

Camel visits vet center

# Cleopatra suffering sinus ailment

She has blonde hair, weighs 800 pounds, and is six-feet tall measured just to the shoulder. She's a 14-year-old camel named Cleopatra that has a severely swollen set of sinuses. Cleopatra has come to Texas A&M's College of Veterinary

Medicine to seek relief for her ailment. Dr. David Hanselka, associate professor of veterinary medicine and surgery said, "She has an enlargement on her head, a tumor possibly, or a chronic infection of the sinuses." The camel is but one of the exotic

animals that A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine has treated in the past few months. Hanselka said, "We've had an ostrich, an elephant, a gazelle, an ibex, bears, and a bengal tiger." Why do those animals wind up at A&M's clinics?

Hanselka said, "We have better X-Ray equipment and get better detail on large heads. This X-Ray machine can penetrate more tissue than the ordinary kind."

In the case of Cleopatra the camel, Hanselka said, "She was referred to

us by another veterinarian who had treated her previously." Cleopatra does no work, like crossing the hot burning sands of southwest Texas where she lives near Barksdale, but is just a pampered pet owned by Doug Marshall. —Owen Rachal

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## Active GIs may get back pay

Persons engaged in active military duty during 1972 may have some back pay coming to them. The Texas National Guard says it is still looking for former Guardsmen who have not yet claimed their back

pay. In 1974 the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that a government pay raise scheduled for October 1972 was illegally delayed and must be paid to those active that year in the military, reserve forces or the National

Guard. Reservists who have separated or retired since Oct. 1, 1972 are also eligible for the back pay. Former Guardsmen and reservists who wish to claim their money

should contact their former unit. Those needing the address of their former unit should write: Texas Adjutant General's Department, Attention: Comptroller, P. O. Box 5218, Austin, Texas 78763.

## Officers smuggle heroin

Associated Press  
RALEIGH, N.C. — Operating from the safety of U.S. military bases in this country and Thailand, a syndicate led by Army and Air Force sergeants smuggled more than \$300 million in pure heroin into this country on Air Force tanker planes, federal officials say.

The three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury was made public after 11 of the defendants were arrested in a series of coordinated raids by military police, federal agents and local police. Three of those indicted were already in jail, one in this country and two in Thailand.

day by officials here and in Washington after federal indictments were returned in Raleigh against 14 persons, most of them present or former military men, on charges of conspiring to import heroin.

## Biker checks scene

By M. J. WOLFF  
Behold, a wondrous phenomena upon our fair campus: The Aggie Bicyclist. There he goes on his shining machine; intent on his path, secure in his domination, stricken to his skill, faster than a speeding bullet, nothing to fear but fear itself, Tippecanoe and Tyler too, etc. . . . In recent years the Bicycle has come to conquer A&M in perhaps the same way the Normans took England, Hitler took Belgium, Adam took Eve (and so on). Everyone on this campus, from President Williams down to myself, has asked himself the reason behind it all. If you are (a) a pedestrian or (b) a pedestrian who has been hit by a cyclist (a plus b equals c: a great deal of pain mingled with much usage of four-letter adjectives) then you have doubtlessly wondered about the mystique and motives that surround this creature of steel and flesh, this whirlwind of the ten-speed steel that barrels over hither and yon (actually it's Hither's fault, he should have jumped out of the way). And, if you are one of these interesting inhabitants of the two-wheeled tornado, then perhaps you have wished for insight into the messy workings of your own soul (i.e. why did he zig when you zagged?).



If you are one of the above, take heart. During the near future is my lofty ambition to analyze rudiments of cycling upon the fertile shores of Texas. Every week Thunder (the Penney's 3-speed) and I will be riding the areas of the campus as probing, the things that make average Aggie Bicyclist one of the wonders of the Maroon and White universe.

## US contacts Hanoi to set up talks

Associated Press  
WASHINGTON — The United States has sent a carefully worded message to Hanoi through a foreign government, probably France, that it is willing to sit down with Communist Vietnam and begin talks that could eventually lead to a normalization of relations. U.S. officials said Thursday night that the first order of business would be settling the fate of Americans missing in the Indochina war. A response from Hanoi is being awaited. The feeler follows a report to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger by Rep. G. V.

Montgomery, D-Miss., who headed a congressional subcommittee that went to Paris and Hanoi in December for information on more than 800 missing Americans. Paris is considered a propitious site for the talks. While the fate of the missing Americans would be the focus of the talks, it is not clear if the move beyond that to Hanoi's relations with Thailand and other neighbors in Southeast Asia. State Department spokesman Robert L. Funseth said the firming of the overtures to Hanoi, saying: "We are prepared to meet with the Vietnamese to discuss all of the Vietnamese-related issues. That includes the missing in action."

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