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Association may expand services

Former students get new chief

By TERESA MONTZ
Reporter

Ernest T. Pitzer, Class of '50, has been named president of Texas A&M's 130,000-member Association of Former Students.

Pitzer says, "I'd always felt like I received a lot as a student and now I have a chance to give back some of that support."

"I never really envisioned as a student that I would someday be an officer, much less president (of the association)."

While a student, Pitzer was in the Corps of Cadets and was involved in MSC Town Hall and activities sponsored by the YMCA.

Pitzer, who now lives in Dallas, is president of DeGolyer and Macdonough, a petroleum and geological consulting firm. He says his degree from A&M in petroleum and

geological engineering prepared him well for his career.

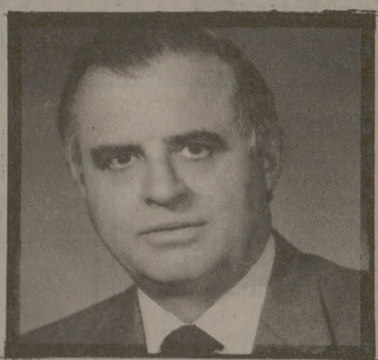
Pitzer says because of his service to the former students' association, he was asked to serve as president.

"I served two years as vice president for fund raising and one year as vice president for public relations of the association before being named president," he says. "I never really sought the position, but I'm glad they asked."

Pitzer says he will preside for the first time March 14-15 at the association's mid-winter meeting.

"On the 14th we'll have our board meeting, which includes about 16 board members," he says. "Then on the 15th, we'll have about 100 other council members come in for a general meeting."

The two-day meeting will be held at the College Station Hilton and Conference Center.



E.T. "Ted" Pritzer

"This is a very exciting year," Pitzer says, "because our new association headquarters should be completed sometime in late '86."

The offices of the Association of

Former Students currently is located in the Memorial Student Center.

"This new headquarters will give the association the ability to do some things that we didn't have the manpower or space to do in the MSC," he says.

Pitzer says the former students' association will continue its support and possibly expand services to its members.

"I do feel very strongly about continuing the strong support we've always given to the administration and students," he says.

Pitzer says the University has come a long way since he was a student.

"My son David graduated from A&M in 1978, and I can see — just in the past eight years — how far A&M has come," he says.



Photo by MIKE SANCHEZ

Gen. Robert Ives (left) gives Nancy Hedgecock, a junior civil engineering major, the Sons of the American Revolution Silver ROTC Award as Col. Donald Burton, commandant of the Corps of Cadets, watches. These awards were given to the top cadet in each of the service branches at Saturday's Military Review held on the Ormond R. Simpson Drill Field.

SG setting up endowment for health center physicians

By FRANK SMITH
Staff Writer

The Student Government finance committee is working this semester to establish an endowment to supplement the salaries of A.P. Beutel Health Center physicians.

Mills Roberts, Student Government vice president of finance, said the committee currently is seeking contributions from the private sector and from the Class of '86 senior gift.

He added that the University's development office is helping the committee organize the project and also is providing it with a list of former students now in the medical field who might be interested in contributing.

The committee is hoping to raise \$200,000 for

the fund by the beginning of the fall semester, Roberts said. He said a long-range goal would be for an additional \$200,000 to be raised every year until the fund contained \$2 million.

Roberts said until enough money is raised to adequately supplement every physician's salary, the amount available might be set aside as an incentive and used to reward one or more outstanding physicians for the year.

Roberts said he and Dr. Claude Goswick, director of the health center, will try to complete a case statement for the endowment before spring break.

The finance committee currently is waiting to see if the University will prioritize the endowment, so the development office can work specifi-

cally on the project. The project would be given a considerable boost if such priority is given, Roberts said.

"There's no telling what they (the development office) can do with it," Roberts said. "They're advising us. We've already got the account set up — it's just a matter of how much we can do with it."

The endowment effort springs from a need to make health center salaries here more competitive with other schools, Roberts said.

"The health center is the best equipped in the state — and probably in the nation, especially with the new wing they're building," he said.

