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Sarah Anne Yager

Aggie with artistic, passionate spirit to be remembered at Silver Taps

By Sam King

Whether she was hiking in beautiful landscapes, painting incredible vistas, playing clarinet or simply having dinner with her roommates, Sarah Yager lived life to a degree greater than words can explain.

"It's hard to put her into words," Katie Tindel said. "I want to do her justice, but I know it's not going to happen."

Tindel, a biomedical engineering junior and friend, said Sarah Yager was a genuinely kind person, but she knew how to joke as well.

"She was just kindhearted even if she was super sarcastic," Tindel said.

Cheryl Yager, her mother, said her daughter really enjoyed her time at A&M, inside and outside the classroom.

"She loved math and the engineering department was just so fun for her," Cheryl Yager said. "She enjoyed math and working with teams to solve problems. She and some friends of hers went and just had a good time at school, but obviously worked real hard, too."

Along with being a junior in the mechanical engineering program, Sarah Yager had a creative streak. She played clarinet for three years in the A&M Symphonic Band and painted in her free time.

"I would be ridiculously impressed because she was in these ridiculously hard classes and also researching and I don't know how she had time to do that, and read the millions of books that she read and then go rock climbing with me three times a week," Tindel said. "She was just

really generous with her time and used it on the important things. She got what was important."

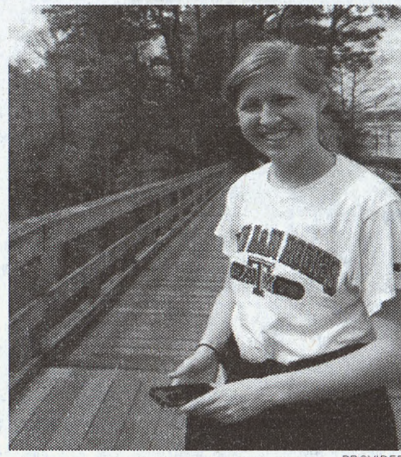
Hayley Groves, Sarah Yager's roommate and civil engineering junior, recalled how she had asked her to paint something for the living room at their apartment. She jumped on the opportunity and began work on a piece that included four canvases. The scene depicted a desert landscape, and Groves said Sarah Yager's abilities were far from lacking, although the painting remains unfinished.

"She always joked that it was never good enough, it took her forever to get it finished and she still didn't like it, didn't get it finished by the time we hung it up," Groves said. "She would paint for hours, and we would talk to her while she painted."

Along with her artistic endeavors, Sarah Yager also had a sweet tooth, and Groves said she often indulged with homemade baking.

"We always cooked and I would bake for her and she is infamous for eating three-fourths of the baked goods that I would make," Groves said. "She had a huge sweet tooth. She once ate, like, 17 cupcakes in three days."

Cheryl Yager said her daughter enjoyed the outdoors and they shared memories of a number of hiking trips, including one at Zion National Park. Sarah Yager liked the park and a spot called Angels Landing so much that she talked a group of friends into taking a return trip last summer.



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Tindel accompanied Sarah Yager on that trip, and remembered her enthusiasm for their common interest.

"She kind of planned the whole thing, like I helped her a little bit, but she took the initiative and I was so glad to have somebody like that who would go do crazy things with me like drive all the way to Utah three days after finals to go hiking in the middle of nowhere," Tindel said.

Cheryl Yager said although Sarah stretched herself in lots of different directions, she remained grounded.

"Some of it was just for personal fulfillment, but she did, she had so much energy and so much passion for life, and when she was enthusiastic about something, it was very contagious," Cheryl Yager said.

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of potential applications, but it is not easily manufactured," Elwany said. "One major challenge is that there is very high variability. You use the same raw material, the same machine to produce the same parts and then you get different parts over and over again. This research is mainly concerned with trying to reduce this variability."

