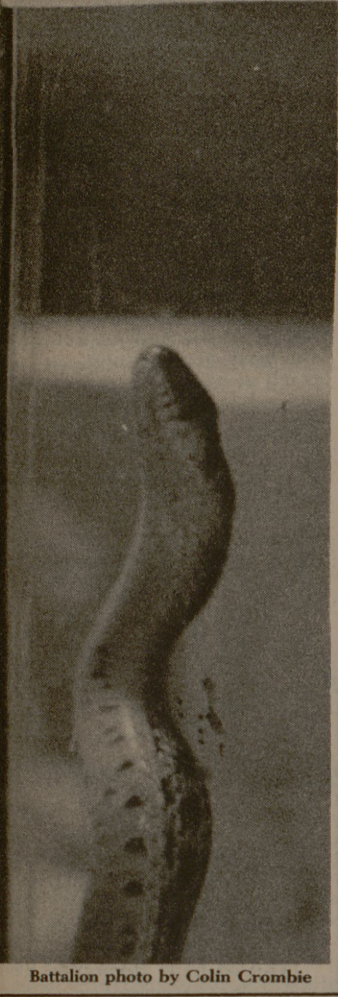
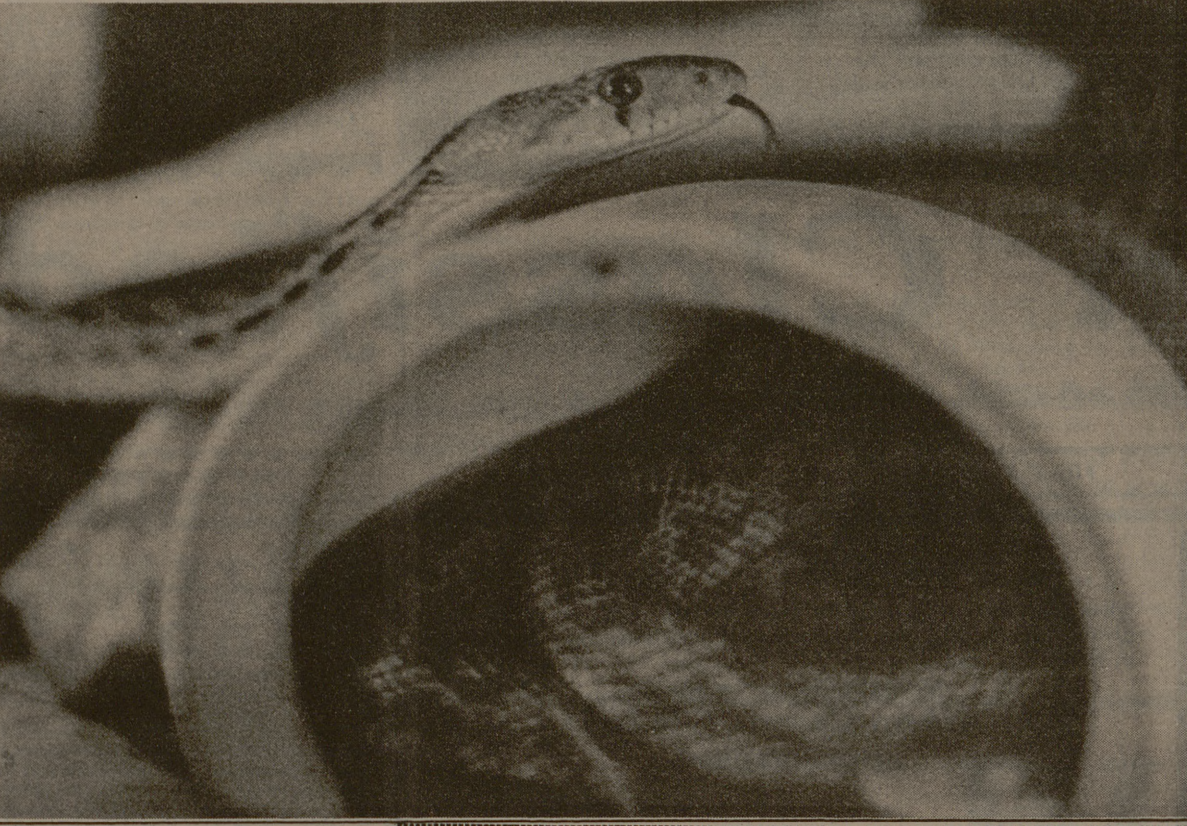


