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Margaret Rudder dies at 87

By Brad Bennett
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Margaret W. Rudder, whose patronage touched Texas A&M for more than 40 years, died Wednesday night at St. Joseph Regional Health Center. She was 87.

Rudder was the wife of former A&M President James Earl Rudder, who served from 1959 until his death in 1970. After 1970, Margaret Rudder continued to live in College Station and maintained an interest in A&M.

"Mrs. Rudder befriended me from my first days as president of Texas A&M and was a continuing source of historical knowledge, common sense and directness," A&M President Robert Gates said in a statement Thursday.

Rudder was active in the Singing Cadets.

She was an honorary member of the campus choir, due in part to "The Muster Song," which she wrote in 1975 and is sung by the Singing Cadets at Campus Muster. The title of honorary member is not awarded every year, Singing Cadets' president and senior psychology major Josh Reed said.

"She is definitely one of those ladies who has gone the extra mile for the Singing Cadets," he said.

Reed said the Singing Cadets would often visit her retirement home to sing to Rudder and her neighbors. The visits dropped off this semester as her health worsened, he said. Reed said the last time he saw Rudder was during Christmas caroling at her retirement home, when he said he felt honored to be sitting down and talking with her.

"She loved to tell stories about people who

used to be in the Singing Cadets and Singing Cadets concerts she attended," Reed said. "She asks us to sing, 'There's Nothing Like a Dame.' It wasn't Christmas Eve, but we figured, 'Hey, Margaret Rudder requested it.'"

Along with being an Honorary Singing Cadet, a Southside residence hall is named after her and a Memorial Student Center leadership award is in her name.

Rudder had five children with James Rudder after they were married in 1937. She taught school for a year in Brady, Texas, following her graduation from the University of Texas in 1936.

Student Body President Matt Josefy, a senior accounting major, said Rudder served as a role model for all students, especially women.

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Pictured in March 2000, Margaret Rudder, wife of the late Gen. Earl Rudder, and Nick Boggs, a then-freshman, stand next to Rudder statue as part of a 30th anniversary ceremony for Earl Rudder.

McIntyre runs on experience

By James Twine
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Dave McIntyre said he is a candidate with national-level experience and considers representing the people of District 17 in Congress a top priority.

McIntyre is in the midst of the Republican primary race for a chance to face Chet Edwards, D-Texas, in the general election in November.

McIntyre and the other Republican candidates, Arlene

Wedgemuth and Dot Snyder, will find out who will receive the Republican nomination with the primary election results March 9.

McIntyre said his competitors did not concentrate on the issues of jobs, transportation, health care, homeland security and national security as it pertains to District 17, until he entered the race.

"They were talking about their experiences in Austin and Waco, but were not focusing on the issues in District 17," McIntyre said.

McIntyre said his national experience in Washington, D.C., makes him stand out as a candidate.

"I have a lot of experience on the national level; I have spent a lot of time on (Capitol) Hill without being an insider, and I believe that is what sets me apart from the other candidates," he said.

Spencer Stocker, organiza-

tional director for McIntyre, said he believes McIntyre is experienced and is not a standard bureaucrat.

"Dave is an honorable man who has experienced things very few people have," Stocker said.

McIntyre, a retired U.S. Army colonel who served for

Fourth in a series on candidates running in District 17

30 years, also held positions such as dean of Faculty and Academic Programs at the National War College, deputy director of the ANSER Institute for Homeland Security and has taught at George Bush School of Government and at George Washington University's Elliot School.

McIntyre said the positions he has held and his extensive education at West Point, Auburn University and University of Maryland, where he acquired his doctorate, have allowed him to handle political issues differently than others.

"I'm a strategist. I deal with the cause and effect of the long term," he said.

McIntyre said he believes in promoting education, not only because of his own educational experiences and his involvement in teaching students, but because he believes that education should be handled locally with some federal support.

"Education is a local responsibility that should have local teachers and local members making decisions, and we need to bring back discipline in the classroom by giving teachers respect," he said.

McIntyre said another one of his concerns with District 17 is attracting businesses.

He said he believes businesses will not come to District 17 if technology, transportation and communication infrastructures are inadequate.

"How can you seriously expect businesses to come here if you can't get high speed Internet access, or cell phone use district-wide," McIntyre

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Caught in the rain



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Sophomore English major Laura Taylor waits for her bus on Asbury Street Thursday afternoon. Heavy rainstorms and strong winds are predicted to clear out Friday.

