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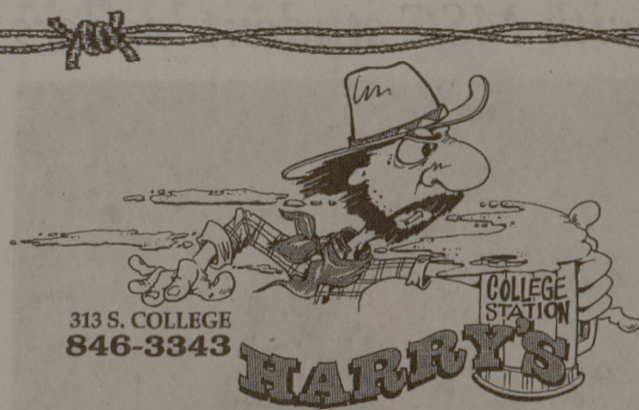
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**Bailey**

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gates and other events, Bailey is always on her list of people to visit. "Every time I come to College Station, she's usually the first person I rush to see, her and my cousin," Bacon said. "I try to make it there in time for lunch so we can talk."

Bailey said Bacon is one of about a dozen former students that she considers to be part of her family, although she loves each and every student she has worked with and knows where just about every one of them is right now. In any given week, she corresponds by e-mail with more than 300 former students around the world.

In 1999, Bailey, who was always there for students in their time of need, received countless calls and prayers from them when they heard the news that her husband, Keith, had died.

"When (Keith) died they came from all over," Bailey said. "I think they came not so much to take care of me, although they made offers to do most anything, but they came because they wanted to be sure I was alright."

However, even during this traumatic time in her life, she said, the motherly instinct inside of her took over when she saw that some students who had never been inside a funeral home before were nervous.

"I realized some of (the students) were uncomfortable and I did my best to make them comfortable," she said. "But they were there to make sure I was alright. Those kinds of things you never forget."

In 1992, Bailey received the Association of Former Students' Faculty Distinguished Achievement Award for Staff Administration. Each year the Association gives away two of these awards through the University. The award is considered one of the highest honors a faculty or staff member can receive at A&M.

That same year, Bailey was named as a Fish Camp namesake, another honor because it is chosen based on nominations by students.

"I was so surprised (when they told me) that I screamed and I'm not a screamer," Bailey said. "It was fun to be caught up in the enthusiasm of the students and the spirit, it was an amazing event."

Before coming to A&M, Bailey worked as a model in New York, owned various companies, including a distribution company that covered 19 states, Puerto Rico and the Bahamas, worked for an oil field service and was a hotel and restaurant operator in New Orleans.

But in the early 1980s, the oil industry collapsed and Bailey's husband Keith was diagnosed with throat cancer. In 1983, he had surgery and she sold all of her interests in New Orleans and headed for the family farm near College Station. In 1985, she began working in the MSC.

Jim Reynolds, director of the Memorial Student Center, said Bailey has been an incredibly vital part of the MSC.

"Students don't leave their personal lives at the door of the MSC and need time, attention and assistance," Reynolds said. "Jane has been the one who has really stepped forward and taken on that role."

Reynolds said Bailey has also become a great friend during their time together.

Bailey said she has enjoyed her time with A&M and the MSC and couldn't think of a single favorite memory in her 18-year career here.

"I have so many memories there is no way to enumerate them," she said. "They are all related to students and working with students, it's been a joy in my life," she said.

She said she hopes to be remembered as someone who truly cared about the students she worked with when she decides to retire.

"I would hope that someone would remember me as someone that took their job seriously, someone who really cared about students and really enjoyed their company," she said. "That's all I could hope for."

**Crunch**

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Gates detailed the cuts in the budget to meet a variety of higher priority needs. Those reductions will total \$20.5 million.

On July 21, Gates said he will present a review of budget-related issues as part of the required public hearing on a proposal to increase tuition in January 2004 to students and

anyone else that may be interested.

Gates said achieving the budget goals requires a lot of decision making and that it is never easy.

"It is especially difficult when those decisions affect members of our family," he said. "We will continue to do all we responsibly can do to protect our Aggie family, but there will be times when we must make difficult and painful decisions."

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