NASA awarded the team's proposal this month with the \$500,000 grant through its SpaceTech-REDDI research initiative, a program launched by the agency to study smarter materials for space flight. Elwany, Arroyave and third team member Ibrahim Karaman will use the money to hire doctorate students and purchase advanced instruments to study the manufacturing process, according to a press release by

the College of Engineering.

Elwany has already used some of the money to purchase an advanced temperature sensor from Stratonics, Inc. that is being installed this week and should help the team study what causes the variability in the material. Looking to the future, Elwany said the research will likely need more grants down the road.

"We are wrapping up a follow-up proposal that we

will present to the National Science Foundation," Elwany said. "Now we are characterizing the material, we are reducing the variability. Next we will produce actual parts for use."

Elwany said he believes that no matter the cost, the work they are doing is worthwhile.

"This is one of the futures of this country," Elwany said. "We are trying to foster this advanced manufacturing."

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Pastor Manning, known for his straightforward tell-it-like-it-is views will be providing "Pastor Manning's State of the Union Address: The True State of Black America." With observations that few are willing to make, Pastor Manning brings to the table facts that must not be ignored.

Pastor Manning, head of ATLAH missionary church in Harlem and producer of The Manning Report, has been a constant critic of President Obama, and is also critical of many civil rights black leaders including Al Sharpton, Charles Rangel, and Cornel West.

Pastor Manning's videos are a youtube phenomena; many have had hundreds of thousands of views. Some of the topics Pastor Manning discusses are, "Civil Rights put us all in a Box", "Will Islam Take Over France" and "Ferguson Missouri is Ready to Explode".

Pastor Manning, who is black, is very critical of African Americans. In his videos "Black People Have No Honor" and "On Black Folk", Pastor Manning provides some disturbing insight into the black community. Pastor Manning believes that the greatest problem for blacks is not racism but their own behavior.

Featured on Fox News, Al Jazeera, the Alex Jones show and several other news shows and TV programs including Tosh O. and Jimmy Kimmel, Pastor Manning is not only a potent voice on TV but also a potent voice in the press, as he has been featured in the New York Times, Forbes Magazine and Wall Street Journal. Pastor Manning was also a participant at the Oxford Round Table, St. Anthony College, Oxford England.

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS
1 Not fooled by
5 Farmland measure
9 Early afternoon hr.
14 Frame of mind
15 Walked on
16 National bird
17 Facts, for short
18 Jump into a pool
19 Wheel shafts
20 Wimbledon rankings, for instance
23 Lamb's mother
24 ___ and breakfast inn
25 Tomato-paste holder
29 Well-behaved
31 Angry
34 Walking ___ (related)
35 In a few minutes
36 Diner listing
37 Prepares to go on stage
40 Be jealous of
41 Cow sounds
42 Atlas closeup
43 Poor grade
44 Stitched up
45 Lofty goals
46 Tax expert: Abbr.
47 An hour before
9 Across
48 Lines of automatic-weapon firers
57 Still in effect
58 Brit's farewell
59 Sky color
60 Wrinkly fruit

DOWN
1 Leave out
2 Taboo thing
3 Japanese bean curd
4 Aroma
5 When the sun rises
6 Unlawful activity
7 Wander around
8 Home for Adam and Eve
9 Made fun of

10 Polished, as a floor
11 Stare at
12 Beseeched
13 Untidy condition
21 Gets close to
22 Sort of steak
25 Dragged from behind
26 Silly
27 Easily fooled
28 London or Louisville
29 Boarded a bus
30 ___ and aahs
31 High-IQ club
32 Halo wearer
33 Cleans off with a rag
35 Blizzard, essentially
36 Coal source

38 "That is to say..."
39 Make broader
44 Web spinner
45 Hereditary
46 Fine dinnerware
47 Totally lacking
48 Biggest sports stars, for short
49 Org. for those 50+
50 Hint
51 When planes are due in: Abbr.
52 Lavish party
53 Subsides
54 Strike with an open hand
55 Large brass instrument
56 Looks at

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