Passing tests goal of future grad students

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usually pays off. For example, people often end up taking the GRE, several times, Zettelmoyer says. The student pays each time an additional fee and loses valuble time in the process.

Zettelmoyer cites one local case where a student took the VAT four times and never scored above 80 percentile. After taking the course, the student ranked in the 98th percentile, she says.

In the Northeast, almost all of the medical students take the Kaplan course and the average test scores throughout the region have been slowly rising, Zettelmoyer said. But people who enroll in the course sign a contract which states that there is no "magical formula," for making the grade.

Ulrich W. Crow, academic counselor and test administrator, says he feels trial tests are beneficial because at Texas A&M, they are a means of acquainting the student with testing techniques and possible test questions.

Dr. Wilbur D. Kutach, professor of sociology at A&M, studied psychometric theory for about six months under Dr. Paul Kelly, who developed the GRE and other educational tests. Since most of the questions on the educational tests are based on logic and don't require much calculation, Kutach advises the student to answer most of the questions without spending time calculating. Next, he recommends looking back over the questions.

He advises students to take a course in logic. Several such courses are offered at A&M.

"Approach a test positively," Kutach says. He adds that if the first question stumps the student and causes aggressive feelings, it may effect the student's performance on the rest of the test.

He said that he bought himself an alarm clock when he was a student to help create an artificial test environment.

What about outside study aids such as GRE study manuals and courses similar to Kaplan's? Kutach said, "You can do the same thing on your own." He added that with enough self-dicipline, a student can achieve the same goals. Some students lack self-dicipline and such outside help may be beneficial, Kutach said.

Six (weekend) ways to keep from studying

But now that the weekend is here, what is there to do? If you have a car, you can always drive to Houston, or Dallas, or San Antonio, or Snook for that matter. And if you've got the money, you can go to a local tavern and kill the pain of spending another weekend in Bryan-College Station.

But for people armed with only a bicycle and a buck, here are six suggestions for spending the weekend.

★Two flea markets will be held Saturday. One is the **Second Annual Humane Society Flea Market.** It opens at 9 a.m. and closes when the last flea is sold. Also, the **Brazos Valley Shrine Club** holds its flea market in Townshire from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

★**Don Sanders,** a gifted musician, singer and comedian from Houston, will give a concert both Friday and Saturday night in the Basement Coffeehouse starting at 8 p.m. Sanders is famous for a sense of humor that is off-beat, but always, always on-target.

★If you don't want to see "Star Wars" for the seventy-eighth time, Aggie Cinema will show **"Death Wish"** with Charles Bronson both Friday and Saturday night at 8 o'clock. It's the story of a bleeding-heart liberal who becomes a merciless vigilante when his wife and daughter are raped and murdered. For B-movie fans, Aggie Cinema presents **"Norman. . . Is That You?"** with Redd Foxx Friday at midnight.

★The Aggies are out of town this week. But if you hunger for football, there are some games in town. Curtis Dickey's high school team, the **Bryan Vikings,** will host the Nacogdoches Golden Dragons Friday at 7:30 p.m. Also, the **A&M Consolidated Tigers** are playing the Taylor Ducks. That game is scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday.

★If you're just after a quiet afternoon in the park, why not visit one of the world's smallest city parks. **Bryan City Park,** located on the corner of Texas Avenue and Coulter, isn't much for walking your Great Dane or feeding pigeons. But its great if you enjoy waving to passing cars.

★For dinner this weekend, you might try **Wehrman's Cafe** on Highway 21. They have a terrific chicken fried steak with french fries and a salad for under $2.00. It used to be THE place to eat for Aggies when the school had less than 5,000 students.

Fans fly to Virginia game

By MARK PATTERSON

Lane Stadium, the home of the Virginia Tech Fighting Gobblers, seats 40,000 people. Tomorrow's game between Virginia Tech and the Aggies is a sellout, but 130 people out of those 40,000 will be rooting against Virginia Tech. They will be supporting the Aggies.

The Aggie Club, a Texas A&M organization whose sole purpose is to support A&M athletics, chartered a plane from Dallas to carry the 130 fans to Blacksburg, Va., for the game. Scheduled to leave Dallas Saturday morning, the Braniff jet will stop in Houston to pick up 94 Aggies before flying on to Blacksburg.

Club members will get a meal on the plane each way and will be met at the airport by a bus that will take them to the game. The group will return immediately after the game.

The Aggie Club consists of former students, faculty, students and A&M followers. Memberships are structured according to the amount of money annually contributed, ranging from $12 up.

Since its inception 27 years ago, the Aggie Club has donated millions of dollars in scholarship funds to the University

"It will cost each member $180," said Don Brister, executive vice president of the Aggie Club, "but we (the Aggie Club) won't make any profit on the trip."

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