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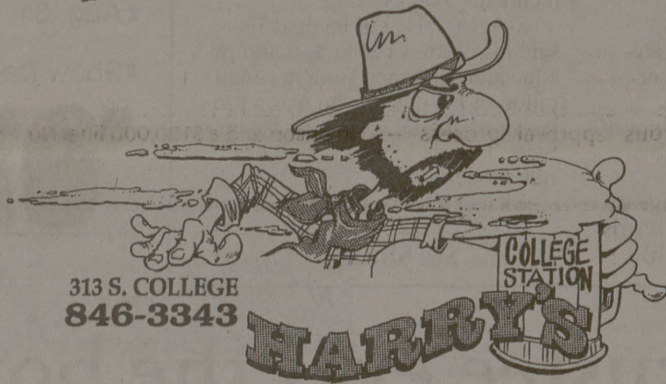
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Skaggs

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by his father, a high school agricultural science teacher. Skaggs said his father valued education and helped raise livestock with him from the time he was 9 years old through high school.

Kayce Forbes, a senior animal science major, is Skaggs' student worker. While she has not taken any of his classes, she said it is a pleasure to work for a boss like him.

"He's easy to get along with," she said. "He keeps me busy. I look forward to coming to work and working with him."

Skaggs said he enjoys working with A&M students on the livestock judging team, which he has been doing since 1995. Since then, A&M students have won two national championships and one reserve national championship. At these competitions, students must choose which animals will compete, and then give

oral reasons defending them. Skaggs said he likes working with these programs, because they taught students to think on their feet and employees value that trait.

Skaggs said he enjoys teaching all of his classes, but that he especially enjoys teaching Animal Science 107 and 108, because they provide an opportunity to expose non-majors to the field of animal science.

"I enjoy different courses in different ways," he said.

Skaggs is currently working with Teaching Extension, helping to arrange different programs, including youth programs, and working as superintendent with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Although an employee of A&M since 1992, Skaggs said he still enjoys observing students as they mature.

"It's enjoyable to watch the transition from freshmen to senior," he said. "It's something remarkable."

Convocation

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English professor Douglas A. Brooks, will be the keynote speaker at the ceremony, and he said Freshman Convocation is an excellent start to an academic career.

"We all have big endings," Brooks said. "I see convocation as the end of high school and the beginning of college."

Brooks, who focuses on Shakespearean literature, said he plans to relate the life of a student to the life of Shakespeare by stressing the fact that success does not always happen alone.

"The basic thesis of my talk is that Shakespeare, like all great artists, did not work in isolation, but rather collaborated extensively with actors, theater personnel and even other playwrights as he wrote," Brooks said.

Lisa Ledlow, a freshman general studies major, said she is unsure she will attend convocation.

"It sounds like a nice idea, but I think it's unnecessary with all the other opportunities and programs that A&M has to offer," she said.

Through Freshman Convocation, the University will welcome freshmen to A&M in the same manner that it will say goodbye to them at the end their academic careers during commencement, Harper said.

"Convocation is going to bring the same excitement to students entering the University," she said.

Eric Berger, a graduate student, said he might have chosen a different time to hold the ceremony.

"I think it's neat, but people may be reluctant to go since it's the day before school starts," Berger said. "It's a time crunch for a lot of people to do last minute things before the beginning of the year."

Freshman Convocation will be held Aug. 31 at Reed Arena at 2:30 p.m.

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age and disperse the funds raised. When someone donates money, the money is invested and the proceeds are distributed to the college the funds were donated to.

The board of directors of the AFS appoints nominees for the board of trustees.

Rothrock said he hopes his investment experience will help the foundation fund grow.

Iraq

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Sanchez said the deaths of Saddam's sons are "definitely going to be a turning point for the resistance and the subversive elements that we are encountering." He warned in an interview with CNN, however, that there may be "a spike" in attacks on U.S. forces.

President Bush said Iraqis can gain comfort from knowing that "the careers of two of the regime's chief henchmen came to an end."

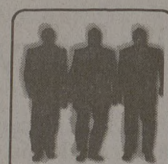
"Saddam Hussein's sons were responsible for torture, maiming and murder of countless Iraqis," Bush said. "Now more than ever, Iraqis can know that the former regime is gone and will never come back."

Ahmad Chalabi, a delegate from Iraq's Governing Council who was at the United Nations, called the killings of Saddam's sons "a devastating blow to Saddam (that) will accelerate his capture."

"These deaths are another significant sign, a milestone, on the road to persuade the Iraqi people that Saddam is gone forever," he told Associated Press Television News, adding that it would be better for Saddam to be captured, not killed, to answer for his crimes.

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