

'Great Date' raises \$8,000 Religion

by 'auctioning' bachelors

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Twenty of Brazos Valley's most eligible bachelors were auctioned off to screaming women at "Great Date II — Bachelor Auction for MDA" at the College Station Hilton's Sundance Club Thursday night.

The only Texas A&M student in the auction, John Curry, received the highest bid at \$310. His date package included a romantic dinner in Houston, a Houston Astros baseball game and "a night on the town."

Winning bids for the other bachelors ranged from \$55 to \$250.

Radio personality Miss Gwen from KTSR-FM and news anchor Lisa Keys from KBTX-TV hosted the event.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association received \$3,000 from bids plus \$5 per person for admission. MDA is a voluntary national health agency dedicated to conquering neuromuscular diseases that affect hundreds of thousands of Americans. According to the program for the event, MDA is funded almost entirely by individual private contributors.

Last year, "Great Date I" raised \$7,000. One bachelor sold for \$895, which included a four-day trip to San Francisco.

The bachelors, 20 to 42 years old, were chosen by MDA committee members and all participants planned their own date packages.

Charles Gonzalez, owner of Gold's Gym, removed his shirt and allowed women to feel his bare chest. He went for \$250, the highest starting bid in the auction. His date package included a light workout, limousine to Houston and dinner and optional overnight stay at Inn on the Park.

Lawrence Linhart, 33, a salesman at Dual Fast, also went for \$250. At one point in the bidding he removed his pants and threw them across the stage.

His date package included a champagne balloon ride, brunch at Bombay Bicycle Club, a matinee and a picnic lunch at Central Park.

David Brannon, a 42-year-old physician, went for \$230. His date



Photo by Ronnie Montgomery

A member of the audience places her bid at Great Date II, held Thursday night at the Hilton's Sundance Club. Great Date is an event in which eligible bachelors with "date packages" are auctioned off, with proceeds going to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

package included a weekend in Cozumel for scuba diving, good food and drinks.

A bid of \$220 won Jim Hooker, a respiratory therapist. His date package included a "get to know you" dinner on Lake Travis and a six-day trip to Akumal, Mexico. He also promised his prospective date a cruise on a 40-foot private yacht.

John Houseal, 41, general manager of Captain's Half Shell Oyster Bar, displayed his bare chest, shook his rear end toward the crowd and received a bid of \$200. His date package included a weekend in a

Galveston beach house with a candlelight dinner on the beach.

Bruce Thomas, KBTX-TV weatherman, said he agreed to participate in the auction because it's for a good cause and he would have fun doing it.

Thomas, double dating with KBTX anchorman Bryan Mylar, sold for \$90, while Mylar went for \$100. Their date package included pre-date delivery of flowers, a limousine ride with champagne and chocolates, dinner at Frank's Bar & Grill and a jet ride to Corpus Christi for a weekend at Wyndham Hotel.

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Pre-Theology Society, said some students are negative about the courses. "Some people don't like the instruction because they want to hear their values and that's not what they get," Lynch, a senior business analysis major, said.

Stadelmann said students sometimes don't recognize that the goal of the classes is to expand their knowledge about various religions.

"Many people feel quite genuinely that what I'm teaching is a matter of whether or not they or the person next to them goes to heaven or hell," he said.

Tests are objective with questions on ideas as well as content. Term papers, however, are not as easy to grade, he said.

"Sometimes I will get papers on Buddhism and essentially the paper is on 'Why I Believe Jesus is My Lord and Savior and Therefore Buddhism is Wrong,'" Stadelmann said. "I don't discourage this in the sense that it's not worthwhile, but it's not acceptable as a term paper."

The students who take the Indian Oriental religions course tend to be more open-minded, he said.

"Usually my students aren't open-minded enough, and they tend to dismiss Hinduism and Buddhism," he said. "My honors students (in the Indian-Oriental religion course) are so eager for new ideas that I had to stop and say, 'Wait a minute. You're so accepting of this that maybe you need to go back and do a little more critical thinking.'"

"A student can't be so open-minded that they think all ideas are equally valid or that something can be true for you and not for me. If there's only one God, there's only one God. It can't be true for some people and not for others. I've always said that if a mind is open at both ends, it won't hold anything."

In Stadelmann's smaller classes, students frequently challenge him, but as the class gets larger fewer people speak up. In these situations, he doesn't learn the students' opinions until course evaluations are completed.

Once, however, a student gave Stadelmann his opinion in no uncertain terms. During the Iranian hostage crisis, he was threatened by a student in his Near Eastern religion course.

"I received a phone call from a voice that was muffled and clearly an Arabic accent telling me that they were going to cut me up because I had lied about Mohammed," Stadelmann said.

He said he had presented three different perspectives on Mohammed in class and the student believed two of the ideas were lies.

No one ever attacked him, but someone put sand in his gas tank shortly after the phone call, he said.

Stadelmann said most Muslim students are receptive to the course.

"By and large, they have been one of the real additions to the class," he said.

The demand for religious studies courses is high. For every person in a class, he estimated two or three couldn't get in.

Lynch said people usually take the courses for two reasons.

"Many people take them to go more in-depth about their religion and some people take them because they might think they already know the information so it will be an easy class," he said.

Although he tries to devote equal time to each religion, Stadelmann's students inevitably say the time spent on their religion wasn't adequate. This is a pleasing end to the course, he said.

"If everybody feels that way, that we didn't spend enough time on everything, then you are rather satisfied as a teacher," he said.

Muster

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drawn, thus providing a stable ongoing source of funding, he said.

The committee is campaigning for donations to feed the fund through pledge drives and distributing letters of intent specifying a \$40,000 three-year goal.

"In hopes of getting donations, we have gone through the (University) archives and mailed letters to former students, including former campus leaders, yell leaders and Muster chairmen," Creecy said. "We are in need of their leadership again."

The committee also is in the process of contacting and speaking to various A&M clubs around the state. Creecy said some clubs are not aware of the cost of Muster.

Through the pledge drives, clubs can donate money over the next three years instead of donating a single sum all at once, thus making contributions less of a financial strain on

the club.

This week, during Aggie Muster Awareness Week, the committee also is selling Aggie Muster coins.

Rebecca Gillis, co-chairman of the endowment committee, said the Muster coin is a subunit of the Endowment Fund. A percentage of the profit from the coins will be placed in the endowment fund.

The coins became available in March 1988 and have contributed significantly to the support of the campus Muster ceremony, she said.

Bearing the inscription "When I am finally alone in the shadow of my days, I'll hear a mustering of Aggies and the echo of my name," the coins are available in limited-edition gold, silver and bronze and in an unlimited-edition nickel.

Etched in the center of the coins is 1883, the year Muster ceremonies began, and 1942, the year Muster gained national recognition. A group of 24 Aggies on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines held Muster on April 21 while under fire during World War II. Fifteen days

later the island fell to the Japanese.

Between the two years on the coin, centered in the traditional block "T", is an inlay of actual commemorative soil from Corregidor. The reverse side displays an engraving of the University seal.

Gillis said, "The coins are a significant contribution in making other Aggies aware of Muster, and for many Aggies, the coins serve to embody the tradition and special uniqueness of Muster."

"In three years, an endowment committee to raise funds will no longer be needed," he said. "The fund should be able to feed upon itself. The endowment will always guarantee the high quality of Muster we're used to having and will ensure the perpetual enhancement of Aggie Muster."

Those wishing to contribute to the endowment may contact Eileen Kuvlesky at the Texas A&M Development Foundation at 845-8161. Coins are available in the MSC today.

Muster will be Friday April 21 at 7 p.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

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