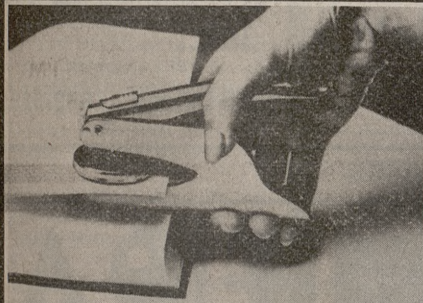
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