

Solid bronze bust stolen from A&A Friday night

by Scott Griffin

Battalion Staff
A bronze bust of Dr. Thomas McDonald, a founder of the Texas Transportation Institute, was stolen from the fifth floor of the Academic and Agency Building between 10:30 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m. Saturday, University Police officials said.

Detective Will Scott said there were no witnesses to the theft. The solid bronze bust,

which weighs about 200 pounds, is valued at approximately \$4,000.

"Right now, it's hard for us to tell whether it was a bonafide theft or just a prank," Scott said.

"The only thing we can do now," he said "is hope that whoever took it was just playing a practical joke and will bring it back."

Sid Stanford, assistant to the director of the Institute, said, "Our position right now

is that the theft probably was done as a prank and that the person probably doesn't know the value of the bust. But if the person will return it, no questions will be asked."

The bust is the property of the Institute. No reward has been offered at this time.

Custodians who were in the building the night of the theft said they last saw the bust at about 10:30 p.m.

The bust and a plexi-glass case, which also was stolen,

were sitting on a pedestal in the hallway near the offices of the Institute.

In addition to organizing the Institute, McDonald, who died on April 7, 1957, was instrumental in developing the state and national interstate highway system.

"McDonald is recognized as the leader in national highway development," Stanford said.

A special fund, the McDonald Endowed Chair, is presented to the Institute here each year in his honor.

Vandiver to speak

Faculty to get gifts

Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver will speak at an awards presentation honoring outstanding faculty and staff members Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

Clinton A. Phillips, dean of faculties, will present 18 awards to outstanding faculty and staff members.

The awards are divided into five categories. Six awards are

for faculty achievement, six are for teacher research, two are for student relations, two are for continuing education-extension and two are for staff-administration.

Each winner receives \$5,000, a watch and a certificate. The gifts are donated by the Association of Former Students.

Dr. Gordon P. Eaton, provost

and vice president for academic affairs, A.W. "Head" Davis, president of the Association of Former Students, Randy Matson, executive director of the Association of Former Students and Pat Pearson, 1982-83 student body president, will make brief remarks at the presentation.

The presentation is open to the public.

TV moves A&M-UT game

by Ronnie Crocker

Battalion Staff
Television — not tradition — will dictate when the annual game of Texas-Texas A&M will be played.

The game, usually played on Thanksgiving Day, has been rescheduled this fall for the following Saturday, Nov. 26. The move was made so that ABC can televise the game nationally.

Associate Athletic Director Charles Thornton says that net-

work payment for the game will be more than \$1 million.

Texas A&M and UT each will receive 15 percent of the funds and the remaining 70 percent will be given to the Southwest Conference to be divided equally among all nine schools in the conference.

The total share for Texas A&M will be about \$360,000.

The decision to move the game came in early April when the NCAA Television Commit-

tee met with ABC, CBS and the Turner Broadcasting System.

The networks will not televise college games Thanksgiving Day because traditional professional games will be played. This is the reason for the committee moved the date of the UT game. ABC also will pay the schools a \$250,000 inconvenience fee that will be split evenly between Texas A&M and UT.

Thornton says it is important to take advantage of a chance to

play on national television for many reasons.

Football generates the most money of all Texas A&M sports and this money goes to support the entire athletic program, he said. Thornton added that former students around the country can see the Aggies in action.

Also, national television will "showcase" Kyle Field, the Corps of Cadets, the Aggie Band and other traditions of Texas A&M, he said.

Freshman magazine designed

by Stephanie M. Ross

Battalion Staff
The Aggie Survival Kit is dead, but "Discovering Aggieland" has been born.

"Discovering Aggieland" is a new magazine that will serve as an information guide for freshmen and transfer students. It will replace the Aggie Survival Kit, a folder containing several pamphlets about University organizations and services.

"We'd like the magazine to be an encyclopedia of the incoming student," Robert Ruiz, edi-

tor of the magazine said Tuesday.

The survival kit became a problem to store and was not easy to use, Ruiz, a senior accounting major from Houston said. Student Government thought one magazine instead of several pamphlets would be easier to use, he said.

The information from the survival kit will be consolidated and additional information will be added to create the magazine. Most of the information in the

magazine will be directed toward new students and what they will want to know about the University. Ruiz has talked to freshman Student Government aids and asked them what they wanted to know when they came to Texas A&M.

A section concerning student organizations, how to join them and club dues will be included. In addition, information on food services, parking, traffic tickets, football tickets, registration, add-drops, financial aid,

shuttle bus routes, check cashing, the Corps of Cadets and more will be included.

The magazine also will include a guide to the Bryan-College Station area. There will be guides to restaurants, clubs, churches, parks, theaters, hotels and community service organizations like the Red Cross and Planned Parenthood.

Ruiz said Student Government is considering distributing the magazine at orientation sessions, Fish Camp and other activities new students will attend.

Faculty Senate to hold initial meeting tonight

The newly elected Faculty Senate will hold its first meeting tonight at 7:30 in Rudder Theater.

At the meeting, senators will elect a speaker and a parliamentarian, appoint ad hoc and standing committees, hire a secretary and allocate funds to buy word processor.

The senators will also draw lots to determine their terms of office.

The Senate will function similarly to the former Academic Council. The Academic Council has been renamed the Academic Administrative Council and will deal with administra-

tors' concerns.

According to its constitution, the Senate will review University-wide policies concerning students and faculty; curricula, instruction, academic standards and scholarships for students; and hiring, firing and promotion policies pertaining to academic personnel.

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