Pets reveal nuch about uman's life

By DONNA SCHLABACH person's reaction towards pets veal a lot about the way he in human relationships, Dr. ald Woods told the Brazos Valumane Society Tuesday night. ods, an assistant professor of hology at Texas A&M Universpoke about the psychological actions of humans, pets and

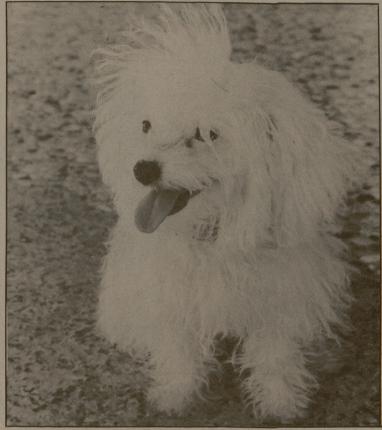
ttitudes towards pets are usumetions of a person's lifestyle," ds said. "They are not an iso-

Yoods explained that pets vide an outlet for human needs eing close and interacting soly. Pets fulfill needs to be loved, sted and comforted, he said. Most of us prefer humans (to be e to) because of the way we were ught up," Woods said. "But to people, because of unhappy nam relationships or an inability elate to humans, choose to be

eto pets."

loods said pets serve a protecfunction for many people who draw from human interaction. e people, he said, see pets as bjects for expressing emotions

can't express to others.
trelationships also can serve to
people fill voids in other areas eir lives. Woods used the tionship. ole of the childless couple that "Children learn a lot from pets,



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because they recognize good from

Woods said veterinarians are be-

coming more concerned with the

psychological aspects of human-pet

Scruffy mongrel or lovable mutt? Your reaction to animals could tell Dr. Donald Woods a lot about your personality. "Foxy" here, belongs to Don Quillen.

and affection he needs in a pet rela- as models of self-discipline for kids

on pets to fulfill a longing for he said. "They learn to accept rewoods also said pets can serve as the property of the pets to help people adjust to the person with low self-tem, he said, can find the love said. They learn to accept responsibility by caring for the pets. They learn about many things they will find later in life, like birth and death. They learn that sex and defected the person with low self-tem, he said. They learn to accept responsibility by caring for the pets.

relationships.

"It's really important for the veterinarian to take the owner-pet relationship into consideration when treating pet disorders," he said, noting that chronic obesity, unwanted defecation and ulcers are examples

bad in pet behavior.

classes offered

Last registration periods are this cheology, Texas and cultural hisweekend for eight liberal arts tory, writing, literature and social courses being offered this fall by Texas A&M University.

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The program, called Learner's for a \$35 class on teaching children Marketplace, enrolls for the last to write better. The American litertime 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and 9 ature course is also available on an a.m. to noon Saturday in room 302 \$8 per-author basis.

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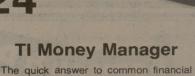
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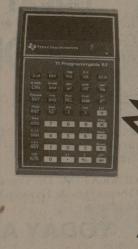
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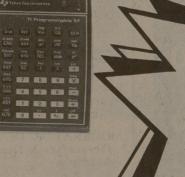
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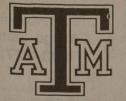
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