



Mrs. James Norman Faris

## Shuart, Faris exchange vows in Houston

Nora Wellington Shuart and James Norman Faris were united in marriage on Saturday, August 14, 1999 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Houston.

The ceremony was officiated by the Reverend Sally Fox and a reception followed at the Houston Country Club.

On the eve of the wedding a rehearsal dinner was given by the groom's parents at Americas Restaurant.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Willard Warren Shuart of Eagle Lake and the late Mr. Shuart. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Robert Carey Chenoweth of Houston and the late Mr. Chenoweth; the late Mrs. Gloria Wintermann Symington of Houston,

and the late Mr. Willard Edward Shuart of Corpus Christi.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith Faris of Signal Mountain, Tennessee. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Bryam Jones and the late Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith Faris, all of Center Point, Alabama.

The bride was escorted by Roger L. Beebe.

Sarah Shuart Szymanski of Austin served as her sister's Matron of Honor.

The bridesmaids were Caroline Robinson of Atlanta and Ensley Eikemburg of New York City.

The flower girl was Katherine Johnson of Katy.

The ring bearer was Hudson Bar-

ineau of Houston.

The house party included Stacie McManus of Lake Barrington, Illinois, and Heather Robinson of New York City.

The best man was the groom's father, Norman Smith Faris.

The groomsmen were Michael Sharp of Nashville and Hank Hale of Signal Mountain.

Ushers were John Massingale of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Jeffrey Szymanski of Austin.

Nora is a graduate of The Kent School in Connecticut and a 1990 graduate of Emory University with a B.A. in English. She received an M.A. in Curriculum Instruction in 1996 from Teacher's College at Columbia University and is currently enrolled in

the doctoral program at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University.

James is a graduate of Baylor High School in Chattanooga, Tennessee; and a 1990 graduate of Middle Tennessee State University with a B.A. in Mass Communication, Music Theory, and Criminal Justice. He is the owner of Left Field Promotions, 12th Avenue Shipping, and P.J. Properties in Nashville.

After a wedding trip to Victoria, British Columbia, the couple will reside in Brentwood, Tennessee.

### Milligan, Harper to wed Aug. 21

Machelle Milligan and Philman Harper together with their parents request the honor of your presence as they ask God to bless their marriage as they become one in Christ on Saturday, August 21, 1999 at six o'clock in the evening at 12202 Ashley Circle East at the Lakes of Fondren in Houston.

## Nature Club to visit Attwater

Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club (TWONC) plans a late afternoon-early evening visit on "cool" Thursday, Aug. 26, to the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, five miles north of Eagle Lake on the Sealy Hwy. (FM 3013).

The event gets underway at 6 p.m. and includes a field tour, perhaps a glimpse of penned prairie chickens ready to release, and a picnic supper/social in the canopied pavilion at the Refuge Headquarters.

Bring your own food and drink

please.

This event will include an opportunity to inspect the all-important release facilities for pen-raised prairie chickens. A certain number of birds will be transferred into acclimation pens on or around the day of our visit.

However, Refuge Manager Terry Rossignol and his colleagues Nancy Morrissey and Mike Morrow can't promise club members exactly which day that will be. Even so, some of the procedures will be demonstrated.

In addition, the refuge staff does promise to take club members on a tour of choice floral/faunal habitats as part of the program.

Club members, potential members, guests and visitors are asked to wear outing gear suitable for fieldwork. Binoculars, spotting scopes and cameras might be helpful to augment this truly unusual experience. And don't forget supper snacks.

Persons wishing more information about this event or about other TWONC activities or membership are

## Queen contestants being sought

Contestants are still being sought for the Colorado County Fair Queen and Junior Queen Contests to be held Saturday, Sept. 4, at the Columbus High School auditorium.

Girls between the ages of 10 and 13 are eligible to enter the Junior Queen Contest. Girls from 14 to 21 years of age may enter the Fair Queen Contest. All contestants must be single and must be residents of Colorado County or attend school within

the county.

The Fair Queen and Junior Fair Queen will be chosen by out-of-county judges. They will be judged on personality, appearance and poise.

The contestant chosen Fair Queen will receive the \$500 Leslie Schmidt Heard Memorial Scholarship.

Both Fair Queen and Junior Fair Queen will participate in activities during the Fair, Sept. 9-12.

They will also represent the Fair

Association by riding the Fair float in area parades throughout the year.

