

A&M hosts luncheon for old Ag

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The Historic Resource Society of Texas A&M hosted a noon luncheon Thursday in honor of former student David L. Moffit, the superintendent of the Statue of Liberty site.

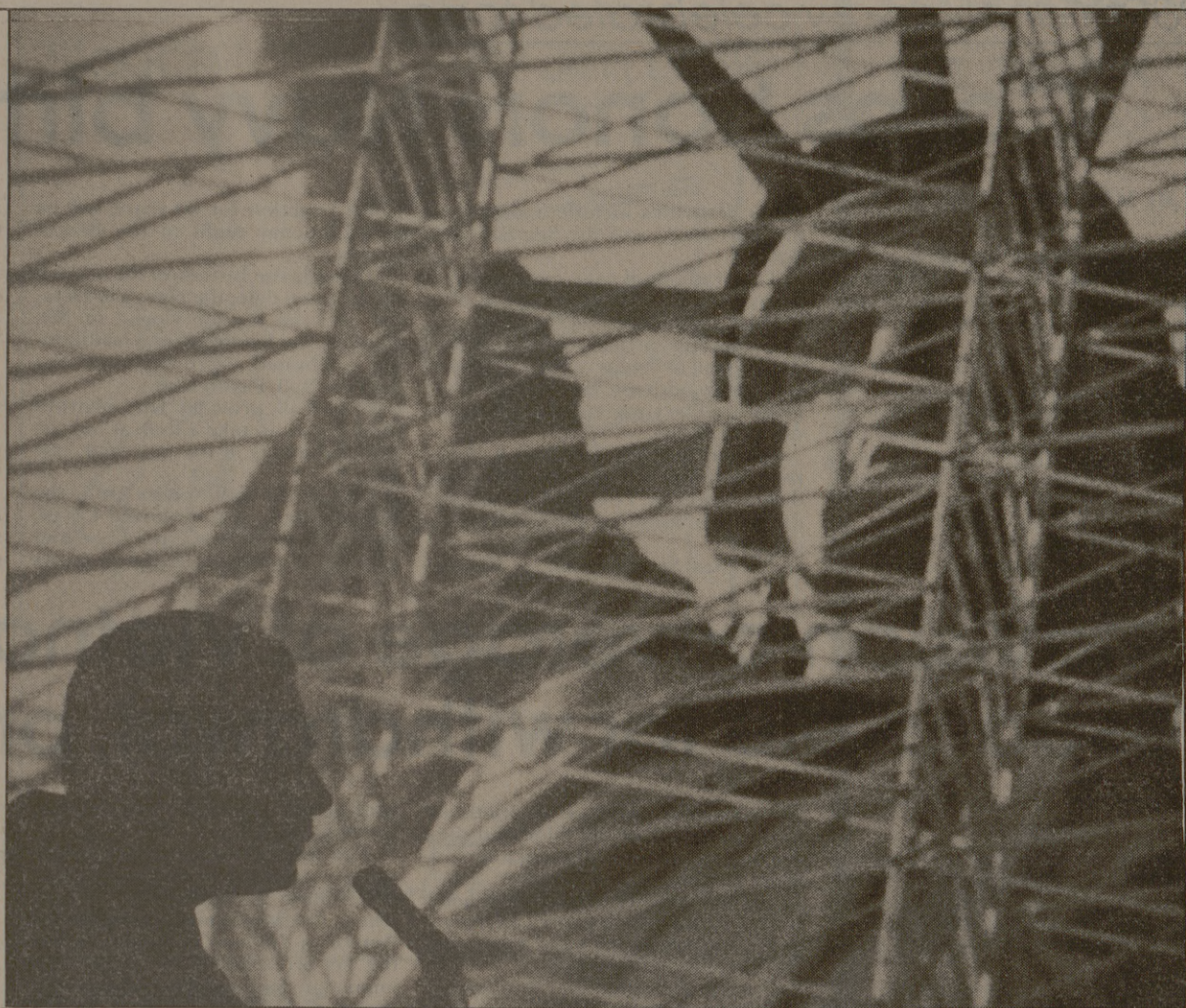
The luncheon was attended by about 30 people, and featured a collection of clippings, sketches and pictures of the statue.

The collection was donated to the club by Graham Horsley, a professor of environmental design and architecture at A&M. The club will donate the collection to the Statue of Liberty museum.

The collection follows the history of the statue from the time of its creation by French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi and engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel.

Club president Tony Sarabando said he invited Moffit to speak at A&M after discovering that Moffit was an Aggie. The club was formed to promote the restoration and preservation of historic sites.

The club presented Moffit with a T-shirt with pictures of Reveille and the Statue of Liberty. The T-shirts will be sold in the Memorial Student Center and Langford Architecture Center to raise money for the renovation project.



David L. Moffit, Class of '61, is silhouetted in front of a slide of the Statue of Liberty during his presentation Thursday night

Photo by PETER ROCHA sponsored by the Historic Resource Society of Texas A&M. Moffit was appointed superintendent of the statue site eight years ago.

