

Alpha Delta Phi sorority members learn to prepare hors d'oeuvres

Melody Gingar graciously hosted the February 16 meeting of Alpha Delta Phi with president Gail Guthman presiding at the business session.

Usual matters of business such as opening ritual, roll call, reading of the minutes and treasurer's report were taken care of. Communications received were read including a thank you from Janice Obenhaus for the yellow rose sent following her recent knee surgery and a thank you from Carol Edwards for the surprise farewell lunch and brass candleholder.

Last minute details for the western dance were tended to and reminders made by social co-chairman Connie Gerson and Sylvia Rucka, who are heading up arrangements for the annual event to honor the local Beta Sigma Phi sweethearts.

Sheila Mathis reported she prepared Valentine's Day trays for the hospital with Vicki Powers and Robin Thomas volunteering for March tray favor duties.

Much curiosity and excitement was expressed as sisters extended thank you's for Valentine's gifts from secret sisters.

Plans are underway for the Beta Sigma Phi selection of the 1987 Delta Phi with president Gail Guthman presiding at the business session.

Highlight of the evening was the cultural program, "It's an Art," which was appreciated by those in attendance. Melody Gingar selected the art of cooking hors d'oeuvres as her topic and very effectively used Martha Stewart's hors d'oeuvres book for preparation and garnishing tips as well as for recipes she prepared for refreshments.

Those enjoying the social period while "eating the program" were Sue Canaris, Debbie Christ, Connie Gerson, Gail Guthman, Sheila Mathis, Vicki Powers, Charlene Rodgers, Robin Thomas and the hostess.

Program chairman Robin Thomas noted the next meeting will be March 2 in the home of Connie Gerson with the hostesses also in charge of the evening's cultural program.

Prairie Edge Museum Notes

Be sure to mark March 27 and 28 on your calendar for the evening when you will want to be present for the comedy spoof **The Butler Did It**.

Following is a list of the roles played by our Prairie Edge Players: Haversham, Marilyn Thomas; Rita, Aileen Peck; Miss Maple, a society dowager who gives imaginative weekend parties, Marie Argo; Father White, Rev. George Welch; Chandler Marlowe, Tom Sherick; Louise Fan, Jeff Frank; Rack Carlyle, Darrell Appel; Laura Carlyle, Mindee Porter; Peter Flimsey, Tom Reed; Chanty Haze, Vicki Powers; Mabel Dupre, anonymous, and Tharaoh Link, anonymous.

Be sure to see the good photo of the old school building that was the immediate predecessor of the Eagle Lake High School where many of us attended and taught.

Three expert carpenters, Rollin Baker, Bill Harrison Sr. and Bill Wilson were busily working Monday on the construction of six new display cases which will make our total number nineteen.

Museum hours are 2-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Special tours of the museum and the caboose may be arranged by calling Bill Harrison Sr. at 234-3361 or Elizabeth Boothe at 234-5361.

Home Economics — training youth for today and the future

High school students of the 1980's — what are their educational needs? It is generally acknowledged that a well-rounded curriculum gives students an opportunity to learn the basics while preparing them for the future.

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Over one hundred students are currently enrolled in home economics classes at Rice. These students range from ninth to twelfth graders, from honor students to those with learning disabilities. About half the students are male. These students have a wide variety of courses from which to choose.

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Gardner Duncan presents program to Eagle Lake Study Club members

The Eagle Lake Study Club met the afternoon of February 11 in the conference room of the Eula and David Wintermann Library. In the absence of the president Bunny Frazier, Fair Wells presided with the local post office had been closed, residents had to get their mail in Eagle Lake.

Mrs. Wells presented Gardner Duncan who had graciously consented to furnish six 7"-x-11" since the scheduled speaker, rallethe Klockman was unable to attend because of illness. Mr. Duncan read a very interesting paper entitled "As I Remember Calhoun." Although very little is left of the Calhoun that he remembers, at one time this was a thriving community with its stores,

post office, and school. Gardner rode his horse two and a half miles to attend school in the two-room building. Ed Hanley was the mail carrier when Calhoun became part of R.F.D. Prior to this time after the local post office had been closed, residents had to get their mail in Eagle Lake.

The Santa Fe ran a "mixed" train nicknamed the "Wang Doodle" through Calhoun on its way to Garwood. The train of Eldridge was also served by this same train which carried not only passengers but also mail, merchandise and local crops such as sugar cane, cotton, corn and potatoes. The potatoes were carried in cattle cars to ensure proper ventilation. Potato growing for a while was quite a big business around Calhoun. During the terrible Colorado River flood of 1912 or around that time, boys from Eagle Lake High School were taken to the Calhoun community to try to prevent the levee protecting the fields from breaking. Sad to say, the river broke through the levee and greatly damaged the crop.

During the business session, minutes of the previous meeting were read by Betty Wilcox, and the treasurer's report was given by Betty Wegenhoff. Mrs. Wilcox told us of a vegetable treasure inherited by the club by Kitty Miller, a niece of the late Mrs. J.M. (Lula) Chumney, giving the entire collection of yearbooks saved by Mrs. Chumney since the club's beginning in 1929. Mrs. T.P. Doolie was the first president. The club met twice monthly then.

Rosanne Harrison gave the first reading of the nominating committee with the following officers being: list: president, Fair Wells; first vice president, Margie Wiese; second vice president, Margo Harrison; secretary, Betty Wilcox; treasurer, Betty Wegenhoff; and reporter, Elizabeth Boothe.

The dues committee reported that dues of active members be increased from \$3.50 to \$5 and that those of assoc. members be increased from \$6 to \$10. The recommendation was accepted. Members are urged to pay their dues at the President's Luncheon on May 8, 1987.

Next week look for information concerning our next program and also a list of recommended books that are on special display.

Elizabeth Boothe, reporter

Hands on learning

Pictured above, Sharon Tesch, left, and James Hurd learn to thread a sewing machine in a Home Economics class. In the bottom left photo, Elva Rodriguez demonstrates the use of the microwave. In the bottom right photo, Marsha McTear and Wayne Yell are preparing yeast bread.

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Tanya Bunge on dean's list

Tanya Marcareale Bunge, a student at Southwest Texas State University, was named to the dean's list for academic excellence for the fall semester. To be selected, students must earn a 3.5 or better grade point average and be in good standing with the university. Tanya was commended by the dean for achieving this level of academic success.

Tanya, majoring in elementary education, is the wife of Jay Bunge of Garwood and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Marcareale of El Campo.

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