

State and Local

Former Student Association gets \$1.75 million 'surprise'

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The Texas A&M Association of Former Students received a pleasant surprise Saturday — \$1.75 million dollars.

Midland rancher and oilman Clayton Williams, Class of '54, presented the board of directors with the check, completing his \$2.5 million pledge to the building of the University's new alumni center, which bears his name.

The final installment came as a surprise to the board, said James Jeter, associate executive director for the association.

"He was not due to pay off his pledge until 1989," Jeter said. "He just surprised everyone at the board meeting. It was a surprise — a pleasant surprise."

Jeter said Williams pledged the money to the University before there was any mention of the building would be named for him.

"We were looking for a principle underwriter," Jeter said.

"We knew it would take a large commitment," he said. "We (board members) went to Midland and asked him, and he agreed."

"It was not discussed that the building would be named after him."

"Board members got together later and discussed it."

The 130,000-member association plans to move its offices from the Memorial Student Center to the new facility in August.

The center is 60,000 square feet and will provide office space, meeting and banquet rooms for use by alumni, students and faculty.

Dedication ceremonies for the Williams Alumni Center will be Sept. 5 before the Aggies kick off their 1987 opening football game.



Photo courtesy of Association of Former Students
Clayton Williams at a ground-breaking ceremony.

Man with 18 DWI convictions gets 5-year sentence after 25-car crash

ANAHUAC (AP) — A man with 18 drunk driving convictions pleaded no contest to a charge of felony driving while intoxicated in connection with a 25-vehicle crash that killed five family members.

Samuel LaRoy Hargrave, 60, of Anahuac, was given a five-year sentence and fined \$500 Monday by State District Judge Carroll E. Wilborn Jr.

"You have been convicted more times than I can count of felony offenses," Wilborn said in sentencing Hargrave. "But for the peculiar quirk that does not allow you to be indicted as a repeat felony or habitual felon, the maximum punishment this court can allow is five years in TDC (Texas Department of Corrections)."

Wilborn prosecuted Hargrave for drunken driving four times.

"You have shown to this court . . . absolutely no desire to rehabilitate, to quit drinking or even not to drive a vehicle when you are unlicensed," Wilborn said.

Hargrave, who has not had a valid license since 1966, admitted he continues to drive although the state will not issue him a license.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers said Hargrave was the driver of a station wagon that stalled on Interstate 10 in the middle of the fog-shrouded Old River and Lost River Bridge.

Fog and his stalled car triggered the chain-reaction pile-up Jan. 28 that killed five members of a Rockport family and injured six other people, officials said.

Hargrave had 0.11 percent of alcohol in his blood at the time of the 9 a.m. accident, a blood sample showed. A person is considered intoxicated in Texas if his blood-alcohol content is 0.10 percent.

District Attorney Mike Little said prosecutors allowed Hargrave to plead no contest to the Chambers County DWI charge as part of a plea bargain that called for him to plead guilty to a Feb. 10 drunken driving charge in Liberty County, and admit

he has violated his probation for a past DWI conviction.

Defense attorney Walter P. Fontenot said Hargrave accepted the plea bargain because "he wants to get it all behind him."

Little said the law should be changed so habitual drunken drivers can be sentenced to life in prison like other repeat felony offenders.

Last week, State District Judge W.G. "Dub" Woods Jr. sentenced Hargrave to five years in prison and fined him \$500 after he pleaded guilty to DWI in Dayton on Feb. 10, 13 days after the fatal crash.

Hargrave is expected to plead "true" this week to probation revocation charges alleging he violated his probation by driving while intoxicated July 30, 1985, in Chambers County, failed to report to his probation officer and failed to pay his probation fees, Fontenot said.

Hargrave now is serving a six-month sentence in the Liberty County jail on a probation revocation charge for driving without a license or liability insurance.

McFadden sentenced to death by jury after being found guilty in murder trial

BELTON (AP) — Jerry "Animal" McFadden was sentenced to die by lethal injection Tuesday after a jury found him guilty of capital murder in the strangulation slaying of a Hawkins teen-ager.

The jury took about 35 minutes to return the verdict, which was announced shortly after 7 p.m.

The tattoo-covered convict is already serving a life sentence for aggravated robbery.

McFadden showed no reaction when his conviction was announced before the month-long trial's punishment phase began Tuesday afternoon.

Attorneys had wrapped up closing arguments at 12:10 a.m. Tuesday. Jurors got the case later and took about four hours to reach a decision.

Prosecutor Arthur Eads told jurors they should look at the whole case and that "there is horror in this courtroom, there is death in this courtroom."

But defense lawyers had said prosecutors did not present any direct evidence linking McFadden to 18-year-old Suzanne Harrison, the woman he is accused of killing on May 4, 1986.

"Mr. McFadden is on trial for capital murder and the state can't show you that Mr. McFadden did what they say he did, so they are trying to have to convict him on other matters," said defense lawyer Vernard Solomon.

Harrison's partially clothed body was found atop Barnwell Mountain in Upshur County the day after relatives reported she hadn't returned from a Lake Hawkins outing. A grand jury ruled she had been beaten and strangled with her underwear.

The bodies of two companions who accompanied Harrison to the lake — Gena Turner 20, and Bryan Boone, 19 — were found 5 days later. McFadden hasn't been indicted in their deaths.

Jurors earlier heard a taped statement from a jailer who testified she was abducted at gunpoint by McFadden last summer.

In the tape, Rosalie Williams quoted McFadden as saying, "Rosie, they're trying to give me the needle for something I didn't do. I didn't even know those three kids."

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71	1195.00	2300.00
67	1175.00	2300.00
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