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Fergie ends five-day trip to Texas with visit to inner-city grade school

HOUSTON (AP) — After trips to the opera, a polo match and a private ranch, the Duchess of York ended her five-day visit to Texas at an inner city school Monday.

Sarah Ferguson, known as "Fergie," took part in an anti-drug program and was serenaded by more than 600 students at Blackshear Elementary School.

"She seemed like royalty," said 11-

year-old Gary Williams, a fifth-grade student.

The duchess, who is married to Britain's Prince Andrew, came to Houston Thursday at the invitation of the Houston Grand Opera, which is saluting 300 years of British opera. Early Monday afternoon, she left on a flight to New York for a one-day visit there.

Royal-watchers who gathered outside the school Monday morning applauded her and some shouted, "We love you Fergie!"

The duchess participated in the school's Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, known as DARE, by joining students in an anti-drug play. She gave the school's library autographed copies of the "Budgie" books for children she has written.

In turn, students presented her a book they had written.

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The sketches involved students acting out criticism for students who are pretending to drink, smoke or use drugs.

"I think she was really concerned about the program," Blackshear principal George Mundine said. "She was very impressed."

The duchess then went to the school playground where students holding small U.S. and British flags were standing in a formation that spelled DARE.

"Your Royal Highness, the Duchess of York, from the boys and girls of Blackshear School, may I present to you these flowers and ask for your permission to sing," shouted 8-year-old Jermaine Thibodeaux, who gave the duchess a bouquet of yellow roses.

Committee sponsors activities to increase unity of Class of '90

By Steven Patrick

Of The Battalion Staff

As part of its class awareness week, the Class of '90 Awareness Committee is sponsoring activities and events all this week designed to increase unity and involvement within the senior class.

Kenny Martin, a senior in economics and chairman of the awareness committee, said events for seniors range from roller-skating and 90-cent scoops of ice cream to yell practice and happy hour.

"The purpose (of the events) is to get seniors more aware of their class and increase their involvement at the University," Martin said.

Co-chairman and sociology senior Tracy Hammonds said this week's activities also are aimed at unifying the senior class and boosting its class spirit.

The Class of '90 awareness week officially began Sunday when seniors gathered at Kyle field and formed the figure of a "90" for a class picture, Martin said.

The senior class also sponsored a placement center orientation program Monday night which

provided seniors information on how to register and use the center, he said.

Martin said one of the events designed to increase class involvement is senior attendance at tonight's silver taps ceremony.

Other events scheduled this week include roller skating at Rolling Thunder skating rink at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and happy hour at Taco Cabana from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Martin said.

Hammonds said a senior yell practice will be held at 9:00 p.m. Thursday at the bonfire site and will be "a time to promote senior involvement with bonfire" and help "keep the spirit of bonfire alive."

Martin said local businesses also are supporting senior awareness week by providing discounted merchandise to members of the Class of '90.

All this week, seniors can have their senior rings cleaned for free at Service Merchandise, receive discounts on dry-cleaning at Aggie Cleaners, and purchase 90-cent scoops of ice cream at Baskin Robins in College Station, he said.

Martin said tables set up in the MSC from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today through Thursday will provide seniors with more information on this week's activities.

Officials apologize for death

Diabetic woman dies after false arrest

LEWISVILLE (AP) — Lewisville police say they are sorry about the death of a 51-year-old diabetic woman who was taken to jail because symptoms of her condition resembled intoxication.

Police department officials called Sunday's death "unfortunate" and said an internal investigation into the Oct. 16 arrest of Lena Wells is being conducted.

Family members already have filed a claim against the city seeking \$10 million in damages, alleging officers violated the woman's civil rights by failing to get her proper medical attention, according to the family's attorney, Tom Boardman.

Two patrol officers found Wells on the floor of a self-service laundry and she was taken to the Lewisville City Jail, according to department spokesman Richard Douglas. The incident occurred in mid-afternoon, police said.

Police said she was discovered to be seriously ill within the hour.

A&M prof speaks on her book about Czechoslovakia's creation

By Andrea Warrenburg

Of The Battalion Staff

Dr. Betty Unterberger, Texas A&M professor of history, gave a lecture Monday night about her latest book, "The United States, Revolutionary Russia, and the Rise of Czechoslovakia."

Unterberger said her book is a heroic and tragic story of how the Czechoslovakians fought against tremendous odds for their independence in the early 1900s. It also explores how and why former U.S. President Woodrow Wilson and the United States came to support the Czechoslovakian movement of self-determination.

The book is a culmination of 30 years of research from sources around the globe, including Czechoslovakia, the United States, France, England and Russia.

A nationally and internationally acclaimed historian, Unterberger said she obtained some of her information from documents that had just been de-classified by the State Department 45 to 50 years after the events had taken place.

"It required a good deal of sleuthing," Unterberger said. "At times I had boxes of material stripped from

my hands and was told I didn't have the proper authorization."

Published by the University of North Carolina Press, the book has already been described by the *Washington Post* as the definitive work on the creation of the Czechoslovakian nation.

Among her honors, Unterberger has served as the first woman president of the Society for the History of American Foreign Relations, as an A&M visiting lecturer on Soviet-American relations at Peking University in Beijing, and has received the American Historical Association Award for her book "American Siberian Expedition: A Study of National Foreign Policy."

