

Animal Diseases Research In Private Hands

Tonight "Animal Farm" will be presented by the Cepheid Variable Club in the Memorial Center Ballroom at 7:30. The program will feature a "Big" Julian Stage and Concert and is organizing. Anyone interested in becoming part of this organization can call Julio Rich at 846-0493 after 5 p.m. some this week.

Kappa Delta Pi will meet in rooms 3B and 3C of the MSC at 8 p.m.

The Association of Mexican-American Students will meet in Rooms 2B of the MSC at 8 p.m. Witt-Lavaca Co. Hometown

Club will hold an organizational meeting in Room 203 of the Academic Building at 7:30.

Society of Physics Students will give a demonstration of holography at 7:30 in Room 305 of the Physics Building.

MSC Recreation Committee's Mixed Group and the Aggie Wives' Group Bridge will meet each Wednesday night at 7:30 on the second floor of the MSC.

Thursday Health and Physical Education Majors will hold an organizational meeting in the MSC Ballroom at 7:30 p.m.

Research into companion animal diseases is in the hands of individuals and private organizations, participants in the state's first pet seminar were told here last weekend.

Dr. Fred Lynd, research veterinary pathologist at the Southwest Medical School in San Antonio, told 133 pet club officials "it is difficult to predict the future trends of research in companion animal medicine because we have nothing to go on."

Support for pet research, Dr. Lynd said, has been very limited. "None of the health organizations are interested in this angle, particularly supporting work just for application to our pets. And, of course, the federal or state funds cannot be spent in this direction, he stressed.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Association for Companion Animals, Inc., (T.A.C.A.) and Companion Animal Research and Educational Association, Inc.,

(C.A.R.E.), was an invitation-only seminar conducted at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. E. W. Ellett, T.A.C.A. president and head of TAMU's Small Animal Clinic, stressed at the seminar opening the organization serves the pet-owning public — breeders and individual owners alike. He said it was up to the club representatives, through membership drives and influence, to make a dynamic organization.

Dr. Charles W. Riley, Fort Worth practitioner, presided at the program. Speakers included President Jack K. Williams, Veterinary Medicine Dean Alvin A. Price, Dr. J. M. Farrell of Arlington, Dr. James R. Collins of Houston, Dr. D. K. Chester and Dr. Ellett, both of TAMU.

C.A.R.E. functions were explained by Dr. Farrell, who emphasized the main purpose was research into companion animal health problems.

Dr. Lynd contended small animal research efforts need to be aimed at infectious diseases, disease prevention, basic investigations into how disease is produced, eye and ear problems, study of changes involving the nervous system and brain, kidney failures and development of oxygenators and heart pumps for open chest and heart surgery.

He also called for continued research into bone and joint disease, healing and repair of cartilage (such as disfigured ears and between the vertebrae of the backbone) disc problems, tendons which hold up the head and hold toes and legs in position and finally investigations into proper healing after surgery.

On the bright side, Dr. Lynd noted veterinarians "know more about dog and cat nutrition than the physician does about human nutrition."

He predicted by 1981 the U.S. will need about 43,000 specialists in companion animal medicine — from dog psychiatry to dermatology.

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