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Highway 6 renamed

Bypass dedicated in memory of Earl Rudder

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The Texas State Highway 6 bypass of College Station was dedicated yesterday in honor of Maj. James Earl Rudder, Class of '32, and former resident of Texas A&M.

Ron Silvia, City of College Station council member, spoke to a crowd of Rudder's family, friends and members of the Bryan-College Station community as a portion of Highway 6 bypass was dedicated the James Earl Rudder Memorial Highway. "I am so proud to be here today to honor our hometown hero with this dedication," he said. "I now that each time I drive by this sign I will think of Rudder and all that he brought to the area."

Rudder changed A&M from a small all-male military college into a major research university. During Rudder's tenure as president of the University, from 1959 to 1970, his administration was responsible for doubling the school's enrollment, initiating a \$100 million building program and gaining university status by offering graduate degrees. Rudder also played a major role in changing A&M to a coed, non-regulation military school.

In 1941, Rudder was working in Brady, as a coach and teacher and when he was called away to serve his country in World War II. Rudder led the 2nd Ranger Battalion atop the 100-foot cliffs at Point du Hoc, Normandy on D-Day. In 1944 Rudder and his 109th Infantry Regiment were credited with defeating of the last counter-offensive of the Germans at the Battle of the Bulge.

Rudder received numerous awards, including the Silver Star, the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Distinguished Service Cross.

Before serving as A&M president, Rudder was Texas Land Commissioner from 1955 to 1958.

Margaret Rudder, Rudder's widow, was in attendance of the dedication of the highway. She was given a replica of the new sign posted on the highway that is on both the north and south ends of the bypass in College Station.

"I would like to express a word of thanks to the city and City Council for naming this freeway after my husband," she said. "It is a great honor. Different magazines can rate their places to live, but for me the place to live is here. This is my family."



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Officials present Margaret Rudder with the new sign denoting the new name for Highway 6, Earl Rudder Freeway.

Northgate chosen as site of new hall

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A new private residence hall to be named "Traditions at Northgate," is in its initial stages and is scheduled to open in the fall 2001.

Private residence halls can accommodate those students wanting the experience of residence hall life, at an off-campus location.

Tom Kirkland, developer of Traditions at Northgate and Class of '76, said the plans consist of twin five-story towers with a suspended walkway on the fifth floor connecting the two towers. The building will contain approximately 400 rooms.

"Most rooms will [have] two bedrooms and a living room, with a refrigerator and a microwave," he said. "Each room will have its own bathroom, not suite style, where two apartments share a bathroom."

Tom Brymer, College Station city manager, said the residence hall to be built where the A&M Presbyterian Church now sits at the corner of Church Avenue and Boyett Street.

Kirkland said A&M's main reason for deciding to building the residence hall is because of its proximity to campus.

"The location is fantastic — we are fortunate to have found the property," he said. "The Presbyterian Church, which has been there for 57 years, is merging with another church and building a new facility."

Brymer said agreements and negotiations regarding the residence hall are still being made.

Kirkland said he expects construction to begin this January, and he anticipates the hall to open in fall 2001. He said the residence hall will be privately funded.

Study looks at women's well-being

BY MATT LOFTIS
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Kristie Ross, a senior geography major, is conducting research on the effects of women's physical environments, exercise and eating habits, stress, religious beliefs and other socialization factors that impact their bodies.

Ross hosted a meeting to collect data to facilitate her research Wednesday night. Women were invited to attend and fill out questionnaires Ross put together to assist her studies.

"Through answering these questions, I hope to find out how different factors impact physical well-being," Ross said. "I believe by studying these things you can gain a better understanding of your body."

The study will focus on what can be done to take better care of a woman's body by promoting awareness of the issue and developing healthy relationships.

She will conduct her research using the Geographic Information System (GIS).

Ross said the GIS generally is used in civil engineering or marketing to analyze the effects of geographic location on business decisions. Ross intends to be the first to use this resource for humanities research.

Her study will investigate the effects of global positioning, the locations of the earth, moon and stars, and environmental stimulus on women's emotional and physical well-being.

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'Dean for a Day' winner selected

BY STASIA RAINES
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Chris Townsend, an associate professor for the Department of Agricultural Education, will take on the role of dean for the College of Education one day next week.

Jane Conoley, Dean of the College of Education, will take over Townsend's teaching duties in turn for Townsend's winning the "Dean for a Day" contest.

Carol Wagner, senior academic adviser for the Department of Educational Psychology and chair for the program said the idea of this contest came from the staff advisory council.

"The purpose of this contest is to secure the scholarship endowment for the Peggy Ritchey scholarship, named after a long-time employee of the College of Education," she said. "This scholarship was created for the children and grandchildren of employees of this college."

Conoley said she is eager to support the staff in the work they have done to secure this endowment.

"I am very delighted to help out the staff in raising money for the scholarship," Conoley said.