Public restores Liberty statue

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The restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island is a project belonging to the people of America, not a service of government, former student David L. Moffit said Thursday evening.

Moffit, Class of '61, was appointed superintendent of the Statue of Liberty site eight years ago. About 70 people attended Moffit's presentation, which was sponsored by the Historic Resource Society of Texas A&M.

Moffit said the decision to solicit donations to restore the statue from citizens instead of requesting an appropriation from the government is based on Liberty's history. The statue was built in the early 1880s with funds donated by the people of France, and the statue's pedestal was built with funds donated by the people of America.

"This project has captured the imagination of America, but not just America," Moffit said. "We get money from (countries) behind the iron curtain."

Moffit's favorite fund-raising stories come from projects headed by children. One such story dates from the early days of the fund-raising project. After showing a high-school level film to a group of grade school children, Moffit was approached by a little boy.

"A little second-grader came up to me — he was about this high," Moffit said, holding his hand about four feet from the floor. "He put his hand in his pocket and pulled out a quarter, and said, 'Will this help?'"

During a luncheon given in his honor earlier Thursday, Moffit gave another example of the efforts put forth by school children. The children — fourth- and fifth-graders — wanted to raise money for the restoration, but needed capital. They requested a \$20 loan from a local banker, who explained that borrowers must own something valuable to use as collateral.

"The children left and came back an hour later with a shoe box," Moffit said. "In that shoe box was a Barbie doll, a base ball, a box of Milk Duds, and some marbles and stuff. The banker gave them the loan."

The children eventually paid back the bank loan, and sent \$100 to the restoration fund, Moffit said.

The fund-raising goal is set at \$230 million, but may be raised to \$250 million, Moffit said. So far, \$115 has been raised. Restoration plans include cleaning the statue, installing a glass elevator in the pedestal, creating easier access for handicapped people, repairing the statue's interior framework and rebuilding the flame.

Election

A&M students thanked; victory celebrated

By ROBIN BLACK
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Local legislators-elect got together Thursday night to thank their new constituency at a celebration, sponsored by the GOP's Victory '84 organization, in the Brazos Center.

Joe Barton, who won the 6th U.S. congressional seat, Richard Smith, new state legislator for the 14th district, new Brazos County Sheriff Ronnie Miller, and Billy Beard, county commissioner, were all on hand for the gathering of mostly Texas A&M students.

"You are my well-oiled political machine," Barton told approxi-

mately 150 people at the celebration, citing the importance of the A&M student vote.

Smith, who defeated incumbent Democrat Neeley Lewis, spoke to the crowd next and denied charges that his victory came on the coattails of President Ronald Reagan.

"I won on my own issues," he said, "and the students at A&M played a critical role in the outcome of the election."

Miller, who won the race for county sheriff by a slim 153 votes over Democrat Howard Hill, joked about questions raised about the tiny margin.

"Better be careful," he told the students. "They're gonna try and convict you of voter fraud."

After all the speeches were made, Barton talked about his plans for the coming months.

"I've talked with Phil Gramm several times this week," he said, "about the transition we want in January when I take his place in the House."

Barton said he's working on the various committee assignments that will be made when the new representatives take office in January, and that he's also working on the legislative agenda for the new Congress.

City to regulate speed of trains

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After holding a public hearing, the College Station City Council unanimously passed an ordinance Thursday night that will allow the city to regulate the speed of trains within the city's limits.

According to the ordinance, the maximum speed that trains can travel between FM 2818 and Holleman Drive is 40 mph. From Holleman Drive to Bryan's city limits, trains cannot exceed a speed of 30 mph.

The speeds were decided upon at a meeting of College Station city staff with representatives from Texas A&M, Southern Pacific Railroad and Missouri Pacific Railroad, said city attorney Cathy Locke.

The council denied a request by Southern Pacific Railroad representative Rodney Stutes to delay taking action for three weeks and provide the railroad company time to meet with city engineers to discuss the matter.

"The railroads don't want an ordinance," Stutes said. "That's as plain as it can be."

He said the railroad company had voluntarily imposed speed limits on its trains so an ordinance was unnecessary.

College Station Mayor Gary Halter said that the railroad company should have no objection to the ordinance since they already were abiding by the speed limits that the ordinance sets.

Later in its meeting, the council

addressed Southern Pacific's agreement with the city's proposed crossing at Holleman Street. The company returned the city's request with no changes, Halter said.

He said that now construction is being delayed by developers' lack of bids on the cost of constructing the Holleman Street crossing, which would allow the city to close the Luther Street crossing where two A&M students were killed in September in car-train collisions.

In other business, the council unanimously approved two rezoning requests and denied another.

It rezoned a tract of land east of Wellborn Road (FM 2154) and south of Holleman from Single Family Residential District R-1 to Neighborhood-Business District C-N.

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