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PRESENTED CIVIC AWARD — Bob Dunn, (right) general manager of Radio Station KSCFA, is presented the outstanding civic award at the annual spring awards banquet sponsored by Alpha Kappa Psi and Pi Chi Theta, professional business fraternity and sorority at Stephen F. Austin State University. Making the presentation is Joe White, president of Alpha Kappa Psi. (SFA Photo)



HONORED FOR SERVICE — Dr. E.L. Miller, (right) who is retiring Aug. 31 as dean of the school of sciences and mathematics at Stephen F. Austin State University, is presented a plaque for outstanding service by Dr. Ralph W. Steen, president of SFA. The plaque was presented as a highlight of the annual spring awards banquet sponsored by Alpha Kappa Psi and Pi Chi Theta, professional business fraternity and sorority at SFA. (SFA Photo)

PROVO, Utah (UPI)—A cool, bespectacled hijacker who bailed out of a United Air Lines jet with a bugged parachute and a record \$500,000 cash ransom may have been picked up by a "mystery helicopter" reported hovering over the jumpsite at the time, authorities said today.

Highway Patrolman Ron Law said the helicopter flew away as soon as officers approached and they could not get close enough to see its markings. But he agreed that the craft might have been there to meet the hijacker late Friday night.

"It sure as hell could be that way, couldn't it?" he said.

A radio signaling device planted in the hijacker's parachute led searchers to mud flats about eight miles west of Provo, a city of about 37,000 in north central Utah and the home of Brigham Young University.

A spokesman at Hamilton Air Force Base north of San Francisco confirmed today that a C130 Air Force plane had followed the airliner on its flight over Nevada and Utah.

He said a "beeper signal" came from skies near the jetliner over Nevada. But he said there was no way of knowing immediately if the gunman tossed out a bugged parachute in an attempt to throw the plane off his trail.

The FBI would not discuss the Air Force report or say what had happened to the other parachutes handed over to the hijacker in San Francisco.

The United Air Lines Boeing 727 landed safely in Salt Lake City late Friday night and police headed into the region to look for "T. Johnson," the name the hijacker used to buy his ticket.

"It would seem that the hijacking was well thought out, well planned and he obviously had knowledge of parachutes," said a United official. The hijacker donned a jumpsuit just before parachuting out.

It was the highest ransom ever paid in a U.S. skyjacking. The highway patrol said the money was in a black attache case and included \$5, 10, 20, and 100 dollar bills.

The man, described as 30, white, medium build and wearing a wig and fake mustache, carried out the crime without leaving his seat, after he ordered the captain to land at San Francisco. He handed typewritten notes to a stewardess who carried them to the pilot.

It's a building year at SFASU

A progress report on present and planned construction at Stephen F. Austin State University was given by Dr. Ralph W. Steen, president of the University, at the initial meeting of the Chamber of Commerce for University Relations Committee Friday noon at the University Center.

Dr. Steen is co-chairman of the committee, serving with M.M. Stripling, local attorney and banker.

Two major construction projects presently underway are a \$1,500,000 football stadium and a \$3,000,000 library.

Upcoming projects include a \$3,000,000 health and physical education complex, at least one and possibly two classroom buildings, costing \$2,500,000 each, and a coliseum with a seating capacity of 8,000 to 9,000.

Dr. Steen recalled that the value of the University's facilities in 1960 was \$6,000,000. The present value is \$44,000,000.

"Most of these buildings have been built by student use fees, not tax money," Dr. Steen emphasized.

Since 1960 SFASU has received \$4,500,000 from the Constitutional Tax Fund and expects an additional four or five million next year, Dr. Steen said. This money will be used for classroom facilities.

"After the completion of these projects, we should pretty well have the buildings we need for a while," Dr. Steen continued. He predicted that the University would continue to grow, but probably at a slower rate largely because of the increased number of junior and senior colleges.

Projections of the Coordinating Board

indicate the University's enrollment will peak at the 13,000.

Dr. Steen said at the present time SFASU has fewer square feet of building space per student than any other University in the State.

"That's mainly because SFA had little or no building during the 1940's," Dr. Steen added.

Co-chairman Stripling spoke briefly, as did Charles G. Haas, president of the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Haas said R.E. McGee of Houston, chairman of the Board of Regents for SFASU, had invited the committee to hold its next meeting in Houston. Mr. McGee is senior vice-president of Tenneco, Inc.

Members of the committee, equally divided with University and community representatives, are Thomas W. Baker. (See Building, Page 14)



HERE FRIDAY—State Senator Ralph Hall and his wife, Mary Ellen, were in Nacogdoches Friday afternoon on behalf of Mr. Hall's candidacy for lieutenant governor of Texas. They were on a 16-county helicopter tour of the area. They visited with students and faculty at SFASU Friday noon, and then made a brief tour of the downtown area. The Halls live in Rockwall, near Dallas.