The first contribution to the endowment was a \$125 check donated two weeks ago by the Aggie Mothers Club, Roberts said.

Former hostage critical of government attitude, media coverage

By KIRSTEN DIETZ
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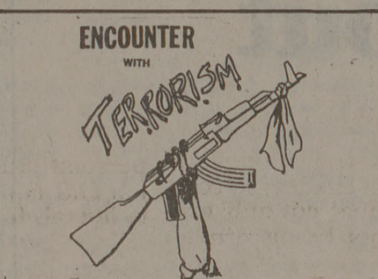
Media coverage of the Lebanon hostage situation continues to be inadequate because of the government's attitude, said Jerry Levin, a former CNN foreign correspondent, who was held captive by Islamic terrorists.

Although Levin, now manager of administrative services for CNN's Washington bureau, escaped after 11 months of captivity, five Americans are still being held hostage in Lebanon. One of those five has reportedly been killed.

He will visit Texas A&M's Rudder Auditorium Tuesday at 7 p.m. to talk about his experiences as a captive, the meaning he's derived from his captivity, the plight of the four American hostages still being held in Lebanon and what their continued captivity poses to U.S. citizens. Admission is \$1.50.

After his escape, Levin criticized the media's lack of coverage of the plight of he and the other hostages.

"They had been persuaded that writing about the basic demands of our captors would be harmful to us," he said Friday in a phone interview with The Battalion. "I didn't feel



that was correct then, and I don't feel that it's correct now. I understand where they were coming from. What would you do if you were an

employer and the experts in the government said, 'Don't say anything, even while they're being held, because that will get them killed?'"

While Levin said this was an agonizing decision for the media to make, he said he thinks it could have prolonged the hostages' captivity.

"It kept the people from understanding just what the circumstances of our captivity and it permitted the government for many many months to pursue a course that couldn't be challenged," he said.

"The course may have been appropriate or may have not been appropriate," he said. "But the point is,

that in the matters of life and death, the American people should at least know what the basic facts are and assess for themselves and be able to express whether or not they feel the approach is appropriate."

He said the media coverage hasn't changed much since he returned, but that, since he started speaking out on his disagreement with the government's position, the government has become more candid about the hostage situation.

As for the recent Middle East terrorism, Levin said the media's focus is too narrow. They should focus more on the grievances and motiva-

tions behind the terrorism, not the acts themselves, he said.

"If we don't begin to investigate why they do what they do and we simply talk about terrorism as if it acts in a vacuum with no political or sociological motivation, then that type of narrow view fosters polarizing stereotypes on our part that everybody over there is a terrorist and everybody wants to kill Americans," he said.

Despite his 11 months of captivity, Levin said he would return to Lebanon.

"I'm a journalist, and that's where the action is," Levin said.

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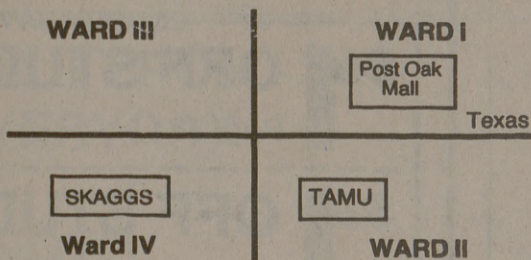
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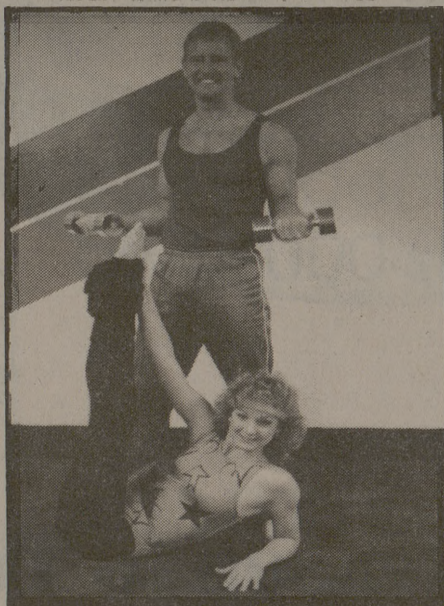
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