

# Emergency aid available at vet small animal clinic

By MARCUERITE BRADEN  
Suppose you had a small animal that was injured at 2 a.m. and you wondered where you could take it. The Small Animal Clinic in the Col-

lege of Veterinary Medicine, which is open 24 hours a day, year round, is a more than likely spot. Roberto Espitia, clinic supervisor, said there are three ways to

get an animal admitted to the clinic: by appointment, referral or emergency.

Appointments are made for routine work such as worming and vaccinations, said Espitia. These are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays. The clinic is open from noon Friday to 5 a.m. Monday for emergencies.

Espitia said referral is for those persons who live outside the Bryan-College Station area. A veterinarian must call to refer the animal. The veterinary has to give the animal's history, tell what was done for the animal, and why the animal is being sent.

The reason an animal outside the Bryan-College Station area has to be referred is because rates are lower at the vet school, said Espitia. Other veterinarians might complain if they lose too much business to the school.

Teaching discounts may be given if the animal is used in lecture at the vet school. The owner must give his approval before this is done. If not approved the animal will not be used and no discount will be re-

ceived. The amount of the discount is at the discretion of the veterinarian.

If an animal is brought in during regular hours, there is a standard fee of \$5. This standard fee is not charged if the animal is in for vaccinations. If the animal is brought in after hours, there is an emergency fee of \$15.

"Records are kept on every animal brought here regardless of what is done to it," Espitia said. The cases are treated similar to those in a private hospital.

There is always a senior member of the faculty on duty, Espitia said. There are also interns and residents on duty. Each doctor has about five third-year students assigned to him.

The animals are treated by the doctors working with the students. Most of the surgery is done by the students under supervision of a doctor. These third year students feed and treat the animals. A staff member cleans the cages.

Espitia said most of the work is done on cash basis. Credit is not available under \$100 unless arrangements are made in advance.

## Funeral set today for Lorena Thomas, 20

Funeral services for Lorena Ann Thomas, 20, of 1003 Madera Circle in College Station are set for 2 p.m. today at A&M Church of Christ with Dan Warden and Bob Davidson officiating.

Burial will be in College Station Cemetery under direction of Memorial Funeral Chapel.

Thomas died in an Austin hospital Tuesday afternoon following a one-vehicle accident on U.S. 290 25 miles east of Austin.

Injured in the accident were Gail Mullinix, 21, of 3400 Sandra Drive in Bryan and Carol Oden, 21, of Abilene.

The women were not seriously injured and were released from an Austin hospital Tuesday.

Mullinix attended Texas A&M University in 1977 and graduated from the Church of Christ School of Evangelism.

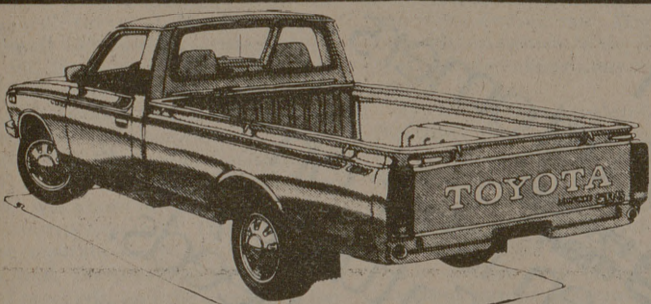
Oden is a graduate student in education at Texas A&M.

Thomas attended Texas A&M in 1976 and 1977, and she was enrolled in Blinn College at the time of her death. She was born June 5, 1957, in Bryan and was elected Miss Consolidated High School as well as Homecoming Queen for A&M Consolidated High School. She was a member of A&M Church of Christ.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Thomas, and a brother, Michael Thomas, all of College Station.

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