STRANGER THAN FICTION

Frakes Thrills Crowd, Date, Self

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The Fabulous Frakes legend came to life last Saturday night when the man made his much publicized appearance in answer to the challenge of femme fatale Linda Summers.

Wiess College's own Tom Jones rose to the occasion after Linda was selected winner of the Rice "Win A Date with Steve Frakes" contest. Her entry, in 25 words or less stated that she deserved a date with "lovin'" Steve because of "insane desire to corrupt innocence."

Whether Linda's devious methods procured Steve's heart we shall never know, for Stevie isn't talking. But it was obvious to all observers that the Frakes again demonstrated his flair for making an everyday date seem like an affair. What a night it was for sweet Summers.

Top Hat

Steve, decked out casually in his white tie, tails, top hat and cane arrived promptly at six to escort lucky Linda to a formal reception at Wiess College.

While Steve nonchalantly awaited the arrival of his date, an incident was narrowly avoided when his unruly mob of followers began to get restless. It was only at the plea of a self-appointed leader, Dr. John Parish of the English Dept., that the rowdies were held in check.

Night Begins

Fortunately, Linda finally arrived, attired handsomely in soft blue cocktail dress and the entourage journeyed back to Wiess with a Pinkerton escort.

The couple's chauffeured Mustang was again followed by Dr. Parish and his twenty-car caravan causing quite a stir on the way with honking, and shouting. Many on-lookers compared the caravan realistically to "Mom" and his boys of Hell's Angels fame.

Grand Entrance

At Wiess the couple marched under the crossed swords of an honor guard and through a reception line of Wiess notables. Cookies and Cokes were served while music was provided by Wiess' own jazz combo.

Following the reception the couple supped at Houston's best Argentine restaurant, the Gaucho. There they dined in candlelight to the sound of a soft romantic guitar.

Jet Set

Bill Blanton, chauffeur, butler and general handyman, then transported the jet-set couple to Jones College's Valentine Ball. All dancing ceased as band leader Harry Guffey and his orchestra heralded the arrival.

Showman Steve gave the public something to drool about as he doffed hat and gloves and tossed cane to his man Blanton in the Astaire tradition before leading the masses in a special dance in honor of the occasion.

Dance over, the celebs returned to the romantic anonymity of candlelight and champagne.