

Salutes

By Dawn Butz

Student elected head of national club

Susannah Grubb, a senior horticulture major from Silver City, N.M., has been elected president of the Association of Collegiate Branches of the American Society for Horticultural Sciences, a national organization of horticulture clubs.



Susannah Grubb

Grubb also is vice president of the Southern Region Association of Collegiate Branches, one of the four regional branches that make up the national organization.

As president, Grubb will travel to each of the four regions to advise member chapters. She will serve as the liaison between the parent organization, American Society for Horticultural Sciences, and the student chapters.

Grubb says one of her main goals is to encourage research in horticulture industries.

After graduating in May, Grubb hopes to get a six-month horticulture internship in New Zealand before working in the horticulture industry, she says.

Former A&M adviser earns merit award

Dr. Alan Alter, former chief undergraduate adviser for mechanical engineering at Texas A&M, has been awarded a certificate of merit by the National Recognition Association for his contributions in academic advising in 1985-1986.



Dr. Alan Alter

Alter retired in August after more than 30 years of teaching at A&M.

Alter began teaching mechanical engineering here in 1949 and worked his way from instructor to interim head of the department, a position he held from 1984 to June 1985.

In 1984 he received the Association of Former Student's Distinguished Teaching Award for his contributions in student relations.

He was honored again in May 1985, when he was awarded the C.W. Crawford Award for his contributions to the College of Engineering.

The award, named after a former associate dean of engineering, is presented only when the college finds someone deserving of it.

Alter says he now is busy catching up on his reading and is thinking about doing some writing.

A&M traditions

Fish Pond gets nickname from freshmen

Editor's note: This week is bonfire Push Week, another in a long line of Texas A&M traditions. Today The Battalion will publish the last two in a series of articles on Aggie lore submitted by members of Student Government's Traditions Council, who gathered their information by combing through the University Archives.

By Karen Rector
Special from the Traditions Council

FIVE, FOUR, THREE, TWO, ONE... the clock finally ticks down to zero, and once again the fightin' Texas Aggie football team "beats the hell" out of another Southwest Conference team. Hundreds of freshman cadets swarm onto the field, tackle the yell leaders, and carry them off to... Prexy Fountain.

Prexy Fountain is more commonly known as the Fish Pond because of the freshman tradition of throwing the yell leaders in the pond after a victory. The name "Prexy" is an old term for president, and the fountain stands at the original site of the University president's home.

The Fish Pond was a gift of the Class of '38. It has been renovated several times since then, most recently by the Class of '77.

Aggies, UT's Bevo go back a long way

By Tod Guidry
Special from the Traditions Council

All Aggies have heard the story of Bevo — the famous star from that school in Austin. The mascot got its name after University of Texas students reworked the mascot's 13-0 brand, which represented A&M's 1915 football victory over UT.

I quoted this story to a friend of mine, who promptly corrected me with the real story. After research, I found him to be right.

Bevo was a gift to UT from one of

its alumni as a result of Texas' 1916 victory over A&M. UT students planned to brand the 21-7 score on Bevo's side.

Instead, six Aggies drove to Austin with branding irons and a furnace, captured the bull and burned the 1915 score on the longhorn's side. This created a headache for UT staff and students, and the result was a Bevo barbeque for the two schools' presidents and athletic departments.

In time, Bevo became the UT mascot as we know him today.

Official dismissed after luxury changes in home

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Air Force relieved a base commander of duty while it investigates luxury improvements he made to his home, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Thursday.

In a copyright story, the newspaper said that Air Force investigators are looking into the addition of a sun porch and solid brass bathroom fix-

tures at the home of Col. Charles G. Kucera, 48.

Kucera was relieved Tuesday as commander of the 7th Bombardment Wing at Carswell Air Force Base.

Travis L. McCracken, a base electrician, says at least \$36,089 in renovations were made to the 3,800-square-foot home in fiscal 1985 after Kucera moved there in June.

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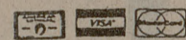
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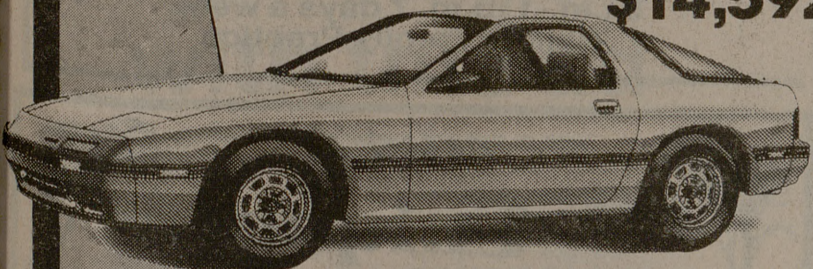
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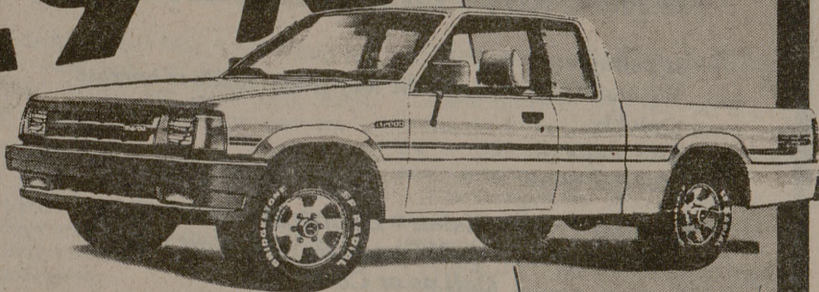


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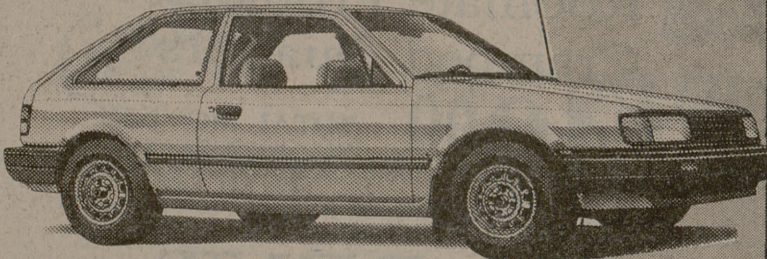
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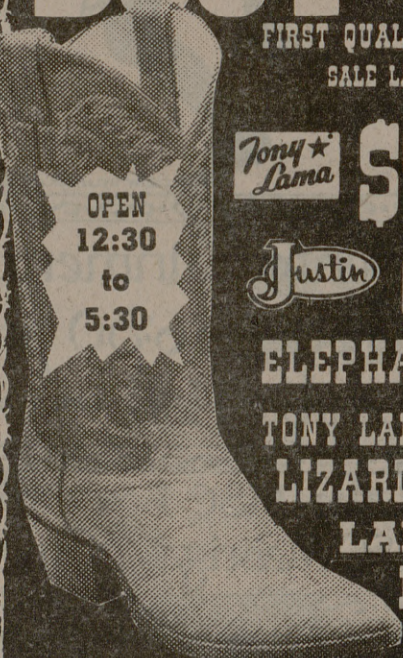
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