

Gina Harlow chosen as Cotton Bowl rep

by Tricia Parker
Battalion Reporter

Gina Harlow will watch the Cotton Bowl half-time from a different perspective than most other spectators. While most will watch it from the living room, or if they're lucky, from the stands, Harlow will be down on the field.

Harlow is Texas A&M's representative to the Cotton Bowl. Harlow was chosen last

month to represent Texas A&M at the various luncheons, balls and banquets that go on during the Cotton Bowl weekend. Harlow is a junior marketing and advertising major from Irving.

All Southwest conference schools send a student to represent them at Cotton Bowl events such as parties and parades. The representatives have their pictures printed in the program and are present on the field during the half-time festivities. The representatives will be in

Dallas for the Cotton Bowl from Dec. 29 through Jan. 2, says Charlotte Taylor, a student activities adviser.

"Most schools send their homecoming queens," she said. "Since we don't have one, we go through a different process."

Taylor says applicants first filled out applications then attended an interview with a panel of five judges.

"We were looking basically for a well-rounded girl," Taylor says. "We wanted someone who

would represent A&M well in a lot of areas. We looked for leadership, how well they communicate, tact and poise, as well as appearance."

Taylor says the judges also looked at the women's majors, career goals and activities. Sixty-five students applied.

"We feel Gina is an excellent choice," Taylor says. "She's very involved on campus, particularly in RHA. She's chairman of Casino this year."

Robert Crouch, a member of

the Twelfth Man kick-off team was a judge for the pageant. He says the contest was not based on beauty alone.

"Too many people base it on physical appearance alone," Crouch says. "We want her to be respectable and to show people what Aggies are like."

Harlow says she is not bothered by the stereotype of beauty queens lacking brains. Harlow's grade-point ratio is above a 3.0.

Crouch says Harlow really

stood out because of her self-confidence.

"Gina came into the interview and really sold herself," he says.

"The last beauty contest I entered was when I was two years old," Harlow says. "I walked off the stage Miss Physical Culture."

She says she applied to represent Texas A&M because she thought it would be fun.

"I didn't do it because I thought it would be easy," Harlow says. "I put everything into whatever I do. I did it because I

thought it would be a good experience.

Harlow says the experience being Texas A&M's Cotton Bowl representative showed her after graduation.

"I'm interested in broadcast," she says. She also like to get into advertising firm with a specialty companies like man-Marcus and Madsen. That for me would be experience."

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Forestry Club reports Xmas tree sales good

by Christie Johnson
Battalion Reporter
The Texas A&M Forestry Club's has been selling Christmas trees on campus for one

week and sales have been good, Joe Rodgers, club president, says.

Rodgers said the club members hope to sell most of the trees

by today. The sale began

28. The club cut 375 trees before the sale began. The trees — a Christmas tree near Beaumont and a student's property east of

sota. Trees below five feet are selling for \$10. Those more than six feet cost \$22. Trees less than those sizes cost \$20.

Rodgers said about 10 Forestry Club members volunteered to work at the tree stand, located across the Commons at the Forest Science Building.

Proceeds from Christmas sales will help finance the Club trip to the Association of Southern Forestry Clubs, an annual logging contest will be in Georgia, La., in March.

Rodgers said the contestants' abilities in form skills used by logging. Two of the events will be throwing contest and cutting contest.

Rodgers said competing in these events judged on how fast they cut logs and how far they cut axes.

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Campaign to keep DWIs low

United Press International
AUSTIN — A campaign to keep drunk off the road during the holiday season is under way Monday amid hope that 1983 will be the year in a row Texas sees a sharp decrease in traffic fatalities.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving joined the Department of Public Safety and the Commission on Alcoholism in launching the third annual "Days Ahead" campaign. The campaign aims to educate holiday party hosts on the dangers of drunk driving through door-to-door distribution of 1.5 million information pamphlets.

DPS Director Jim Adams said he hoped the campaign would help continue a two-year trend in Texas toward significant decreases in traffic fatalities. Adams has said at least 10 percent of traffic deaths are caused by drunk drivers.

Adams said Texas last year had experienced a 10 percent decline in traffic deaths compared to the same period last year. More than 430 fewer people died on Texas roads in 1982.

He credited the decline to greater public awareness and the decline in traffic deaths. "I can think of no other factor that has contributed to legislative efforts to increase public awareness," Adams said.

As part of the "Days Ahead" campaign, the state will sponsor programs to provide free rides home for people unable to drive and will encourage people to agree to not drink during the holidays.

Correcting

The Student Senate Thursday's Battalion reported the amount of money which could be saved by eliminating mid-term grades. Senator Ronald Paulsen, who introduced the mid-term grade bill, said by not having mid-term reports to be graded and more than \$30,000 eliminated.

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