

Warped



by Scott McCullar

Witness says Autumn Hills was 'a mess'

Associated Press  
SAN ANTONIO — A nurses' aide testified in a nursing home murder trial Thursday she saw maggots crawling in a bed sore on Elnora Breed, a resident who died after 47 days at the facility.

The testimony came in the murder-by-neglect trial of Autumn Hills Convalescent Centers Inc. and five of its current and former employees.

Johnson offered her testimony after nurse Jurleen Boone testified she quit the nursing home after finding maggots in an open sore on a patient's foot.

Boone said that one day while she was working "I smelled a different smell that didn't smell like the urine smell I was used to smelling. I followed my nose to her room. Her slipper fell off and there were maggots in her foot."

After less than two days on the job, Boone said she thought the nursing home was severely disorganized.

"There weren't the supplies I thought should be there to give basic care," she said.

Boone said she reported her observations to nursing director Cassandra Canlas, a defendant in the case.

"She told me she realized this and would very much like to do something about this," Boone said.

"This was when I found out the aides weren't being trained. I told her 'My God, Sandy, they don't know what they're doing,'" Boone testified.

Boone said the aides were not washing their hands to prevent cross contamination and they weren't turning patients often enough to avoid bedsores.

"I told Canlas we needed more help," she said. "I even told Wilson the same thing. I told them they were going to get in trouble. It was a mess."

Dogs that didn't work out

A&M mascots little-known

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Reporter

When Aggies speak of the mascots Texas A&M, it seems as though there was an unbroken chain of mascots from Reveille I through Reveille II — Rusty, Freckles and Spot.

Rusty, a 4-month-old black mongrel pup, was given to A&M by Tom Westbrook, Class of '46, in June 1946. Westbrook, then a student war hero from Waco, gave Rusty to A&M as a replacement for Reveille who had died on Jan. 18, 1944.

Rusty had a tremendous amount of pressure on her. Reveille I had been the most famous college mascot in the nation. Not only had she been general in the WAGS, she also appeared in "We've Never Been Licked," the 1943 Universal movie about A&M. Also, mascots were expected to march in front of the band during all-time.

The Bryan Eagle, in a June 6, 1946 story, described how Rusty would look as mascot.

"So this fall look for Rusty out there in front," the article said. "Look for a dapper little pup with hair freshly combed, a maroon and white 'T-Aggies' gracing her neck, and a 220-piece band be-

hind her. Call her by name, pet her — she shows no favoritism and is friendly to all. It is rumored, however, Rusty is being groomed to ignore people waving pennants of orange and white."

Then it seemed Rusty disappeared.

"Aggies are still wondering what has happened to Rusty, the official mascot, and when she will appear at football games," wrote Allen Self in a Sept. 26, 1946 column of The Battalion.

In October, Rusty was still in training to be the mascot of A&M. Still, there was hope that Rusty would work out.

"Rusty, the little black mongrel pup, elected last spring to be the Aggie mascot, will be trained by the drum majors to march and prance before the mighty musical organization," said the Oct. 3, 1946 issue of The Battalion. "So this fall, Southwest conference grid fans are in for an outstanding exhibition of musical

showmanship when the 225-piece Texas Aggie Band swings out onto the field.

By November, Aggies were losing patience with Rusty. Meanwhile, Freckles was waiting in the wings.

Hal Mullins, the owner of Freckles remembered how he first met her.

"There used to be a place called George's Confections on the gate where the old post office was," Mullins said. "A young fellow there had a dog, and he had to give the dog up because his child was allergic to dog hair. So he gave me the dog."

Mullins, Class of '48, explains how Freckles made her debut.

"I was in the band, and Freckles lived with me," Mullins recalls. "One day we were playing Arkansas and the dog got on the football field."

Since this was more than Rusty had ever done as mascot, the editors of The Battalion, in the Nov. 5, 1946, issue started a movement to draft Freckles as a mascot.

"Want a Mascot? Vote for Freckles," the editors printed next to the words "The Battalion" on the front page.

The editorial on page two also favored Freckles.

"A. & M.'s present mascot is bandy; several attempts have been made to teach Rusty to follow the band," the editorial said. "But at the first note of the Aggie War Hymn, Rusty is nowhere to be found. She confines herself to one room of Walton Hall, never associating with the Aggies."

"Since at the end of three days' practice, Freckles was able to make such a splendid showing Saturday, there is probably no limit to her abilities after one year of practice."

