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2 A&M students win in car race

By GAIL SMILA

Two Texas A&M students were among first-place winners in the Aggie-Cross V, an autocross held at Texas World Speedway last Saturday.

Out of 14 classes competing, Karl Jackson, who drove a VW Scirocco, won the G-stock class. Tom Gillespie, driving a Camaro Z28, won the C-prepared class.

The Texas A&M Sports Car Club sponsored the race and invited members and race enthusiasts to compete.

Ninety-four contestants, including 40 to 50 from Bryan-College Station, competed in the event. The entrants ranged in age from 18 to 55 and drove cars from one to 12 years old. Ford Mustangs, Corvettes, Porches, Mazdas, and Datsuns were some of the cars racing.

Three types of cars — stock, prepared, and modified — ran in the races. A stock car is a street car that has not been modified for racing. A prepared car has undergone minor changes to improve speed and handling, and a modified car is a racing

car which cannot be driven on city streets.

The race, costing approximately \$2,500, is paid for by entry fee. About \$1,000 is used for speed rental. Each driver paid a \$15 fee, or \$25 for those entered in the rain.

The course took about 90 seconds to complete. The best lap was taken after each driver completed the run twice. The fastest time clocked Saturday was 1:01.15, run by David Fershtman in a modified 1965 Shelby GT-350.

Drivers, pit crews, and spectators gathered at the speedway to compete or watch. None of the participants were professionals.

There were no injuries in the race, but one car hit a guard rail. Another had engine trouble.

The winners received trophies which were paid for by proceeds from the race.

Aggie develops pacemaker aid

An infection-fighting medical device that may one day help heart pacemaker wearers has come off the laboratory bench of Texas A&M senior Albert F. Badeau of El Paso.

A bioengineering senior who will be commissioned next month and assigned to a Travis Air Force Base hospital, Badeau conducted the design and testing through Texas A&M's Honors Program.

He developed, with the aid of Dr. William A. Hyman, a percutaneous electrical connector. It will be inserted under the skin and connected by conduit through the body to electrically-operated components, such as a pacemaker. Special needle connection would enable charging the battery, or perhaps, with development, taking readouts on body temperature and other vital signs.

Infection becomes a problem after prolonged periods with other methods. The 14 millimeter long and 7 millimeter wide receptacle devised by Badeau was briefly tested, successfully, in a rabbit.

The Aggie senior is one of numerous students in the Honors Program. "I endorse the Honors Program claims" said Hyman, bioengineering professor and Badeau's faculty advisor. "It takes the better student and gives him or her the chance to do something original." This is particularly applicable in Badeau's case, he added.

"Albert is a conscientious guy," Hyman remarked. "He took the project and did it himself."

Badeau serves as Squadron 15 executive officer in the Corps of Cadets, and has been a Distinguished Student six semesters. Along with membership in the Society of Military Engineers and Association of Bioengineers, he is president of the El Paso Hometown ROTC Cadet.

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His mother, Mrs. Lucy Badeau, 10441 Palomino, El Paso, is a data processing supervisor at Sands Missile Range.

"The main problem in the search project is that body tissue under the skin are highly sensitive," Badeau explained. "The nector has to be absolutely tight."

He solved part of the problem with a silicone-grease-filled capsule the plastic receptacle. Badeau more problems with the need to insert through the skin into the body.

The needle presented a sterilization problem, until an Aggie faculty advisor suggested layers with epoxy.

"The receptacle has a cone on upper surface to guide the needle because you can't see it," Badeau elaborated. "What was interesting to me about the device was that success tends to come in chunks. I would stumble, bid time to overcome it, then suddenly be able to move ahead."

The device was tested through submergence in a saline solution. Before the prototype was inserted into the rabbit, Hyman suggested a project, a spinoff related to the project, for a proposal for the National Institutes of Health.

The professor noted that the application "gets around having something pass through the skin at time."

Badeau remarked that time vented complete testing, but the future Air Force assignments present an opportunity to go forward.

800 joggers to run in second Aggie marathon

What has 1,600 legs and runs circles around the Texas A&M University campus? How about 800 joggers running the second annual Aggie Marathon April 29.

Runners from across the state leave at 7:30 a.m. from G. B. White Coliseum in hopes of completing the 26.2 mile course. The marathon will be run on the A&M campus.

"Entrants have been signing the rate of almost 35 a day," said George Jessup, Texas A&M professor of health and physical education and coordinator of the event. "By time registration is completed, expect at least 800 entrants, more."

According to Jessup, \$7 will go to anyone into the meet. For that the runner receives a T-shirt, because banquet and an aid station every two miles.

Running the marathon will be sup's advanced aerobics classes-marathon is their final exam. "Not everyone in the class will be the full marathon," Jessup said. "I ask students to do is set a goal completing either a quarter, half, full marathon. I'm happy if they reach their goal."

Though reaching a set goal is important to Jessup and his students, awards are not.

"We're not big on awards trophies at all," Jessup said. "Why we don't award any at the marathon. When everyone makes it to the banquet the night after we'll all go 'whoop, whoop' for who participated. That's recognition."

"The main thing we try to do through the marathon is that it is an enjoyable way to keep fit."

"We consider jogging a very important sport around here and we're putting on keeping the Aggie Marathon an annual event at Texas A&M."

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