

# Jones crowned new Miss Texas A&M

by Melissa Adair  
Battalion Staff  
Theresa Renee Jones was crowned the 1983 Miss Texas A&M at the fourth annual scholarship pageant Friday night. Jones, a junior business analysis major from Hearne, was chosen from among 19 other contestants in her second pageant appearance. She was the second runner-up in the 1982 Miss Texas A&M Scholarship pageant, sponsored by the MSC Hospitality Committee.

In the talent competition, which accounts for 50 percent of a contestant's final score, Jones sang an upbeat version of the Billy Joel song "New York State of Mind."

When asked at the press conference what she thought she had gained from being in the pageant, the 5-foot-6-inch blonde said she had learned to be more confident in herself and

had developed her singing talent. Jones said she has not had professional voice lessons.

As this year's winner, Jones will represent Texas A&M at the Miss Texas pageant July 9 in Fort Worth. She also receives a \$1,000 scholarship to Texas A&M, a \$1,000 wardrobe allowance, the official Miss Texas A&M crown and trophy, the use of a 1983 Cadillac and a 50-diamond necklace valued at more than \$3,000.

Carol Podlipny, a sophomore business major from Rosenberg, was the first runner-up. Podlipny wins a \$500 scholarship and will take over the Miss Texas A&M title if Jones becomes Miss Texas.

Second runner-up was Teresa Fritz, a sophomore biomedical science major from San Antonio. Fritz wins a \$400 scholarship. Tara Glass, a junior elementary education major

from Corpus Christi, was the third runner-up and wins a \$300 scholarship. The fourth runner-up was Janie Koester, a junior marketing major from Cypress. She wins a \$250 scholarship.

The talent competition winner was Sherrie Alexander, a junior business analysis major from Lubbock. Alexander performed a ballet dance using sign language. The winner of the swimsuit competition was Gina Boeck, a sophomore computer science major.

All of the former Miss Texas A&M titleholders were present at the pageant. Gina Geiger, last year's Miss Texas A&M, performed a gymnastics routine. Sheri Ryman, former Miss Texas, was the mistress of ceremonies. Kelly McElroy, the first Miss Texas A&M, and Cindy Green, who took Ryman's place after Ryman became Miss Texas, also attended the pageant.



staff photo by David Fisher

Theresa Jones, the new Miss Texas A&M, receives a diamond pendant in the shape of Texas from Terry Stegall, district manager for Zales which donated the pendant.

# MSC Council has meeting tonight

The MSC Council will hold its fifteenth regular meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Programs Office.

Business to be discussed includes reports from the vice president for finance, the vice president for recreational programs, the vice president for entertainment, the vice president for cultural affairs and the vice president for student development.

There will also be a report from the building studies committee and the nominating committee.

Several speakers were approved at the last meeting on February 15. They include science fiction and fantasy authors Fred Saberhagen and Ardath Mayhar, head of the University of Texas physics department Al Jackson, publisher of Texas Fandom Becky Mathews, science fiction and fantasy artists Real Musgrave and Michael Whelan, chairman of the University of Texas department of anthropology Chad Oliver and former director of the CIA Adm. Stansfield Turner.

# Dining line experiment disrupts cadets' dinner

by Scott Griffin  
Battalion Reporter  
Food service officials at Texas A&M have been experimenting with a different serving system that has caused a problem at the Corps of Cadets dining hall.

The change in Duncan Dining Hall has been from a family-style serving line — one in which one entree is served in mass quantity — to a cafeteria style, in which several meal selections are offered.

On one side of Duncan the cafeteria-style line is being used, while the regular family-style

system is used on the other.

Corps Commandant Col. Donald Burton said the new serving lines have caused a time problem because freshman cadets have not been able to finish their meals in the designated 30-minute time period.

He said the system may be switched back to family-style.

"Right now we're just examining the pros and cons of the cafeteria-style," he said. "We may get back to using the family-style."

Lloyd Smith, assistant director of food services, said he

feels the only problem with the new system is that it has changed the cadets' routine. The purpose for the experiment is to find a system that will eliminate some of the waste of serving food family-style.

He added that the experiment is also designed to give the cadets a variety of food choices.

The key issue is to improve service, Burton said. The cadets continue to march in and sit together. Other than the time factor, Burton said he had received no major complaints.

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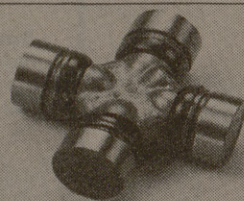
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