Funeral for W. R. Bowdon set Sunday

Funeral services for William R. Bowdon, 83, who before his retirement was one of Nacogdoches' leading jewelers, will be held Sunday in the Canon Monk Chapel with interment in Oak Grove Cemetery. Officiating will be Dr. J.J. Cartledge, missionary for the Shelby-Doches Association of the Baptist Church, and Dr. Walter R. Willis, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

Mr. Bowdon died Friday at 4:45 p.m. in Memorial Hospital.

Born March 21, 1889 in Colmesneer, Mr. Bowdon had lived in Nacogdoches since 1903. He was the son of J.J. and Mary Whanner Bowdon. For many years, Mr. Bowdon was head of the Jewelry Department at Stripling, Hazelwood and Co. before going into business for himself. He retired more than fifteen years ago.

Mr. Bowdon was a member of the First Baptist Church and was active in Masonry for many years. He lived at 718 North Fredonia.

Mr. Bowdon married Vera Hill, Dec. 3, 1922, and she survives him.

Other survivors include one sister, Miss Ruth Bowdon of Nacogdoches; two nephews, L.D. Matthews of Beaumont and W.B. Matthews of Orange; two nieces, Mrs. Malcolm E. White of Dallas and Mrs. J.C. Lambert of Orange; five great-nephews; two great nieces; and three great-great nephews.

Funeralbearers will be John O. Stephens, Gene Hale, Aaron Cox, Merritt Swartz, Leroy Kennedy, Dr. H.L. Stockwell, Moss Adams and Edmund F. Benchoff. Canon Monk and Co. Funeral Directors.

Siege continues U.S. bombers strike again

SAIGON (UPI)—U.S. fighterbombers and B52s struck at Communist forces, battling South Vietnamese troops north of Saigon today in an effort to stop the offensive that has overrun the capital. Major outposts 75 miles from the capital. An American base came under attack for the first time since the North Vietnamese offensive began. Communist forces poured 150 mortar shells into the U.S. Army radio relay station on a 325-foot Black Virgin mountain (Nu Bi Ben) only 55 miles northwest of Saigon, wounding four Americans.

Fighting was under way both north and south of Saigon and the Cambodian high command said that strategic Highway 1 between Phnom Penh and Saigon was cut by North Vietnamese troops.

In the area between Saigon and the Cambodian border, where the Communists overran the town of Loc Ninh Friday, U.S. fighter-bombers flew 107 strikes, the most in at least three years in the area, and four waves of B52s dumped tons of bombs on suspected North Vietnamese concentrations.

To the north, where the Communist offensive started after the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) April 1 after two days of intense shelling, American air might continued to pound North Vietnamese military targets for the third day in the row. However, storms were moving into the area and were expected to curtail the bombing and strafing of anti-aircraft and surface-to-air (SAM) missile sites.

★ Bulletin
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (UPI)—The "chest pains" suffered by former President Lyndon B. Johnson Friday were officially diagnosed today as a heart attack.

Weather forecast

Fair, warmer Sunday. Upper 50s to lower 80s for Dallas, Fort Worth, Bonham, Sherman, Longview. Around 60 to mid 80s for Killeen, Jacksonville, Nacogdoches.

High school choir to present concert

About two hundred and fifty students will be involved in a spring concert to be presented by the Nacogdoches High School Choir Tuesday, April 11, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the NHS Auditorium.

The Nacogdoches High School and Thomas J. Husk School music programs is under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Reid and Mrs. Carol Crayton McMichael.

The program will open with three numbers by the TJH Choir, to be followed by musicals sung by Mike Finamore, Carol Banks, Sandy Allen, Philip Foshee, Leslie Holland, Julie Jones, Donna Manning, Leland McKneeley, Leslie Reid, and David Stanley.

"Now is the Month of Maying" will be sung by Lisa Butler, Ruby Grubbs, and Patricia Warlaw, and "In These Delightful, Pleasant Groves" by Debbie Cates, Janie Evan, and Trudy Rogers.

A quartet of Stephen Bedford, Philip Foshee, Bruce Moore, and Robert Reidd will do "De Animals A'Comin'."

Choir I and NHS Singers will give three numbers, with Mark Bradley as student director.

The NHS Choral will close the program with a group of selections, with Carol Bunch and Cecilia Williams as accompanists.

The concert will be open to the public without charge, and donations may be made to the choir fund, Mrs. Reid said.