"Now, it is up to YOU, the student body of A. & M. to decide, to give your word of approval or disapproval of this suggestion. ACTION is needed — IMMEDIATE ACTION — in order to permit Freckles to attend the SMU game this Saturday."

The students of A&M elected Freckles the new mascot, 618-3. However, there was a problem. Mullins said the dog would only be happy staying with him. So when Mullins graduated, Freckles would have to go with him. Mullins said he offered to breed Freckles, but she turned out to be sterile.

Spot tried to be accepted as a mascot in 1948 by hanging around the campus. Most Battalion articles about Spot discussed his ability to chase girls and sleep. Dave McReynolds, in an article in the Oct. 19, 1956 issue of The Battalion, said Spot's major claim to fame was falling off the top of Kyle Field and breaking both front paws. Spot recovered in time to be run over by a car.

Finally, on Jan. 29, 1952, Arthur Weinert, Class of '00, gave Reveille II to A&M, starting the unbroken line of successful mascots, including Reveille V.

Official delays grant because of traffic ticket

Associated Press  
DALLAS — A city councilman's dissatisfaction over a speeding ticket led him to block Dallas' acceptance of a \$467,000 grant for traffic enforcement.

Jerry Rucker invoked a privilege Wednesday that allows council members to delay agenda items for one week.

Officials said the grant would allow the city to pay police officers overtime to enforce the 55 mph speed limit in areas where speeding and accidents are numerous.

"Jerry just doesn't believe we should write speeding tickets," said Assistant City Manager Levi Davis.

Rucker said, "My ticket, heck, I can pay that. That's no big deal. This lady (policewoman) was out there to raise money. That's what I'm worried about. My concern is we've sent our gendarmes out there to abuse people."

Rucker said he was speeding to a veterans' celebration on city business when he was stopped and ticketed for traveling 70 mph in a 55 mph zone.

"They were holding up the ceremony waiting for me," he said. "I said (to the officer), 'If you think this is somehow unsafe, why don't you just escort me where I'm going and that will take care of the problem?'"

Around town

Science students must take exam

Any junior or senior in the College of Science who has not previously taken the English Proficiency Examination should plan to take the test on one of the following dates: Oct. 22, Oct. 29, Nov. 7, Nov. 12 or Nov. 14. Students must take the proficiency examination unless they have completed English 301 with a minimum grade of C. Students entering the College of Science under catalog #107 or later must complete English 301 as required in their degree program. They are not required to take this exam. The English Proficiency Exam will be administered by the English Department. Students in the biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics departments should register for the exam in 151 or 152. Blocker no less than three days prior to the exam date. All exams begin at 6:45 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.

Mothers to donate \$25,000 to library

The Dallas A&M Mothers' Club will make donation of \$25,000 to the Sterling C. Evans Library Saturday. The money has been given to buy Texas-related materials and enrich the library's mutual endowment fund. Through the sale of "Hullabaloo in the Kitchen" cookbooks, the club raised the funds. The presentation begins at 10:30 a.m. in 204 Evans Library.

Library sponsoring Wordstar workshop

The Sterling C. Evans Library Learning Resources Department is sponsoring a continuing education workshop on the popular word processing program, Wordstar, through the University Office of Professional Development.

The workshop, scheduled for Monday through Wednesday from 4 p.m.-6 p.m., is designed to take the beginner through a ten-hour course on Wordstar. Since the workshop is self-supporting, a fee of \$35 per participant is charged, payable by check, money order or inter-departmental transfer. Contact Hall Hall at 845-2316 for more information.

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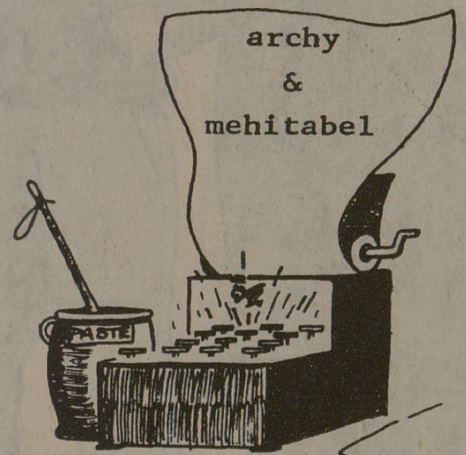
CO-OP FAIR

Monday, October 14, the employers listed below will have booths in Zachry Engineering Center. These employers will be primarily interested in hiring co-op students, but if you are interested in either summer employment or full-time employment, please feel free to come by. The Co-op Fair will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. with a lunch break from 11:45 to 12:30.

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