

# Ags may promote development of Latin American agriculture

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Latin American agriculture students at Texas A&M University are being asked to help in a project designed to improve agricultural development in rural areas of their home countries.

Johnny Clay Johnson, research assistant for the project, said questionnaires have been sent to the students to find out their feelings on the project.

"We want to get the Latin American students together," Johnson said.

The questionnaire contains inquiries into the students' involvement with agriculture in their home country, cultural factors and

ideas for development.

"We feel that the Latin American students at this University are a very valuable resource," Johnson said.

In addition to the questionnaire, the students are invited to a meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 in 137A MSC. Johnson said the meeting is to find out what the students think of the project.

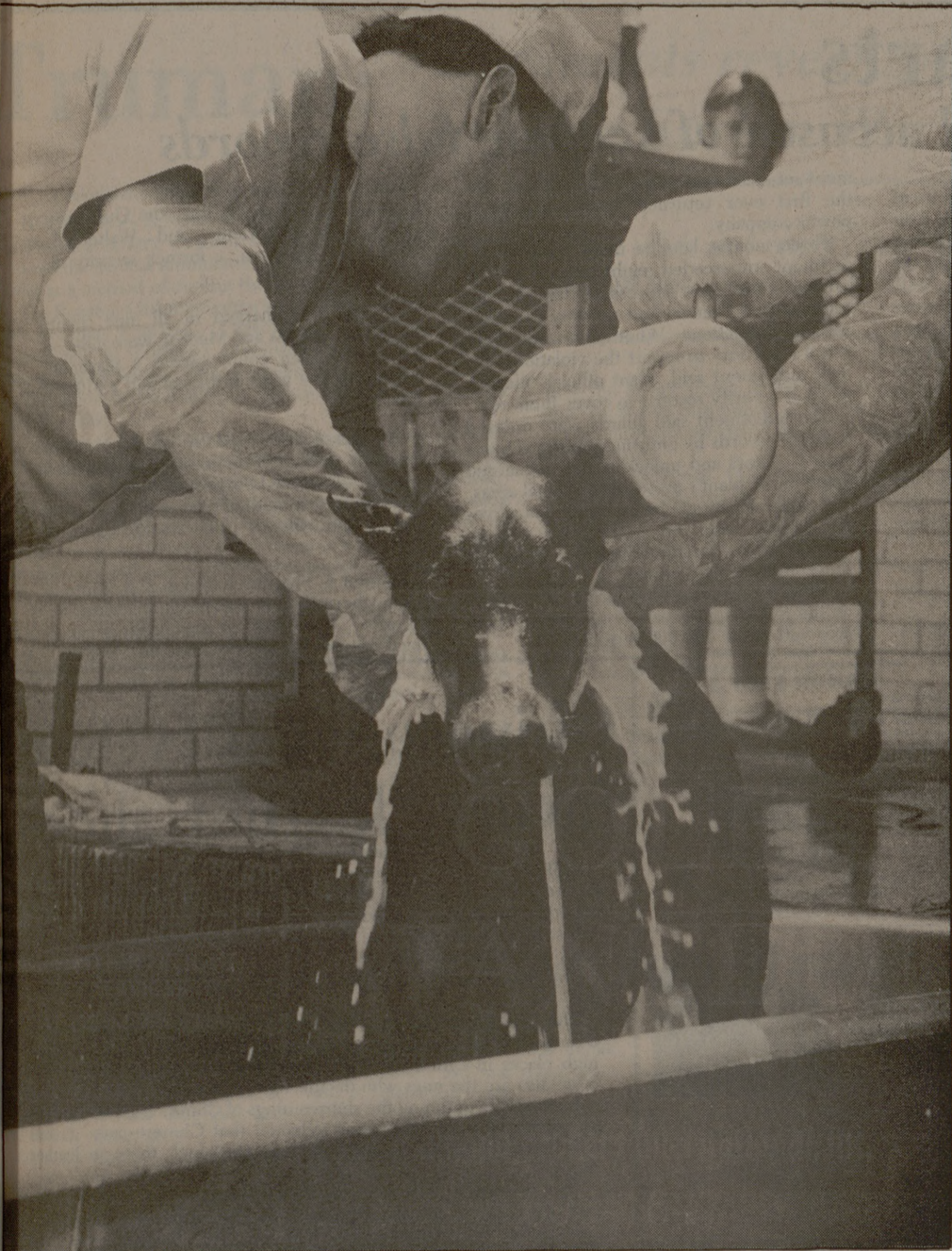
With this input from the students, Johnson said, researchers can implement the plan more easily. Since many of the students will return to agricultural jobs in Latin America when they graduate, they may one day work with the projects started through the research.

