

## Leaders

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said that she is proud of her heritage was offended by the flier.

"I feel like that flier was trying to cut my roots," she said.

The students said the flier is also misleading because the word "American" represents more than just the United States.

Walter said that the two fliers that are still

up were approved by College Republicans and he does not think they are offensive.

Student Body President Brooke Leslie said she hopes the College Republicans have learned a lesson from this and hopes they will not let it happen again.

"We cannot forget that things like this have happened," she said. "If we forget, they happen again."

Leslie said she supports a multiculturalism class requirement and has met with A&M President Ray Bowen several times this semester about implementing it.

## Rudder

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Mrs. Rudder said many of her husband's decisions as A&M president, such as the admission of women, making membership in the Corps of Cadets optional, changing the school's name and incorporating integration, helped the school to grow and change.

Although Mrs. Rudder graduated from the University of Texas, she said she has become an Aggie.

"I went to t.u.," she said, "but don't hold that against me. I'm much more of an Aggie now."

Mrs. Rudder has stayed active with the University since her husband's death in 1970.

Ann Wiatt, wife of University Police Department director Bob Wiatt and a friend of Mrs. Rudder, said Mrs. Rudder has made a major difference at A&M.

"She has always been dedicated to A&M. She has a great love for the school. She is just a special, special lady," Wiatt said.

John Lindsey, a member of A&M's Board of Regents and a friend of Mrs. Rudder, said the Rudders made considerable contributions to the University.

"She is just one of the grandest first ladies we've ever had at Texas A&M University," Lindsey said. "And he has certainly been one of the best presidents A&M has had."

The Rudders' contributions have also been felt worldwide.

Gen. Rudder led the Ranger battalion that wiped out a World War II German gun fortress atop the 100-foot cliffs of Pointe du Hoc above the Normandy beaches, leading to the successful landing of Allied forces on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

"He didn't consider himself a hero," Mrs. Rudder said. "Gen. Omar Bradley said it was the most difficult assignment he ever gave a soldier."

Gen. Bradley was the five-star general who gave Rudder the orders to storm the cliffs of Normandy.

Mrs. Rudder has visited Normandy five times, helping to celebrate the anniversaries of the Allied victory.

Lindsey traveled with Mrs. Rudder during one of her trips to Normandy.

"The most memorable trip we've ever made together was for the 47th anniversary of the Normandy invasion," he said.

"Margaret Rudder is like the president of France in Normandy. They lay down the red carpet for her when she comes to town. They just love her," Lindsey said.

Gen. Rudder became president of A&M in 1959 after serving one year as the school's vice president.

Mrs. Rudder said she was surprised when the Board of Directors asked her husband to serve as president while he was still serving as Texas land commissioner.

"Earl was the most unlikely president," she said. "He was very qualified though."

He had a good wartime record and he straightened the land office out in one term.

"Anything he went into, he got it straight. He had such a sense of right and wrong."

The new statue of Gen. Rudder will be located just north of the complex named for him near the Memorial Student Center.

Harry Ludtke, a Houston artist, sculpted the statue out of clay.

The clay being used comes from the same material used 75 years ago to create the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross, the former president of A&M from 1890 to 1898 who was better known as "Sully."

Now, the two former presidents will be able to stand together guarding the University they so dearly loved.

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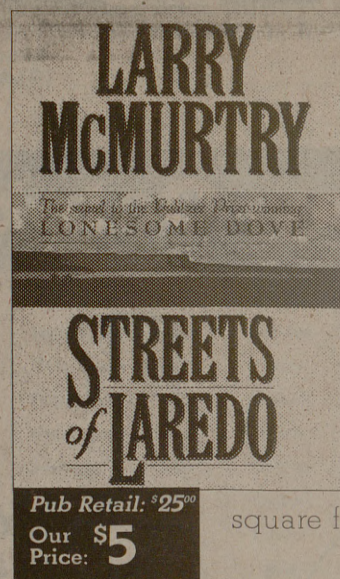
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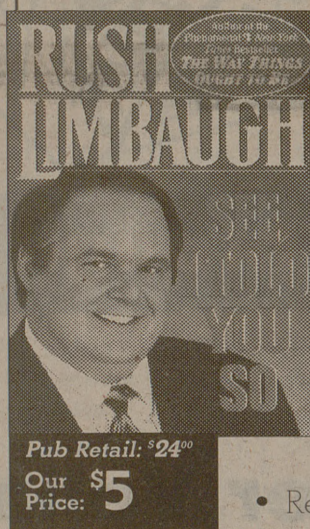
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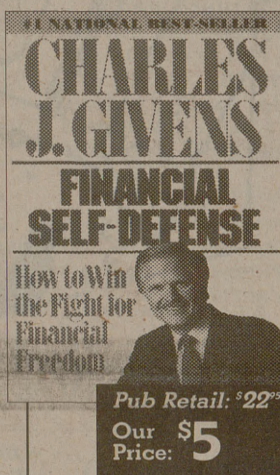
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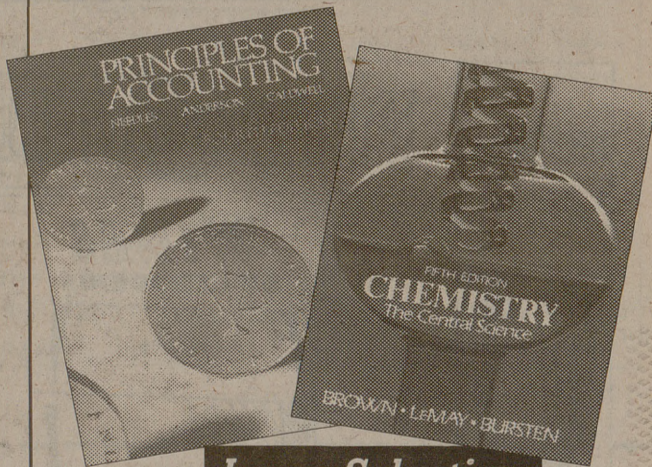
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