

Aggie Parents of the Year now claim 39,009 children

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Nine children were not enough for Dr. Patrick L. Hubert and his wife Goldie of Riviera. At least their youngest son, John, didn't think so. John, the last of nine Aggie children in the Hubert family, nominated his parents for Aggie Parents of the Year. To their surprise, they now have a whole new family of Aggies they can call their own, at least until next year.

"Whether it's nine or 39,000, there's not a whole lot of differ-

ce," Mr. Hubert said. "Now, we are father and mother to all the Aggies. We love them all."

Attending A&M is a tradition in the Hubert family. After Mr. Hubert graduated from A&M in 1951, all nine of his children followed in his footsteps.

Having at least one child at the University since 1974, both Huberts consider College Station their second home.

"In anticipation of grandchildren attending the University and planning ahead, we bought a house in College Station," Mrs. Hubert said. "After all, when we thought about it,

we figured it would be worth the money. If all our children lived in a dorm, we could have bought the dorm."

The Huberts are dedicated Aggies and try to attend every traditional event hosted by A&M.

"We've been attending everything we could at A&M since before Doc (her husband) graduated," she said. "Everything then consisted of sporting events. That was our social life."

Mrs. Hubert didn't seem to mind attending sporting events, especially baseball games since Mr. Hubert pitched for the Aggies.

"I've always had an interest in baseball," he said. "Growing up in Riviera, we had no team, so I played ball on weekends with local boys."

He said he never thought about playing ball in college, because until 1947, he never thought of going to college. He said he knew he would need a scholarship to attend a university and did not know how to get one.

However, Dr. George Strickenhausen, a local veterinarian who graduated from A&M, recognized Hubert's baseball talent and inspired him to go to A&M.

Two weeks after school started, Hubert left the Texas hill country with a goal to make the A&M team.

"I told the coach I needed a scholarship," Hubert said. "He asked me where I played ball and, after I told him, I knew he doubted my abilities."

"You make my freshmen team, and I'll find you a scholarship," the coach told him.

Hubert proved himself and made pitcher for the Aggies.

"My fondest memories are from the times I played ball," he said. Hubert played baseball at A&M for the 1949 to 1951 seasons and was All-American in 1951.

In 1951, Hubert's senior year, A&M won the College World Series in Tucson, Ariz.

"It was one of the most memorable experiences of my life," he said. "The excitement of our 3-2 victory was a great feeling, but it was the train ride home that I will never forget."

"When the Sunbeam Special pulled into the College Station depot, 500 to 1,000 Aggies were there to congratulate us. It was a large turnout for May, especially since the entire student body consisted of only 8,500."

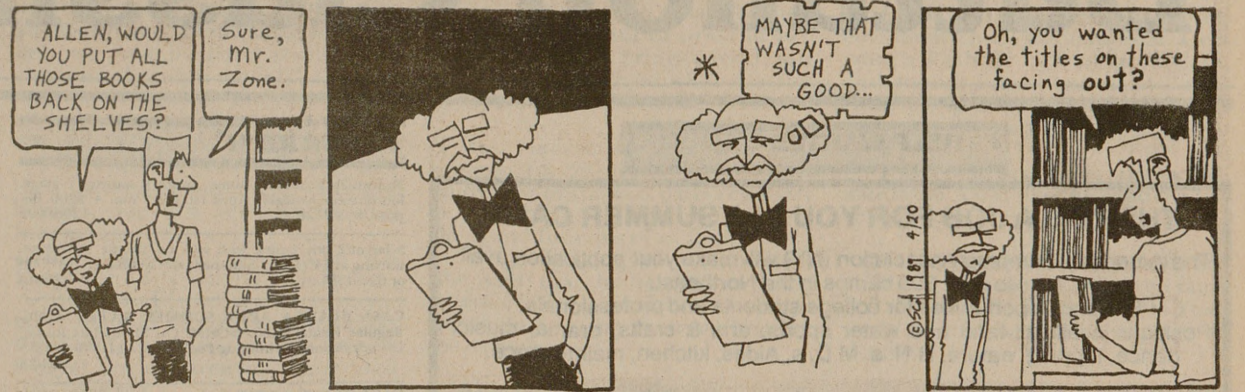
Hubert was inducted into the A&M Sports Hall of Fame in 1980.

"The announcement during a football game against Rice was a surprise to me," he said. "It was quite an honor."

