

Outstanding juniors receive awards from honor society

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A commitment to academic excellence as shown through the achievements of 412 Texas A&M University students and faculty members was celebrated Monday night at the University chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi's 35th annual initiation banquet.

The banquet was held in honor of juniors, seniors and graduate students from each college who have demonstrated outstanding academic ability as shown by character, class rank and overall grade-point ratio.

The 1984-85 officers of the chapter, all Texas A&M faculty members, officially assumed their duties at the banquet, which was presided over by the officers for 1983-84. The

banquet was attended by an estimated 188 of the 412 initiates.

Each year the chapter gives the "Outstanding Junior Award" to a student from each college of the University. The 12 recipients distinguished at the banquet were given plaques bearing the University and Phi Kappa Phi insignias.

Martha Copp, a senior in the College of Liberal Arts, received an honorable mention from the society's national chapter as Texas A&M's 1983-84 Phi Kappa Phi National Fellowship Nominee. This scholarship is awarded to seniors planning to attend graduate school. Copp also received a surprise \$500 scholarship from the University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

The society's "Outstanding

Junior of the University" award, a \$500 scholarship, was given to Carmine M. Dulisse, of the Texas Maritime College, Texas A&M University at Galveston.

Guest speaker Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen, basing his address on an exploration of the society's motto, "Let the love of learning rule mankind," praised the initiates as "students who have shown the discipline, desire and ability to achieve...reflecting the high purpose of a university."

Discussing the meaning of scholarship, Hansen said the new members have shown a commitment to grow in understanding of a particular field of study, which he described as a "pursuit that never ends, characterized by openness of mind."

"Never stop the intellectual scrutiny of ideas," Hansen said. "The never ending search for the truth will require breaking with convention." He said that he wanted the new members to "continue learning in the traditional sense," but that he also hoped they would "reach out for meanings and values of a transcendent quality."

"We must search for the other side of truth," he said, "and acknowledge that it is there. Use your intellectual capacity as a walking stick, keeping in mind that it can touch on the surface, but not expose the inner being."

Phi Kappa Phi is a nationwide honor society unique for recognizing academic achievement in all areas of study.

NASA hopes to repair two satellites in the fall

United Press International
WASHINGTON — NASA Administrator James Beggs promised an "attractive price" Tuesday for sending a shuttle into orbit this fall to rescue two stranded communications satellites if the owners request such a mission.

Beggs indicated that Indonesia was close to a decision to ask NASA to retrieve its Palapa satellite and he said Western Union, owner of the other satellite, had started preliminary discussions on such a mission.

Both satellites were left in the wrong orbit in February when identical rockets failed shortly after the satellites were launched from the space shuttle Challenger.

Beggs said NASA has de-

termined it is feasible to retrieve both satellites, which each cost \$75 million, during one shuttle mission. The satellites would be returned to Earth to be overhauled and launched again.

The space agency chief said it now appears that the shuttle could conduct other operations as well to reduce the cost of the rescue mission. The satellite owners — or their insurance underwriters — would have to pay for the rescue attempt.

"I think we'll be able to offer them a very attractive price," Beggs said at a news conference following a speech to the opening session of the annual meeting of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

"It would be nice if we could get an agreement from both of them (satellite owners) to pick them up," Beggs said.

NASA sources said the agency is tentatively planning such a mission in the first week of November and the flight would be commanded by shuttle veteran Frederick Hauck.

Beggs said the maiden flight of the shuttle Discovery set for launch June 19 would land at Edwards because it is a new ship and the Mojave Desert base has more room for an abnormal landing.

He said the agency is stepping up work to perfect an instrument landing capability for the shuttle so its pilots won't require clear skies.

Rescuers unsuccessful in search

United Press International
MINERSVILLE, Pa. — A rescue worker lowered deep in an old mine shaft Tuesday found no sign that six young people were alive in a four-wheel-drive vehicle that apparently sunk 85 feet beneath a muddy mountain road four miles ago.

The three men and three women, aged 17 to 25, were believed to be inside an mine in a four-wheel-drive vehicle with monetary value of about \$10,000. She was believed to have sunk 85 feet below the surface of a muddy, rutted dirt road once used for mining.

