

Vet faculty, students honored

Three faculty and a score of students received awards from the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine Friday night.

Dr. Russell B. Simpson, microbiologist, received the \$400 Norden Laboratories Teacher Award and a plaque.

Texas Veterinary Medical Association presented Dr. Charles L. Hall, medicine and surgery faculty, with its \$100 teaching award, and Dr. Leslie G. Adams, pathologist, with the \$100 research award.

Kay Wiley of Bryan, Roger Smith III of Houston and Kenneth T. Diestler of College Station were named top students and received the College of Veterinary Medicine Awards of Merit.

Wiley, third-year student, received one of three academic achievement awards for having the highest scholastic standing in her class and was given \$50 from the TVMA Auxiliary for winning the Award of Merit. She also won the Veterinary Microbiology Award from that department.

Diestler received a TVMA Auxiliary Award as the first-year merit winner. Smith received the \$50 Mrs. Leon G. Cloud Memorial Award of the Tarrant County VMA Auxiliary as second-year merit winner.

Second-year El Paso student James R. Koschmann was announced winner of the \$400 Charles Pfizer & Co. Award for scholarship and leadership.

Receiving other academic achievement awards for top scholars were second-year student Mark Cochenour of Houston and first-

year student Kathleen Sundland of Dallas. The awards are provided by John Caple, past president of the Texas A&M Association of Former Students.

Gochenour was also presented the \$100 Dr. Justin Parvey Memorial Award as the second-year class member having the highest scholastic average since entering professional work.

Dan C. Lawson of Houston won the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce Scholarship. Larry J. Christensen of Pearland and David T. Roen of Bryan each received a \$150 Student AVMA Auxiliary Award for second-year scholarship and leadership.

Max E. Rust Jr. was given the Dallas County VMA Auxiliary Award of \$50. He is a second-year Bryan student. George W. Cantrell of Shamrock accepted the Anatomy Award for a first-year student with outstanding ability.

David B. Goodnight of Dallas was presented the Michael Szabuniewicz Award for a second-year physiology and pharmacology student. Linda Logan, third-year student from Buchanan Dam, won the \$100 AVMA Auxiliary Award for special contributions.

College Station third-year student William C. Gilmore was given the \$100 Diamond Service Award

for contributions. The Student Chapter of the AVMA, College of Veterinary Medicine and Diamond Laboratories Inc. of Des Moines, Iowa, provide the award.

Glenn W. Keim of Spearman was selected for the \$100 Danny L. Davis Memorial Award for a second-year student exemplifying dedication, and loyalty. L. Wayne Shipman received the American Animal Hospital Association Award for small animal proficiency. Shipman, from Pasadena, is a third-year student.

Bexar County's VMA Auxiliary Award of \$50 went to third-year Beaumont student Carolyn Van Pelt.

Bob O'Quinn of Houston received the \$300 Dr. Ross P. Marsteller Memorial Award scholarship for a second-year student proficient in large animal clinics.

Houston third-year student John P. Carver was given the first \$150 Farmer Tannahill Memorial Award for ability in zoo and aquatic animal medicine. This award will become annual.

Cary Moody, who will be a first-year student in September, was presented the John Paul Delaplaine Award for outstanding ability. Moody is from Dallas.



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Mrs. Banks (Patricia Morgan) reacts negatively to the news that the appetizer she's holding contains eel. Morgan co-stars with Jim Burford, Brian McPherson and Cindy Miller in "Barefoot in the Park." The MSC Dinner Theater production of the Neil Simon play goes on at 6:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday of this week, and Wednesday and Thursday of next week. The play seems likely to be a sell-out, which would be a fitting cap to director Jim Thomas' career at A&M — Thomas leaves for California after the play closes.

Fourth of July picnic is on

For those of you who haven't yet heard, the picnic is on. Willie Nelson's Fourth Annual Fourth of July Picnic will be held in Gonzales, Texas, despite protests by local residents.

The one day affair will feature Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Jerry Jeff Walker, Kris Kristofferson and Rita Coolidge, Leon Russell, David Allan Coe, Rusty Weir and Steve Fromholz. Joan Baez and Bob Dylan may also appear.

"We originally had people scheduled for three full days," said Mike Benestante, a spokesman for Nelson. "When the thing was called off, we canceled, but now we are going to get the best of three days into one."

The festival was canceled when a local citizens group, called Citizens for Law, Order and Decency (CLOD), filed suit against it in Gonzales County Commissioners Court. The Rev. Jimmy Darnell of the Day Star Fellowship and one of the principal backers of CLOD presented a petition signed by more than 2,000 people opposed to the event. Darnell maintained that the picnic would lead to drunkenness, drug use, nudity and lewd, immoral behavior.

Last week, Judge Henry Vollenline ruled the promoters' application for the shortened event met the legal requirements under the Texas Mass Gathering Act. Nelson was fined \$1,000 last year for violating the act during the picnic at Liberty Hill.

Attorneys for CLOD tried to get Vollenline to disqualify himself from considering the case. The CLOD

lawyers said Vollenline had a personal interest in the outcome because he owns a lumber yard in the county that could benefit from sales of supplies for the festival and a rent

house leased by Nelson promoters.

Promoters said tickets will go on sale immediately for \$10 each. A spokesman said they expect 200,000 persons for the festival.

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