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MIT official to speak at medical convocation

Medicine's marriage with technology will be examined today in an address by Massachusetts Institute of Technology Provost Walter A. Rosenblith, who will keynote Texas A&M University's annual College of Medicine Convocation.

The meeting is held to honor the newest crop of medical students and the dozens of Brazos Valley physicians who work in the medical education program at Texas A&M.



INGMAR BERGMAN'S ACADEMY AWARD WINNER
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The first film in Bergman's religious trilogy, THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY chronicles the pathetic plunge of a young woman into madness. Karin, having read in her father's journal that she is an incurable schizophrenic, swoops through a series of compulsive acts and visions into a world of hallucination without God. Bergman has charted with technical accuracy the moving psychological drama of a descent to insanity.

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Champion cats call Bryan cattery home

By CHERYL CESSNA
Battalion Reporter
They're all paper cats with a medley of meows, and they call the Blue Valley Cattery home.

A paper cat is one who is pedigreed, said Helen Snyder, manager of the cattery, located in Bryan. The cattery, she said, not only breeds Persian show cats, but serves as a cat kennel as well. Snyder, 59, said the business was started in 1967 when Amon Bailey, then a Texas A&M University student, was given a blue Persian as a present. Bailey, who still owns the cattery but is frequently out of town on business, began leaving the cat, Blue Baron Peppere (also known as Baby Kitty) with Snyder while he was out of town.

"This was my first exposure to a paper cat," said Snyder, who was raised on a farm in Iowa. "I'd been exposed to pedigreed horses, cows, hogs and sheep, but never to a paper cat. Baby Kitty was the start of it all. We got him a little blue cream kitty as a playmate."

Snyder said she has received some unusual requests from people leaving their cats with her. "They say, 'Now, you be sure my cat's food is at room temperature,' and you almost have to measure it out. Sometimes they even bring a measuring scoop."

go to the cat show, but it takes a long time to get ready for it. You have to shampoo them every other week, groom them every day to keep the dead hair out and keep them clean as a whistle."

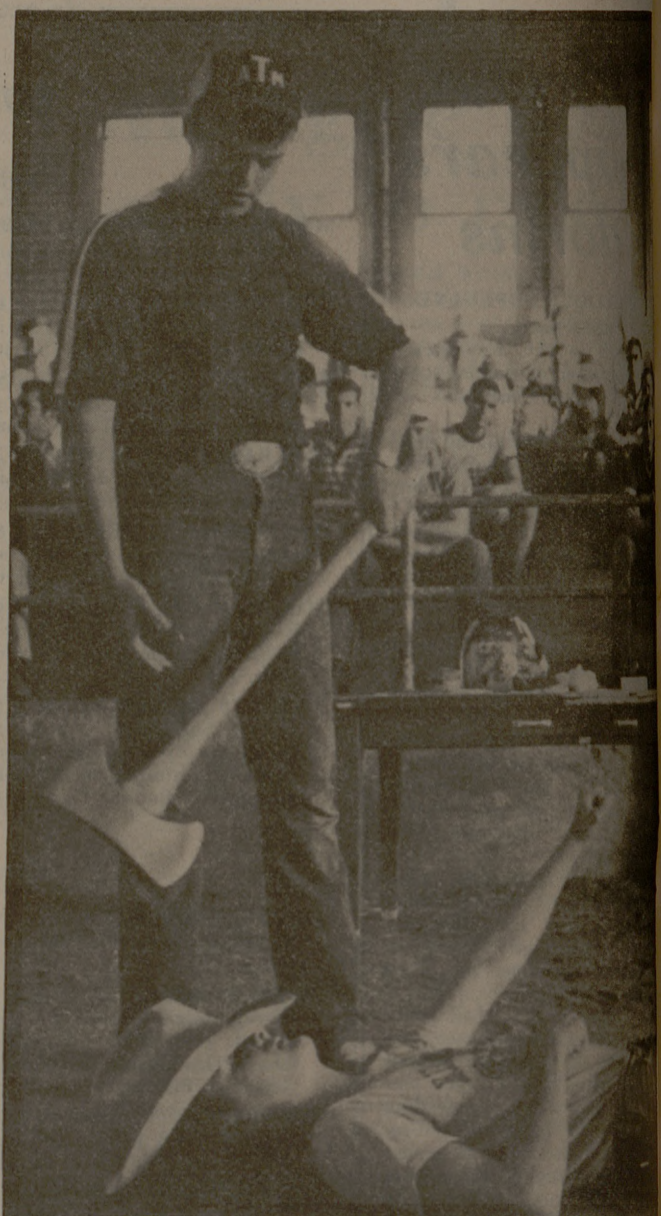
But she said there hasn't been a cat show held in this area since 1967, and she'd like to see one started. "I want to have a household pet show here, and I think we could have a tremendous one," Snyder said. "You'd judge them on who's got the longest whiskers, who's got the longest tail and who's got the biggest smile."