Entry forms and a complete set of rules may be obtained by calling one of the following members of the queens contest committee: Pamela Potter, 409-732-2705; Deborah Hayward, 409-725-8603; and Diana Brunner, 409-234-5671.

The deadline to enter the contest is 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20, no exceptions.

## LIBRARY LINES

Thanks and a pat on the back to Kayce Wilkerson and Damaris Zuniga for a job well done. In case you didn't get their names, they are the charming, helpful young ladies who assisted getting little people where they belonged and books back on the shelf this summer.

Again, thank you for a job well done.

This is our third or fourth week of opening up and staying open an hour later on Saturdays. Please stop by the library and let us know your preference. Is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. better for you? Or is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. more to your liking?

While you're at the library, take a look at the great dollhouse that is on display. Surely there's a little girl somewhere in your friends and family

who would enjoy having it.

The tickets, \$5 a piece, are available at the Library. For only \$5 you could own a \$300 furnished house!

The drawing for the dollhouse will be part of the Study Club Auction Oct. 23.

The Library reading room is a great place to get in out of the heat in the middle of the day.

While it's too hot to do anything, come in and catch up on what the rest of the world is doing with the latest magazines and newspapers.

From The David & Eula Wintermann Library

Browsing in the cool of the library is a good way to get in your walking exercise and find an inspirational or entertaining book at the same time.

Hope to see you soon and often.



## Foot Facts



By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist  
**SURGERY FOR HEEL SPURS**

Heel surgery may help relieve pain and restore mobility for people suffering from chronic heel pain. One surgical option is to separate all or a portion of the fascial tissue from the heel bone. The surgeon makes a small incision on the inside of the heel, carefully cuts away the tissue, then closes the incision with a few stitches. Another procedure involves removing any bone spurs. These operations can be performed separately or together on an outpatient basis using local anesthesia or minimal sedation. When the cast is removed, three to four weeks of physical therapy will accelerate healing and reduce swelling.

Do you have heel spurs or another painful foot problem? Don't hide behind these five dangerous words - maybe it will go away. Feet are vulnerable and prone to complaints, but most problems don't just disappear on their own. Your podiatrist can treat them effectively with medication, surgery, or other, less invasive procedures such as exercise or orthotics. Don't take your feet for granted - call us at 234-5571, at Rice Medical Center. I am there every Tuesday.

P.S. Endoscopic surgery, a less invasive method used to lengthen the fascia or release tension, may also be suggested to relieve chronic heel pain. It requires no post-operative cast.

## COLORADO COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls and cases handled from July 30 to Aug. 12, 1999.

Friday, July 30 at 10:50 p.m., Sgt. Edman attempted a traffic stop on FM 109 near Able Road. He got the vehicle stopped at the dead end of Old New Ulm Road. After further investigation, Justin Desire Masson, 17, of New Ulm, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor and driving with an expired driver's license.

Saturday, July 31 at 12:08 a.m., Deputy Ashorn responded to a call concerning an assault in Garwood. After further investigation, Catherine Pettus, 28, of Garwood, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

At 1:38 a.m., Deputy Ashorn responded to a call concerning another assault in Garwood. The suspect, Verma Charles Johnson, 44, of Garwood, was arrested for public intoxication and retaliation.

At 9:08 a.m. Deputy Lacourse responded to a call concerning a suitcase that a motorist found lying on Hwy. 90-A near County Road 275. The motorist left the suitcase at K&P BBQ in Sheridan. Owner of the case is unknown.

At 5:00 p.m., Deputy Lacourse spoke to a complainant who reported her dog was stolen from her vehicle.

At 5:07 p.m., Sgt. Edman responded to a call concerning family violence assault at a residence on Hwy. 71 South. After further investigation, Billy Machac, 28, of Columbus, was arrested for family violence assault.