Johnson said he is not sure if all Latin American agriculture students received the questionnaire and invitation to the meeting, but he urged all to attend.

Of 80 letters mailed at the end of July, about 10 have been returned, Johnson said.

The project is funded by a strengthening grant from the United States Agency for International Development. The University receives money from AID and divides it among different groups based on research proposals.

"The projects prepare land grant universities to be in a better position to provide assistance to foreign countries," Johnson said. Texas A&M's projects focus on Latin America, he said.



## Fighting Fleas

Carter King, a first-year veterinary student at Texas A&M, dips "Brindle," a doberman, into a vat of insecticide Saturday to ward off the fleas. The dog-dip was sponsored by the first-year students to raise money to cover class expenses. Brindle is owned by Dr. Robert Calvert, a history professor at Texas A&M.

Photo by Dina Krumnow

## Vet school selects 137 for new class

One hundred thirty-seven persons, including 22 from Bryan-College Station, have been selected for the fall 1980 entering veterinary class at Texas A&M University.

The class will be the first to follow as a single group the new four-year program implemented last year. Only half the 1979-80 entering class is following the new program while the rest continues on the three-year system that had been in effect for 15 years.

The new class, chosen from almost 500 qualified applicants, includes 46 women.

Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine, the nation's largest, annually produces about 9 percent of the practitioners in the United States.

Selected to attend from Bryan-College Station were Marcus R. Alexander, Robert N. Ballinger, Wade F. Bradshaw, Robert L. Bush, Harold D. Clardy, Douglas S. Dawson, Lezlee H. Graham, Terry S. Hensley, Thomas R. Hoffstetter, Bradley C. Hoke and Marina R. Lara.

Also, Mary M. Leland, Marie H. Martin, Robert D. McCrady, Bill J. McGehee Jr., Joseph A. Mikeska, Cheryl A. Nazzal, Suzanne L. Schoener-Lozoya, Cheryl A. Schulz, Theodore R. Staph, Christina T. Warren and Janice C. Winters.

## Ninth added to Silver Taps

# Texas A&M student killed

A Texas A&M University graduate student killed Sunday in Galveston has become the ninth person to be added to the list for this fall's first Silver Taps ceremony, officials said.

Jeffrey H. Giles, a 37-year-old marine biology major working toward his doctorate degree, was killed while working as a night watchman at an apartment complex. Two Austin men have been charged with capital murder in the case.

Giles, from Houston, is the 21st student fatality of the current academic year at Texas A&M, an all-time high. Services for Giles were held Tuesday.

Silver Taps, the traditional service honoring currently enrolled Aggies who have died, is not held between Aggie Muster on April 21 and the beginning of fall classes. All students who die during that interim are included in a major ceremony during September.

The initial Silver Taps this fall is scheduled for Sept. 9 and will pay homage to one of the largest groups

ever honored at a single time. Besides Giles, the ceremony will pay tribute to Mark R. Dare of Houston, James M. Vanderwilt of Pasadena, Gehrig D. Feuge of Rankin, Jayson G. Harris of Hamilton, Kevin D. Hanlon of Saugus, Mass., Juan X. Riojas of Eagle Pass and Thomas H. Newman of New Braunfels and Antonio Cardona of Lamesa.

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