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Spotting a young ocelot crouching to spring is a startling experience especially in a university dorm.

But visitors to John Richards' room usually ducked, or caught "Varmit" in mid-air.

Varmit, the ocelot, is less than three months old and weighs about nine pounds. He has had the run of Richards' dorm since John's brother, Tom sent him from Nicaragua as a

"Tom paid four bucks for him," said John. "I was recently offered \$300."

Tom, an Aggie-ex, works for Global Marine Drilling Co. in the Central American country.

John, who graduated from A&M Saturday and will enter the University of Texas' School of Dentistry, is going to keep

"They make wonderful pets," he added, "and they are not dangerous."

Varmit, which will grow to about 30 pounds, was recently declawed at the College of Veterinary Medicine. "It slowed him down a bit climbing trees, but he still

makes it," John remarked.

"He was surprised when I took him fishing for the first time," John said. "We were on the end of the pier when he decided to 'pounce' on the water."

Sinking, he surfaced and struggled to shore.

When John marched in Saturday's processional to receive his bachelor's degree in zoology, Varmit watched forlornly from his fourth-floor window.

## **'Tamunuts'** Latest **Cotton By-Product**

to fiber may come from cotton fields of the future.

The double return from a cotton planting may result from development here of a new food product, Tamunuts. Tamunuts, developed at the university's Oilseed Products Research Center, come directly from glandless cottonseed kernels. The kernel is a glandless seed obtained through cross-breeding by Dr. Scott McMichale in the 1940's.

Tamunuts, toasted as a direct consumption snack, are nut-like flavored and slightly larger in size than uncooked grains of rice. In color, the unique foodstuff resembles a peanut.

PRODUCEABLE at half the price of peanuts, Tamunuts are eight per cent richer in protein content and contain 10 per cent

The nuts can be eaten as a snack, included whole in candies or ground into flour for more nutritive breads, cookies and other bakery items, according to J. T. Lawhon, Dr. Carl M. Cater and Dr. Karl F. Mattil.

The trio recently reported their experimental results at the Institute of Food Technologists convention in Chicago. Inquiries about Tamunuts are

now coming from food products manufacturers throughout the world, said Cater, oilseed center

High-protein food in addition dian cotton with upland varieties that glandless seed appeared through genetic elimination. A&M research determined the

most tasteful way of using the glandless seed as a food. Lawhon, assistant research engineer and Tamunut project lead-

er, said glandless cottonseed in the A&M-process form could alleviate dietary protein deficiencies of the world and provides an economic solution to the search for unconventional sources of protein.

"If a country produces a cash cotton crop as part of its economy, it can also supplement diets through this protein source," he pointed out. Lawhon noted the U. S. could also use such a lowcost, high protein food source LAWHON, Cater and Mattil investigated several methods of

preparing the glandless kernels Laboratory taste panel judging indicated a toasting process produced the most pleasant flavor Then public reaction to toasted Tamunuts and Tamunut-products was obtained at A&M's Sbisa Dining Hall cafeteria.

Consumers, unaware of the source of Tamunuts, like them. Dr. Cater indicated various untried uses of Tamunuts should be examined but that "from here on,

it's the food trades' baby." He said mixing Tamunuts with rice would enhance nutritive val ue of the world's most of food. Among preparations by A&M researchers were a peanut butter-like spread, Tamunut patties and Tamunut-popcorn candy balls. The name Tamunuts, incorporproducts research coordinator for the Texas Engineering Experiment Station and was with Swift

Not all varieties of cotton produce suitable seed. All but a crossbreed obtained by McMichael bear seeds containing pigment glands that deter their use

THOUGH methods have been ating A&M's initials, was consought of removing gossypol (a tributed by Mattil. He is food polyphenolic compound in the gland) from cottonseed, it wasn't until McMichael crossed a "Hopi Moencopi" variety of Hopi In- 25 years.

## **English Department To Offer Children's Dramatics Course**

dramatics and analysis of plays present will be examined in 487, by periods have been added to scheduled for the July 15-Aug. 22 the A&M theater arts curriculum summer session. for this summer.

The three three-semester-hour courses to be instructed by Prof. C. K. Esten is part of planned expansion of the English Department section.

A&M now offers 42 semester hours of pure theater arts courses, Esten noted. He is an English professor, and director of the theater arts section and Aggie

A seminar-type course instichildren's creative dramatics fered both semesters. The course, to be required for education majors, will provide teachers with techniques that can be used in making subjects such as geography and history entertaining as On Campus Safety well as instructive, Esten said.

"Through dramatic technique, students can create what they study," he explained. "They learn more by enacting rather than being spoon fed lessons."

Theater Arts 486 and 487 also will be electives. Esten said 486, chairman. analysis of plays from Greece through the middle of the Shakespearean period, will be offered during the first summer session, June 3-July 11. Plays from the

Courses on children's creative Shakespeare period until the

The courses will involve study of what plays were written in certain periods, how each reflects the customs and mores of the period and how customs and mores caused the play to be written.

Esten indicated there are no prerequisites for the three courses, and that 486 does not necessarily have to precede 487.

Registration for the courses to tuted primarily for teachers, be offered during the first sixweek summer period will be Mon-(Theater Arts 365) will be of- day. Second session registration will be on July 14.

**A&M To Host Meet** 

A&M will host the 16th National Conference on Campus Safety June 16-18, announced John W. Hill.

Hill is the university's insurance and safety director and host

Chairing the opening session will be Albert L. Orsborn, Department of Labor, East Lansing, Mich., and chairman of the Campus Safety Association.