"It is very close to being at the endowed level due to the hard work of the staff — they are willing to pitch in and work."

Tickets for the contest were sold to faculty, staff and students during the month of September. Hundreds of students and faculty bought tickets in hopes to get a chance to be a dean.

But Townsend was not among the buyers. Townsend said she was pleasantly surprised when she won the contest, considering she never even entered herself.

"Some unknown person entered me in the contest, so it was really a shock when I received a call saying I was going to be dean of the College of Education for a day," she said.

"I think it will be great to actually go through a day like Dean Conoley would, going to meetings and answering questions. Dr. Conoley is excited and so am I."

This is the third annual Dean of a Day contest. Over the past two years, Conoley has experienced many different sides of Aggie life.

"The first year's winner was a student, and the dean did her homework, went to class and went to the library," Wagner said.

This year Conoley is particularly excited about the switch because she has the opportunity to teach in the area of agricultural education.

"I love to teach, but I never get the chance," she said. "I am really excited about the chance to interact with the students in a classroom setting. It will be really fun thing."

Pomp and circumstance



CHAD ADAMS/THE BATTALION

Janis P. Stout, dean of faculties and associate provost, leads a procession of faculty to Rudder Theatre for the Academic Convocation yesterday.

Museum of Natural History to host open house; A&M faculty to help out

BY BRADY CREEL
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Texas A&M faculty members will be teaming with the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History this weekend to offer a scientific view of the lives of prehistoric ancestors at the museum's open house.

Dr. David L. Carlson, head of the A&M Department of Anthropology, said there will be a variety of exhibits and activities taking place at the museum. A&M faculty will be on hand to answer questions.

Carlson said one feature of the open house will be an Ice Age exhibit consisting of skeletons of prehistoric mammals and artifacts of the people who hunted them.

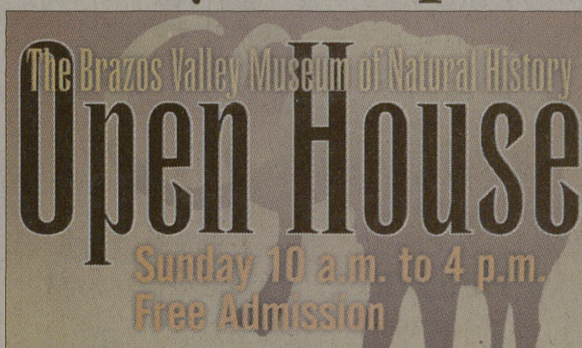
"It will include examples of prehistoric animals, artifacts and artwork," he said.

Carlson said a flint knapper will also be on hand to give demonstrations on how stone tools were made. The flint knapper also will help identify stone tools and artifacts brought in by visitors of the museum. There also will be a demonstration in hide-working.

Carlson said students in anthropology, biology and geosciences will particularly benefit from the exhibit since it deals with global climate change, extinct animal species and prehistory.

"But any student who is interested in where we came from as a species and what kinds of challenges our ancestors faced will benefit from visiting the exhibit," he said.

Another exhibit to be shown at the museum is



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"Texas Cowboys," a photographic exhibit presented by the American Quarter Horse Association.

"It is a series of dramatic, color photographs of Texas cowboys at work," Carlson said.

Tom Lynch, curator of the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History, said the museum will offer free admission Sunday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. as part of the open house.

"We are very happy to be able to let people in for free, thanks to the Texas Historical Commission and Brazos Historical Commission," he said. "There will be great stuff for families."

Carlson said the open house has been geared towards children in the past, but thinks this year will appeal

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News in Brief

CEO to lecture on communications

John Atterbury, president and CEO of SBC Broadband Services, will discuss his experiences in the international telecommunications field today at 2 p.m. in the World Room of the Presidential Conference Center.

Atterbury's lecture, "The International Road to Success," is sponsored by the MSC L.T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness and the Office for Latin American Programs.

Foundation awards wildlife department

The Women's Sportfishing Foundation has awarded \$2,500 to Texas A&M's Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences to help provide scholastic scholarships for wildlife and fisheries students at the junior, senior and graduate levels.

This year's All-Girl Redfish Rodeo, a 104-woman bayfishing tournament, raised \$13,000 through live and silent auctions. The organization donated \$7,500 in scholarships and other program funds.

Professor finds collection of birds

Sammy Ray, director of community and youth programs at Texas A&M-Galveston, has created a collection of more than 100 mounted birds.

The avian display is being moved from the Mississippi Delta Community College to the state natural science museum in Jackson, Miss.

The birds were mounted as a Works Project Administration job in the 1930s. He later mounted birds from the South Pacific where he served as a Marine Corps hospital medic.

Geology open house scheduled Saturday

Texas A&M University's Department of Geology and Geophysics will give visitors free rock-core samples, a look at how earth scientists use computers and a better understanding of their home planet during an open house next Saturday.

The department's open house, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Halbouty Geosciences Building, is in conjunction with National Earth Science Week.

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