Greetings

To Memorial Hospital patients from the Fredonia State Bank, Stripling's, the Sheraton Crest Inn and the Nacogdoches Savings and Loan Association. We hope you enjoy today's Daily Sentinel, with our compliments, and we wish you a speedy recovery.

Awards given Dr. Miller retires Aug. 31

Achievement awards have been presented top ranking students in the school of business at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Honors were announced at the annual spring awards banquet, sponsored jointly by Alpha Kappa Psi and Pi Chi Theta, professional business fraternity and sorority.

A highlight of the awards banquet was the presentation of an outstanding service plaque to Dr. E.L. Miller, dean of the school of sciences and mathematics, who is retiring at the end of the current fiscal year on Aug. 31.

The service award was presented Dr. Miller by Dr. Ralph W. Steen, president of SFA.

Boyd Herndon, senior from Dallas, was presented the Alpha Kappa Psi award. Herndon has standing scholarship award. Herndon has a grade point average of 3.7130. The award

was presented by Dr. Frank Lauderdale, dean of the school of business.

Kathleen Drake, senior from Katy, was presented the Phi Chi Theta scholarship award. She has a 3.0776 GPA. Miss Carolyn Knox, instructor in management, presented the award.

Recipient of the distinguished service award was Floyd A. Mechler Jr., senior from Dallas. Presentation was by Jesse Richardson, assistant professor of economics.

Bob Dunn, general manager of Nacogdoches Radio Station KSCFA, was presented the Alpha Kappa Psi civic award. Joe White, president of the fraternity, made the presentation.

The Phi Chi key award went to Patsy Smith, senior from Terrell. Pledge awards were presented Charlotte Holt, sophomore from Houston, and Cathy Halton, freshman from Paris.

Appreciation dinner slated Monday night

Officers and members of the HERO-FHA chapter at Nacogdoches High School will honor their training sponsors at their first Annual Employer-Employee Appreciation banquet, Monday April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Starlight Ballroom on the SFASU campus.

Other special guest attending will be members of the Home Economics Cooperative Education Advisory committee, Superintendent of Schools, Lewell Martin, Nolan Alders, Vocational Director, NHS principal, Johnny Johnston, Assistant principals, C.L. Simon and Baker Demman and parents of students.

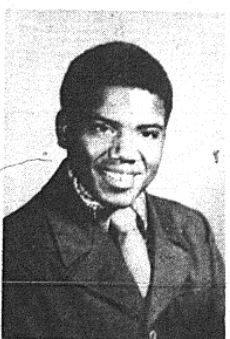
The group will be greeted by Area IX recording secretary, Beverly Partin, Central Heights.

Presentations of Vocational training certificates will be given to graduating seniors and certificates of participation will be awarded to new training sponsors.

The highlight of the banquet will be guest speaker Fredrick McClure Area IX, FFA president. An outstanding high school student, Fredrick has served as organist and soloist on the state and national FFA convention level. He has served as president of the Green-hand FFA chapter, Chapter Farmer FFA chapter, and Piney Wood District FFA Association. Along with FFA activities he is a four-year varsity football letterman, member of the band, a finalist in National achievement scholarship Program for black students sponsored by the NMSF, secretary for his Sunday school and the pianist for several church choirs.

In charge of arrangements for the banquet will be NHS, HECE coordinator Mrs. Wilma Lynch.

The theme of the banquet will be "Involve-Ment-Try It, You'll Like It."



FREDRICK MCCLURE
"Speaker"

Dots and dashes

By Victor B. Fain

SUDDEN THOUGHT: Nixon said his anti-inflation drive is a fight to the finish. He didn't say whose finish.

NEW ONE: William Young of the SFASU music department received a mailing from Kenosha, Wis., addressed to him at "Stephen Austel State North, Nacogdoches, Texas."

The U.S. Postal Service must have some very perspective people to get this one delivered," Mr. Young observed.

PRIMARY: That's what if you lose it wasn't really significant, but if you win it's a trend.

SUDDEN THOUGHT: Just four more Saturdays to the first primary election May 6. We predict things will get hotter before they get cooler.

TRAGEDY: There was a local angle to that tragedy in New Orleans Thursday night when a stolen car smashed through the crowded Bourbon street pedestrian mall and killed Benjamin Parrish, 33, of Lufkin.

Mr. Parrish was the nephew of Ford Harrington of Nacogdoches and had other relatives in Nacogdoches county. He and Mrs. Parrish were in New Orleans on a buying trip for their 9 to 9 Auto Stores in Lufkin. Mrs. Parrish was critically injured.

Also hurt was Mrs. Richard Deckard of Nacogdoches. She suffered a broken collarbone and was hospitalized. Her husband, Richard Deckard, owner and (See Dots and Dashes, Page 14)