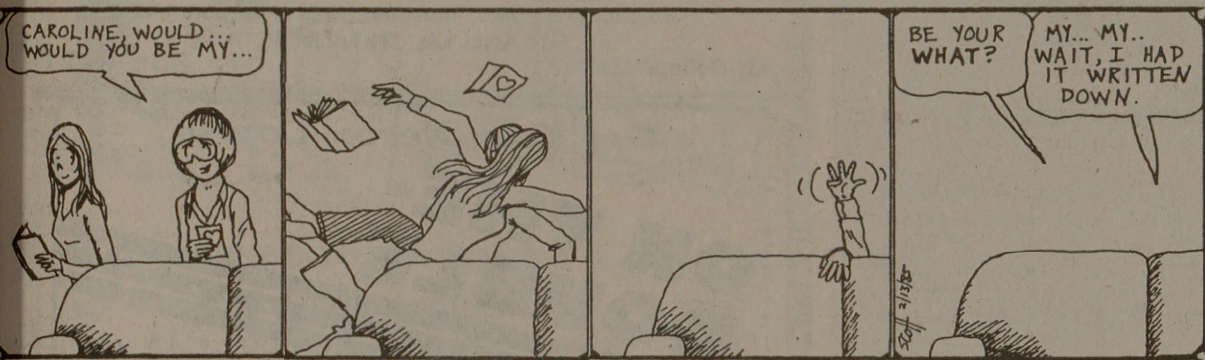


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by Scott McCullar



Just In Time

Photo by MELISSA ADAIR

Shirley Johnson looks as a College Station firefighter extinguishes the flames from her car. Johnson left her car running when she went into the Nash's Food Store on Longmire Street in south College Station at about 10:00 a.m. Tuesday.

Miss A&M

Pageant's promotion activities begin with kiss

By ROBIN ROBERTSON  
Reporter

The Miss Texas A&M University Scholarship Pageant sponsors are busy promoting the sixth annual pageant.

The pageant, which is sponsored by the Memorial Student Center Hospitality Committee, will determine the University's representative in the Miss Texas pageant this summer in Fort Worth.

Christy Tally, production promotional manager, says more emphasis has been placed on promotion for this year's pageant.

One promotion is a kissing booth at Post Oak Mall from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday. For a donation, the 20 contestants will draw lips on the donor's face instead of giving kisses.

Also pageant contestants will give a talent preview for the contestants

Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Post Oak Mall.

Contestants will present a noon fashion show Feb. 19 in the MSC, and a talent preview is scheduled for Feb. 21 at noon in the MSC.

Another promotion is the Mr. Aggie contest Feb. 20 at noon in the MSC. Kim Walters, Miss Texas A&M 1984, will be mistress of ceremonies.

"This year the 12 contestants, including football players and yell leaders, will write biographies on themselves," Tally said. "The event is fun and humorous."

The Miss Texas A&M Scholarship Pageant will be Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

"Fifty percent of the Miss Texas A&M Scholarship Pageant is talent,"

Tally said. "The other 50 percent is composed of an interview, swimsuit competition, poise and beauty."

Gina Chesak, executive director for the pageant, said the winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to Texas A&M, a \$1,000 wardrobe allowance for the Miss Texas Pageant, a 14 karat gold diamond pendant valued at \$3,000 to wear for the year and use of a 1984 Cadillac sedan.

Sheri Ryman, a former Miss Texas A&M and Miss Texas, will host the pageant, which will feature The Aggieband Orchestra and the Singing Cadets. The theme for the pageant is "A Night in the South."

Tickets are available at \$4 for students and \$7 for non-students at the MSC Box Office.

Texas businessmen named in securities fraud lawsuit

Associated Press

DALLAS — Two Texas businessmen have been named by the Securities and Exchange Commission in lawsuit alleging securities fraud that involves \$10 million worth of stock traded at brokerage firms in four states.

"This is a nationwide scheme," Hugo Wright, enforcement officer for the Fort Worth office of the SEC told The Dallas Morning News.

Two Dallas offices of the brokerage firms Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. and E.F. Hutton & Co. may have suffered losses as a result of the defendants' actions, according to the SEC suit.

The Fort Worth and New York offices of the SEC filed a civil lawsuit Monday against five businessmen in

The complaint, filed in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, named the following defendants: Thomas W. Reid of Grandview, a businessman and private investor; Maurice Rind of Los Angeles, a businessman and former stockbroker; and B&M Investments Inc., a Texas corporation of which Rind is president.

Reid's attorney Marty Caplan in New York said "I can tell you that Mr. Reid denies the allegations against him."

A secretary in Rogers' office said he was "not reachable" and the other defendants could not be reached.

The suit says that since January 1983, the defendants "engaged in a scheme to defraud broker-dealers across the nation by purchasing securities of First City Properties Inc.

(of Beverly Hills), among other companies, without intending to make payment, a practice known as 'freeriding.'"

The suit says the defendants bought \$10 million worth of stock from a number of brokerage firms, including Dean Witter Reynolds and E.F. Hutton.

The defendants, according to the suit, either "failed completely to pay on a timely basis or failed to deposit the required margin into their accounts."

Actual losses to the brokerage firms when they were forced to sell the securities amounted to more than \$500,000, the complaint says.

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