Gopher snake Turtles and lizards join snake in glass in MSC

A gopher snake tries to scale the slick side of his aquarium in the Memorial Student Center. He does not flicker his tongue to demonstrate his reaction to being penned up in glass; rather, he is gathering information. The tongue constantly tastes its environment, and may help in picking up vibrations, which the snake primarily feels through his skull. It also helps determine smell, temperature and taste. Snakes cannot hear normal soundwaves, but have good eyesight. Thus, the humble snake needs his multi-talented tongue. This slim slitherer shares an exhibit with four other snakes, a yellow mud turtle, and two armadillo lizards. The collection of cold-blooded creatures is being presented by the Texas A&M Herpetological Society.



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Women in combat, volunteer army hit by ex-general

United Press International
HONOLULU — Retired Gen. William Westmoreland says women don't have the stamina for combat and thinks the volunteer armed services method is "a failure."
Westmoreland, who was the United States' commander during the Vietnam War, said in comments during a discussion with executives of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin Friday that he was told by a battalion chief women were tough in the first two days of difficult field exercises but "collapsed on the third day."
Westmoreland called the all-volunteer armed services "a failure" and said the experiment was resulting in an army of "the underprivileged." He added it was forcing "a substantial dip into the women pool" to fill manpower needs.

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Hassle-Free, OSA to merge

By LORI SHULER
Battalion Reporter

Negotiations of a merger of Hassle-Free and the Off-Campus Student Association, two groups that represent the 22,000 students living off campus, began Thursday night when executives of the two organizations met to discuss their proposals.

Meetings will continue to be held Thursday nights at 7 p.m. in room 138 of the Memorial Student Center until all details of the merger are ironed out and the groups prepare a joint constitution for the new organization.

The idea of a merger was initiated last semester by various members of the two groups and their adviser, Glenna Witt, student development coordinator, because of the overlap of services provided by each group.

Hassle-Free chairman Mike Pettus said while the two groups have the same purpose — that of providing services for off campus students — they have different meanings.

Hassle Free, whose office is located in Puryear Hall lounge, was started six years ago and is a community-based organization, a mediator between off campus students and the city and apartment complexes.

Pettus said they are more a "grass roots" organization than OSA. They stress that their representatives in all apartment complexes get to know the managers and the other students and help them work together.

OSA, however, is more of an education-information type organization, Bruce Martin, vice-president of programs for OSA said. OSA was established two years ago and has a cubicle in the Student Programs Office of the MSC.

Martin said OSA is oriented toward involvement between the community and the University and is interested in "drawing students back to the University."

"Both organizations are badly needed and with the merger we could have more output," said Pettus. "Why have two separate organizations when we could have one and be stronger?"

Martin also expressed a desire to unite the best qualities of both organizations. Witt said a representative body of all off-campus students has the potential of being very powerful and effective because so many students live off campus.

While the representatives of both Hassle Free and OSA who were present at the meeting considered their basic differences an advantage to a new organization, they had different opinions concerning its structure.

Hassle-Free's officers are elected internally while OSA has a school-wide election for the president, secretary and treasurer. Both groups wanted to retain their election method but decided on a compromise of the two methods.

Details of the compromise and the subsequent final structure of the new organization were not completed at the meeting.

Other areas yet to be decided on include selection and number of representatives, a name for the organization and the use of committees.

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