SCONA explores leadership

By Aerin Toussaint
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Patients without borders is a new concept in which all patients in the world can receive the same medical treatment and care, said Bernard Kouchner, co-founder of Doctors Without Borders.

"This policy is easy to understand but difficult to implement," he said.

Kouchner addressed students at the 49th annual Memorial Student Center Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA) Thursday afternoon. MSC SCONA is a four-day conference exploring foreign policy. This year's conference topic is "Exploring U.S. Policy Toward Developing Nations."

Doctors Without Borders, founded in 1971, is a non-profit international organization of doctors who treat patients in Third World countries in case of national disaster or

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City to address roommate limits

By Rhiannon Meyers
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Two College Station Fire Department members are forming a committee to look into improving neighborhood integrity by lowering the limit on the number of unrelated people who can live together from four to three.

In response to complaints from College Station homeowners about rental property and neighborhood problems, the College Station City Council assigned Fire Chief David Giordano and Assistant Fire Chief Eric Hurt to conduct a survey of how various university communities handle noise, trash and parking violations. Hurt and Giordano presented the results of the survey to council members at its meeting Feb. 26.

"The council had requested that staff look at what other communities were doing, so we went to several locations, made phone surveys, asked what their regulations were and made a presentation to the council," Hurt said. "We simply reported the findings of the survey. A determination has not been made yet."

One survey topic was the decrease in the number of unrelated persons allowed to live together. Hurt said CSFD found ordinances that allowed two to four unrelated persons to

reside in a household.

Several students and homeowners voiced their concerns about the household limit during the regular council meeting following the workshop last week.

Chris Diem, a junior political science major and vice president for student affairs for Student Government Association, said five students and several homeowners spoke against the decrease.

Diem, who acts as liaison between the council and students, said he does not agree with the decrease.

"We do not think the proposal of a decrease from four to three persons with different last names is the right thing," Diem said. "You can have situations that occur in a three-person residence just as easily as in a four."

Diem said he has been actively working with the council to let them know that students should be involved.

Hurt said he plans to include students in the proposed committee.

Student Body President Matt Josefy said he thinks an enforcement of current laws, not a blanket law decreasing the number of people, would be more effective. He said he does not think that council members want the decrease, but they are being influenced by

Be a good neighbor

Two College Station Fire Department members are forming a committee to improve neighborhood integrity by reducing the number of unrelated people living in a house to three.

Conducted a survey on how households with various numbers of roommates handle noise, trash and parking violations

College Station currently allows four unrelated people to live in a house

Lubbock allows only two unrelated people to live in a house



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disgruntled homeowners.

"It isn't really that it would get passed, but there is a lot of pressure on them from these adult residents," Josefy said.

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CARPOOLympics to raise funds to better serve community

By Natalie Younts
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Carol Robertson, a sophomore communication major, is participating in a beer goggle tricycle race over the weekend.

Caring Aggies are Protecting Over Our Lives (CARPOOL) will host CARPOOLympics from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Duncan Field to raise money for its operations.

Robertson, president of Underwood Hall, and her 25-member team will be competing

against other groups and organizations at the first time event.

During the race, contestants will circle a track on a tricycle while wearing beer goggles, which mimics the eyesight of an intoxicated person.

"It sounds like a lot of fun," Robertson said. "We're looking forward to it."

Other events include a tug-of-war tournament and an academic decathlon.

The CARPOOLympics will also feature a cook-off at 1 p.m. sponsored by Slovacsek Sausages.

Allen Rogers, CARPOOL's director of

fundraising, said yell leaders and Student Body President Matt Josefy will serve as judges.

Rogers said 14 teams have registered, including teams made up of members from Clements Hall, Fowler-Keathley-Hughes residence hall complex, Kappa Kappa Gamma and the Aggie Recruitment Committee.

Megan Chandler, a sophomore psychology major, said she is looking forward to participating in the beer goggle tricycle race.

"My roommate and I are competing together," she said. "We figure we'll get a lot of

laughs out of it."

Rogers said the idea for the event came from a movie.

"The whole concept came from 'Revenge of the Nerds,'" he said. "At the end they do a festival or a homecoming."

CARPOOL provides safe and free rides home to Aggies Thursday through Saturday nights from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Chandler said she does not drink, but she

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