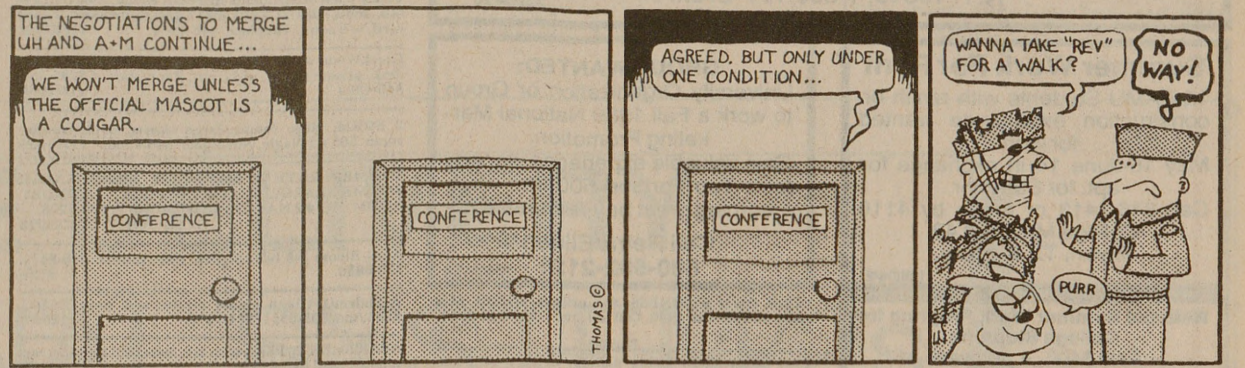
Mrs. Hubert's fondest memory is

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Prison escape attempt fails

'You can't blame a guy for trying,' convict says

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Their "freedom" lasted only about two hours, but two condemned men said Wednesday a month-long escape plan that included construction of elaborate dummies, squeezing through a 1-foot-square air vent and sawing their way out of death row was worth it.

"You can't blame a guy for trying," James Paster said a week after he and cellmate Noble Mays wiggled out of their cell and into a utility corridor where they tried to saw through a ceiling exhaust fan.

"I felt like I was doing something for myself instead of waiting for relief from the very people who had sent me here," Paster added.

"You just try to work as fast as you can and as quiet as you can," Mays said. "I wasn't out to hurt anybody."

Paster, 44, a former lounge singer and Elvis Presley impersonator, is awaiting death for a 1980 contract killing in Houston. Mays, 35, was sentenced to die for a 1979 robbery and stabbing death in Wichita Falls.

Guards noticed the pair was missing in the early hours of April 11 when a nurse who was supposed to give Mays some medication could not awaken him from outside the pair's cell.

When guards opened the cell door, they discovered the men in the bunks really were dummies made of clothing stuffed with newspapers and tobacco cans. They also discovered the tiny vent to a pipe corridor behind the cells was really cardboard.

Mays and Paster were apprehended as they hid above the pipes, about 15 to 20 feet from their cell. With Paster acting as lookout, Mays was trying to saw through bars that blocked a large exhaust fan to the roof of their wing of the Ellis Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections.

The two are now confined in separate cells known as

administrative segregation, the maximum security on the Texas death row. They also have been barred from participating in the death row work program.

Prison officials say no inmates ever have successfully escaped from death row at the Ellis Unit. That fact, however, did not stop Mays.

"What are they going to do to me?" he said. "We weren't out to hurt anybody. Neither of us had weapons or anything."

Asked if he would try again, Mays shrugged his shoulders.

"I'm sure everybody would love to pull something like that off," he said.

Both men laughed about the scene that night as they struggled to fit through the tiny vent that led outside their cell.

Paster said Mays went through the hole first — and then got stuck.

"I greased him up while he was caught up in there," Paster said. "After I quit laughing so hard, I finally decided to grease him up."

He said he used several bottles of hair tonic as the lubricant.

Paster said they came up with the idea to flee about a month ago while playing chess.

"Noble said it was my move," he said. "I said I had a better idea. Other inmates said since the attempted break, guards now make a point of rapping their nightsticks on the air vent covers in cells to make sure the metal covers are secure. "I think we amazed most folks because nobody knew about it," Paster said of the escape attempt. "And it's hard to keep secrets here."

Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department from April 9 through Monday:

ASSAULT:

- A handicapped student reported that he was pushed after he blocked a car illegally parked in a handicapped space. He said the driver pushed him aside in his seat so he could roll the car out of the way. The man then drove away.

- A man reported that he was assaulted by another man while watching the Texas A&M-University of Texas baseball game from the railroad tracks.

THREAT TO ASSAULT:

- A man reported that he was threatened by a student when he tried to enforce the golf course shirt policy.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

- A student reported that someone glued two plastic fork blades into the door locks of his vehicle.

- Someone set fire to the training platform in the Quad. Two gasoline cans were found near the platform.

- Someone cut a hole in a window screen at the Langford Architecture Center.

- A student reported that someone broke out the rear window of his car.

- A Crocker Hall resident reported that someone threw something through his window.

- Three people each reported that someone punctured a tire on their car while it was parked at Easterwood Airport.

- Someone broke a window in the Harrington Classroom Building.

TERRORISTIC THREAT:

- Someone called in a false bomb threat to the Zachry Engineering Center.

- The Corps Guard Room received a call that a bomb would go off in the Corps area. No bomb was found.

MINOR IN POSSESSION:

- Three minors were charged with having alcohol at the A&M-UT baseball game.

- Two other minors were charged the next day with having three bottles of beer in their car.

HARASSMENT:

- A student reported that she received several annoying phone calls.

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:

- Four bicycles, a bicycle wheel and one backpack were reported stolen from various locations around campus. Another bicycle previously reported stolen was found.

- A student reported that someone stole the license plate from her moped.

- A student reported that someone stole his calculator from the Halbouty Building.

- A man reported that someone stole the stapler from his desk in the Academic Building.

- A student reported that someone stole his textbook from the Blocker Building.

- A student reported that someone stole a pair of his jeans from a washer in Dunn Hall.

- Another student reported that someone stole eight pairs of jeans and three pairs of shorts from an Aston Hall laundry room.

- A student who previously had reported that someone stole her purse in the Sterling C. Evans Library reported that she found it. She said she had misplaced it in the stacks.

- A pizza delivery man reported that two men grabbed his pizza while he was delivering at the Commons.

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