She said the kennel was started as a means of support for the breeding operation. Boarding rates, she said, are \$2 per day, or \$3.50 if there are two cats in a cage. Snyder said she has received some unusual requests from people leaving their cats with her.

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And she said cats don't need as much exercise as some people believe. "This bit about, 'Oh, my kitty needs to go out in the fresh air,' is a bunch of hogwash. They get their exercise. With most of the cats, you can leave the cage door open, and they won't go anywhere."

And of course, she said, there are cats with quirks. "I have a cat that boards with me who's a paw soaker. He puts his paw in the water bowl and soaks it, and then he sucks on it. That's the way he drinks his water."



Mike Swenson, a Bonfire supervisor, demonstrates axe-handling procedures with Bill Singer's assistance. More than 300 people were certified at the safety training classes, which continued through Thursday.
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End of safety class is Bonfire's start

By CYNTHIA THOMAS
Battalion Reporter
Another step toward the building of the 1979 Bonfire has been completed as the last Bonfire cutting class was held Thursday afternoon.

Safety rules and measures to be used while working at the cutting site were emphasized in the classes conducted by Corps of Cadets Company C-1. Seniors Mike Swenson and John Grunwald supervised the sessions.

Anyone planning to work at the cutting site was required to attend one of the 30 minute class sessions which had been meeting daily since Oct. 9. Cutting cards were issued to those who attended the class. Swenson said the workers at the cutting site must have the cards at all times when in the area.

Swenson said most of what was taught was common sense, because most of the people had been out at a cutting site before. However, the classes also emphasized safety tips for those who are making their first journey to the cutting site.

First-year Bonfire workers must wear a white strip of tape around their right leg. The piece of tape is known as a "virgin stripe," and Swenson said it identifies new workers so that others can keep an eye out for their safety.

As a safety precaution, workers are advised to wear sturdy shoes and clothing and leather gloves to protect their hands from blisters, Swenson said.

People with alcoholic beverages will not be tolerated, he said. "They'll be kicked off the site and not allowed to come back," he added.

Bonfire workers will not be doing much actual cutting this year, Swenson said, but they will be trimming branches off trees knocked down by the bulldozers.

Grunwald demonstrated the proper way to carry and sharpen an axe. Using an assistant as a log, he also demonstrated the proper way to trim the branches from a log. Some safety tips on the use of chain saws were also made.

Swenson said everyone in the cutting area must sign an agreement with the Texas Municipal Power Authority, which owns the land being worked on. This agreement waives TMPA of any responsibility for injuries that may occur on their property.

Swenson added out that there will be medical personnel there to take care of injuries and snake bites. Saturday is the first day of cutting on the TMPA cutting site, southeast of College Station.

A&M ranks high in private gifts

Texas A&M University is the only institution in the South ranked among the top 10 public universities in terms of private support, according to figures released by the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges.

With \$19.75 million in gifts for 1977-78, Texas A&M placed among the top public universities in the nation in three of four categories behind only Cornell, the University of California System and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in financial support from alumni.

"While these are the most recent comparison statistics, we expect private support to be well over \$24 million this year," said Vice President for Development Robert Walker.

The figures compiled by NASULGC showed Texas A&M ranked seventh in terms of support from foundations with \$5.9 million, ninth in corporate gifts with \$5.4 million and fourth in alumni gifts with \$6.5 million. Only the University of California System and MIT consistently ranked higher.

The only category in which Texas A&M did not rank among the top 10 nationally was in gifts from non-alumni individuals.

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