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## Handicapped girl finds joy in riding

## By CHERYL CESSNA

Battalion Reporter by helped her onto the horse, er smile spread a little wider. Linda Alford, born with spinal horseback riding is a new-

Linda, 17, was one of the particis in the Special Students Riding ol, a joint project of the Texas M University Horseman's Assotion and the Texas Agriculture tension Service. 1p (R-N

The program, being conducted at orse Research Center, is in its nd year of teaching both physic-

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ally and mentally handicapped children to ride. "She loves it,"said Mae Alford, Linda's mother. "She already told

her daddy that he had to get her a See related story in today's

Focus section. horse, and she told her granddaddy

he could keep it." Alford, of Bryan, said Linda has

ridden once before. "She's always said, 'I want to ride a horse,' but everyone said, 'Oh, no,

"But the summer before last she

little bit each day.

went to Camp Fun and Frolics in Bryan and they put her on a horse. She came home all excited, saying, 'I therapist about it he said, 'Great!' He got to do something I always wanted told her she should do some stretchto do. ing excercises, like sitting on a cot Alford said Linda, who attends with one leg on one side and the other on the other side, spread out, a Bryan High School, isn't afraid of

injury "As far as falling or anything like that, anyone can fall off a horse. And I think this might help her coordina-

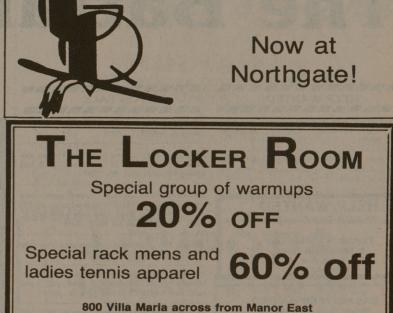
tion and balance, because right now she doesn't balance very well.' icapped than she is. Stretching muscles that aren't used to being stretched is the only "It's a miracle she's as well off as she is, because she had a shunt in her problem, Alford said

head to keep the fluid from building up in her brain. That goes along with spinal bifida. "When Linda was born, they said "The only thing is, she gets sore, but anyone will get sore. She doesn't move around like any of us do. She gets therapy, but she doesn't get that kind of therapy. When we told her

if she lived, she might be paralyzed from the waist down, and not have a mind. So Linda is real well off. Our doctor always told us the worst. So then when she could move, we said, 'Oh wow!' and when she turned over, 'Wow, she can turn over!'"

She said thinking about what Alford said she's thankful that Lin-da, who uses a wheelchair but can walk with crutches, isn't more handcould have been makes Linda's

handicap easier to bear. "People look at her and think, 'Oh, she's in such bad shape,' but if you know that this is so much better off than what we thought she would be, then it doesn't seem so bad.



Formals

## Jelta Zeta plans Aggie Fall Fest'

**By DEBBIE NELSON** Battalion Staff sages on sticks, 100 kegs of

Reaganwi ar and a crowd of people — sound d tactic h Wurstfest? Transfer it to College e way forming, have it sponsored by the idence that Zeta sorority, and it's the ctual and as Aggie Fall Fest. of his part the Fall Fest is a benefit, with all

ceeds going to the Bryan Home the Severely Mentally Retarded, ority member Melissa Mueller. The Fall Fest will be held Saturthe leader in the Brazos County Pavilion on ton Post Coor Road from 8 p.m. to midnight. he admission price of \$4 for men \$3 for women, the sorority will ly all the beer or soft drinks. usic will be provided by Peggy wes and her band, who play ev-

> ng from country-western to , Mueller said. issy Whigam, coordinator of the planned it as a "mini Wur-"Mueller said.

sides beer, sausage and kiss-me ons, the sorority is also holding a

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enzymes, Womack has mapped how you put 100 people on the same the order of the genes' position rea small percentage will develop terol-related diseases," he

pig-calling contest, with a large bottle of liquor as the prize. Sorority president Kathy Crouch

said she is unsure of how much money will be collected for the charity, since ticket sales won't be final until Saturday. Tickets may be obtained from sorority members or by calling the Delta Zeta apartment, 696-0765.

To reduce expenses, sorority members are making buttons for the benefit and several companies are giving discounts on their products. A local beer distributor also helped Delta Zeta set up the advertising for the event, Crouch said.

The sorority chose the Bryan Home for the Severely Mentally Retarded as the charity because several sorority members are education majors who work with the children at

in any way for care of the children and to maintain the home, Crouch

cholesterol levels in the blood may be one result, said Womack.

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