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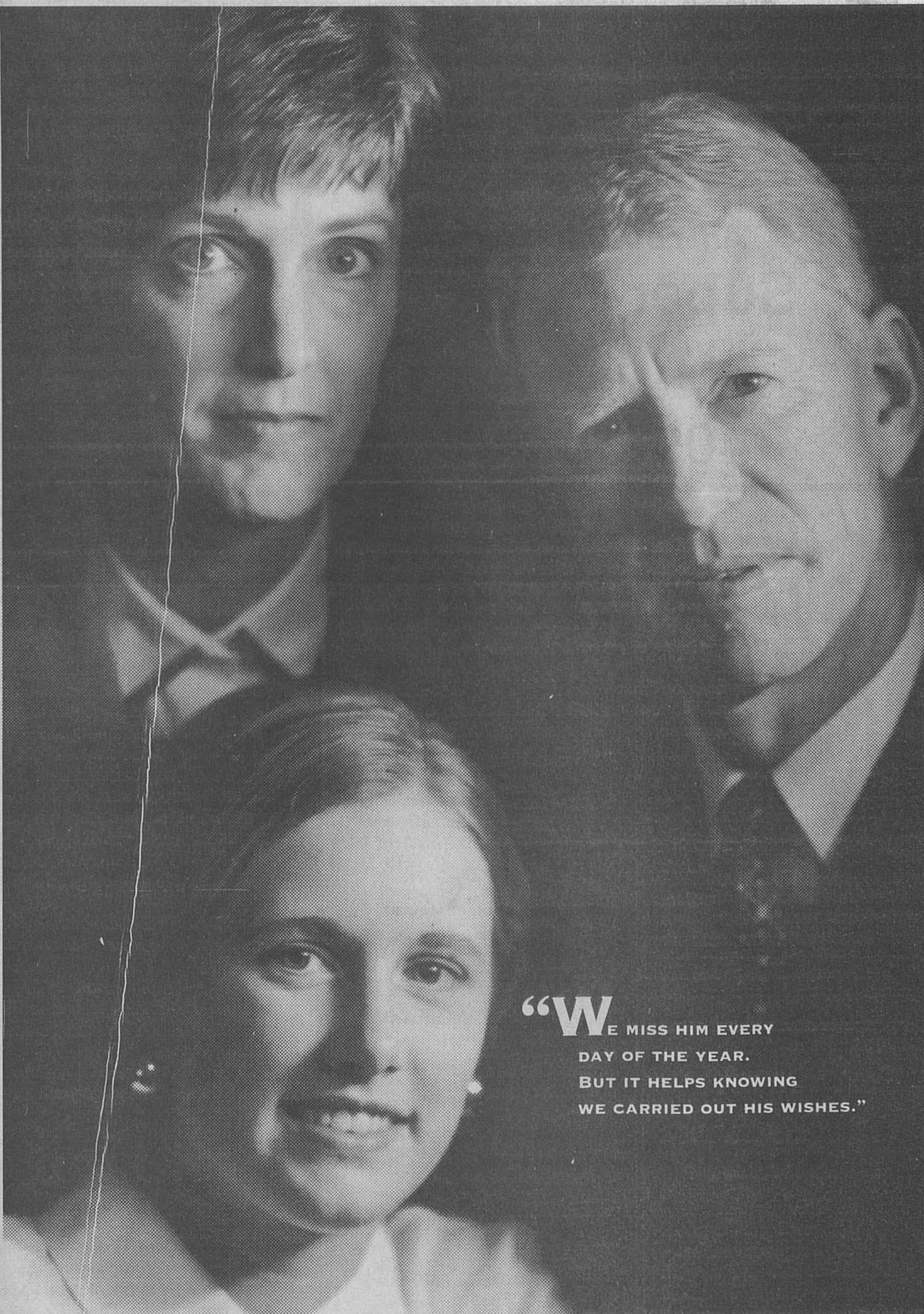
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#### Rare Disease Victims Aided by Orphan Drugs

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) refers to *orphan drugs* as those which are used in the management of *orphan diseases* - rare conditions that affect fewer than 200,000 persons in the US. According to the FDA, some 20 million Americans have one or more of these rare conditions. Examples include *hemophilia*, *sickle cell disease*, *multiple sclerosis*, and *cystic fibrosis*. The Orphan Drug Act of 1983 provided financial incentives to drug manufacturers to produce orphan drugs.

According to a recent article in *FDA Consumer*, the Orphan Drug Act has created a significant amount of interest in medicines for rare health problems, especially among smaller biotechnology companies. According to the article, since the Act was signed, 182 orphan drug products have been approved. Eighteen new orphan drugs became available in 1998. Recently approved medicines in this category include *hydroxyurea* (Droxia) for sickle cell anemia; *infliximab* (Remicade) for Crohn's disease; *atovaquone* (Mepron) for a type of pneumonia that occurs frequently in persons with HIV infections; *thalidomide* for Hansen's disease (leprosy); and *denileukin* (Ontak) for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.



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