Searchers thought a hole may have opened up under the six as they went through the area, they were driving the unpaved mountain roads in four-wheel-drive vehicles is a popular sport.

As rescuers worked, about a dozen family members huddled in small groups nearby, clinging together and awaiting word.

Rescue workers, who initially believed the vehicle was 60 feet below the road, linked three 20-foot sections of corrugated steel pipe, four feet in diameter, to place into the shaft.

Joe Novak, 56, a maintenance man for Penn Equipment Co. of nearby Port Carbon, was harnessed and lowered through the pipe to inspect the area, but came back to report the pipe was about 20 feet too short.

He said he saw the vehicle turned upside down and "half submerged in water," but he saw no signs of life.

The group had been missing since Saturday night.

The vehicle was spotted early Monday inside the caved-in

shaft, located beneath a steep and winding road on Sharp Mountain, which is honeycombed with abandoned mine shafts and scarred with signs of long-ago mining activity.

"They shouldn't have been on that road," said state police Lt. Donald Holloway. "I'm inclined to think they're not alive."

Authorities believe the vehicle is the black Chevrolet Blazer in which the six had been riding in the anthracite region of eastern Pennsylvania. The site is about 40 miles northeast of Harrisburg, the state capital.

Walter Vicinelly, commissioner of the Office of Deep Mine Safety in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, said rescuers would be lowered through the pipe into a steel cage at one end to

search for the missing.

The pipe and cage were to protect rescuers in the event of a further cave-in.

"The sides of the shaft are very ragged," Vicinelly said. "What concerns us is that the sides could fall in and trap another person."

Searchers planned to work through the night, if necessary, Vicinelly said.

The hole, about 15 feet across, was shaped like an inverted lightbulb, opening wider as it went down. Authorities believe the mine shaft may be as deep as 350 feet.

Vicinelly said a microphone initially lowered into the hole found only silence.

"I even hit on the top of the vehicle, but again we got nothing," he said.

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2818 and Highway 21. It was set out to attract industry to the Brazos Valley.

Pat Mann, staff planner for the foundation, said only about 10 acres of the park remains undeveloped today. The park has 29 different plants — all deal with heavy industry. Industrial tool and machine plants are among the largest in the park. Others specialize in petroleum-related services.

While this park provides a good base for the heavy machine industries, the three new parks are focusing in on business and the hi-tech industries.

The College Station Business and Tech Park has several features the Brazos County park lacks, all of which were included to cater to today's businessmen. When fully developed, this 2,300 acre park will have an 18-hole golf course and a country club. About a third of the land will be reserved for premium, high tech-oriented corporations.

Dennis Goehring is president of the College Station Industrial Development Foundation, the non-profit organization developing College Station's park. He says it may take 25 years to fully develop the park, stressing planning as the key factor for success.

"Detailed planning is the only way you can pull off a project of this magnitude," Goehring said.

Bryan jumped on the bandwagon in March 1982 when the city council voted to create the Bryan Development Foundation. This foundation was in turn assigned the task of developing the Bryan Industrial Park.

This 610 acre park one mile north of Bryan is designed to attract manufacturing industries needing railroad connections to their plants. Connection with the Southern Pacific Railroad main line about one mile away is planned, at a cost of nearly \$1 million.

But in the future, this park will probably be looking for high tech industries, executive director Edwin Latta said. And that means direct competition with the College Station park.

This park is expected to take about 15 years to fully develop. But with two more parks in the same area, all competing for the same companies, it may take longer.

The new kid on the block is the Texas A&M University Research Park. This park is the newest, and the smallest, with only 318 acres on the west campus of Texas A&M.

But that's not all that sets it apart from the others. The land in this park is leased, rather than sold to interested firms. The leases may run anywhere from 30 to 50 years, Dr. Mark Money said. Money is the vice chancellor for the research park and University-corporate relations. He was hired in October 1983 to supervise the transition of Texas A&M's research park from drawings and models to a reality.

If the leases aren't renewed, the facilities will revert back to the University, Money said.