Also in attendance for the evening from Charles University in Prague, Czechoslovakia, were Ladislav Sevela, director of international programs, and Eduard Klika, professor and vice rector. Texas A&M has an international memorandum of agreement for cooperative studies with Charles University.

About 100 people attended the lecture sponsored by the MSC Literary Arts Committee and the A&M Department of History.

A reception and book signing followed Unterberger's lecture in the MSC Forsyth Center Galleries.

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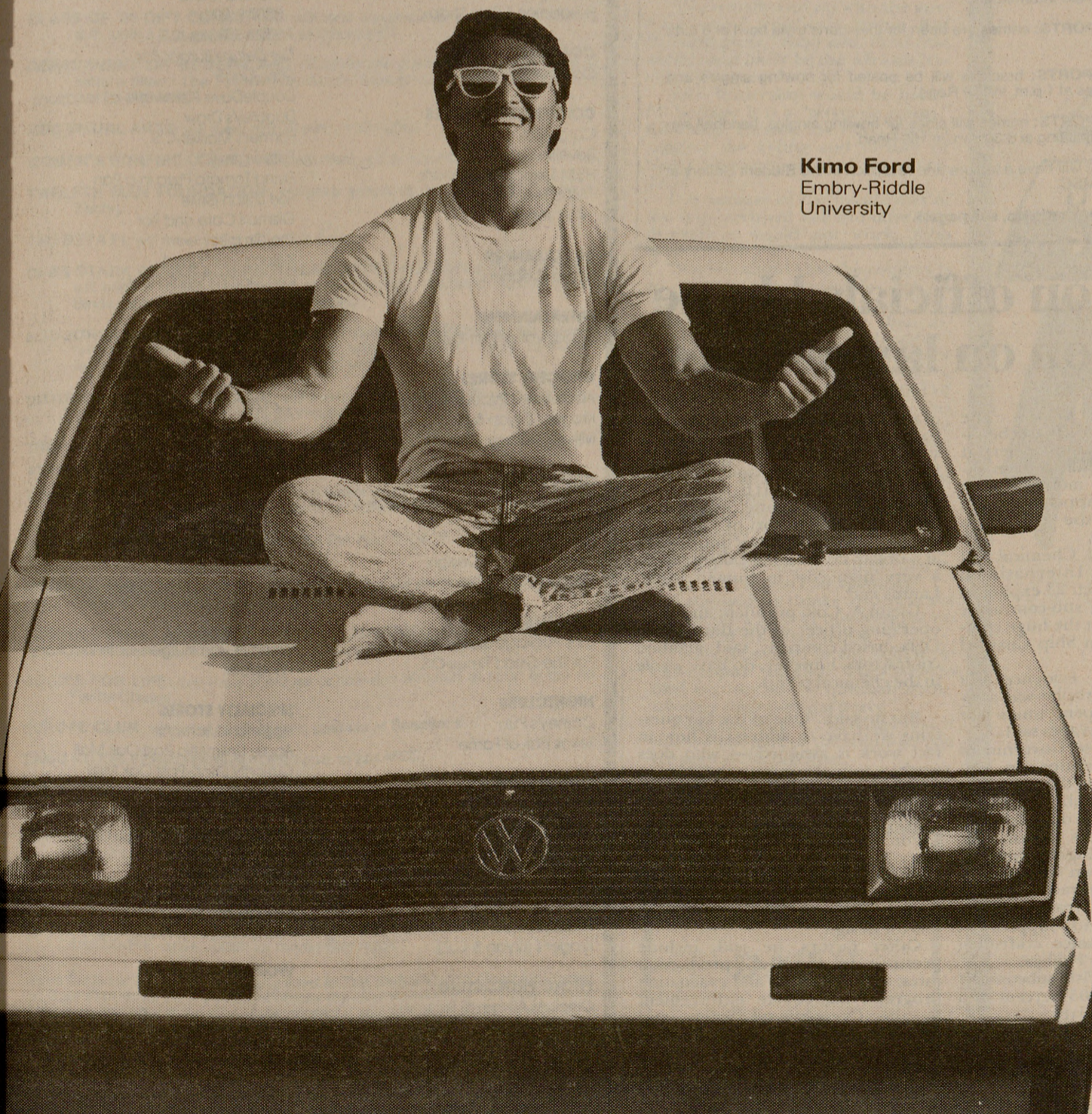
General Motors is sponsoring an auto expo at Rudder Fountain from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday featuring 10 display cars and a drawing for two \$500 scholarships.

The purpose of the expo is to showcase the latest GM products, services and technology, a GM college coordinator said. Representatives from GM will be on hand to explain the college graduate finance program and the smart leave program, two finance programs aimed at college students and recent graduates.

The drawing will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday and Texas A&M head football coach R.C. Slocum is scheduled to choose the winners. Any A&M students or faculty can register at the expo.



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"So when I saved enough money to buy a car there was only one logical choice. A Volkswagen. My car's a '79 Rabbit. With 145,000 miles on it. Ten years old and all those miles and it's still running great.

"If you ask me, it's the perfect student's car. Good on gas. Fun to drive. And big enough to carry four friends." Even so, Kimo is already thinking about his next car. Another Volkswagen? "Absolutely. A GTI. White. Gotta have white."



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