The first phase of this park will probably not be completed before 1995, Money said. Construction of roads and utilities will begin this fall.

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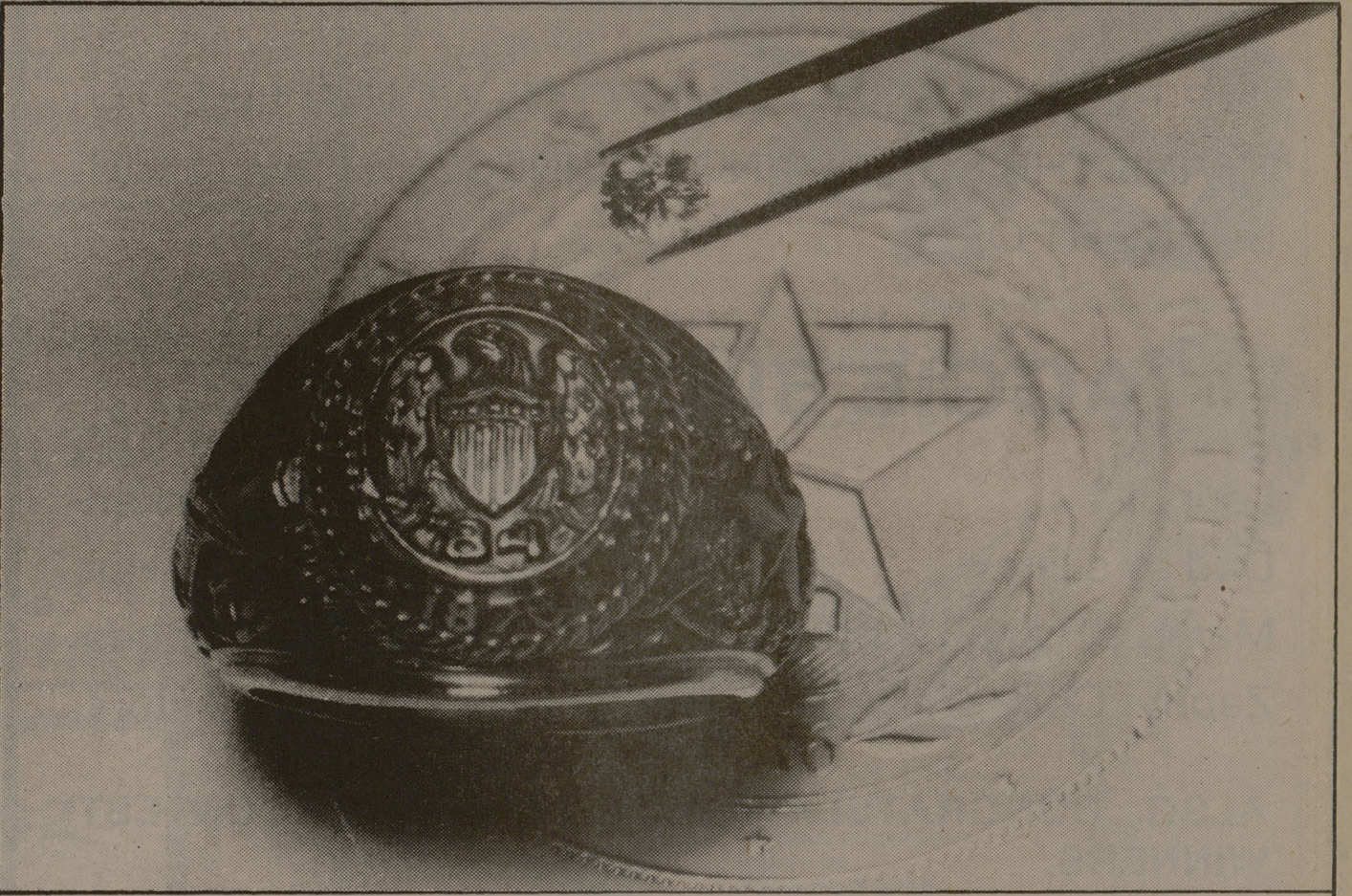
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