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Battalion Staff Some people laugh off roach probems. But roaches are not just varnints that are part of the woodwork, they should be dealt with. Roaches may live in the sewer

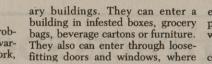
drain outside apartments. When they seek shelter, food or water, they run across the kitchen counter, through the silverware drawer, over the plates, and into the cereal.

But these pests aren't satisfied with the simple kitchen life. They'll also find their way into desk drawers, sampling postage stamps, bookbinding glue, paper and anything else they can find.

Yes, they even like the bathroom. where water ferments. Wherever the roach walks, it may be leaving lisease-causing organisms behind, said Dr. Ted Granovsky, project leader for urban pest management research at Texas A&M University. Many cases of nausea and diarrhea could be caused by an organism that a roach brought up from the sewer, he said. "Their guts are full of various dis-

eases that man picks up which may cause an imbalance of our bacterial load and we wind up getting sick, Granovsky said. "It's just a matter of the roach and the disease getting together and then the roach transnitting the disease from one locale to another

Although roaches prefer dirt, filth and grime, they will also infest sanit-



ary buildings. They can enter a electrical lines or water and steam building in infested boxes, grocery pipes pass through walls, in firewood, and through sewer lines. "Very possibly, with the lack of fitting doors and windows, where concern by most apartment owners

for proper pest control, the apart-ments that Texas A&M students live in could easily have four or five Although roach stomping may be a in could easily have four or five thousand roaches per apartment," Granovsky said. "It's basically the

good form of exercise, it is not an effective way to eliminate roaches. Roaches multiply too fast to combat on a one-to-one basis. One female German roach can have up to 35,300 offspring per year under the right conditions

Monthly spraying also will not do the trick, Granovsky said, people have to do something about the structural aspect of the building. He suggested using steel wool to seal the cracks where pipes go into walls in the kitchen or bathroom. He said this will help to eliminate roaches migrating from one apartment to another.

A mixture of half boric acid and half powdered sugar is also an effective way to prevent roaches. The mixture should be lightly dusted around base boards, in cracks and wall voids, under refrigerators and furniture, and around pipes and tunnels. This mixture works slower than most sprays, but is more effective because it lasts longer. Granovsky said for the extermina-

tion to be effective every apartment in the building should be sprayed at the same time.

"The roaches can smell the poison, and they'll run like hell to get out of there," he said. "After the smell goes away and the poison isn't active any longer, they'll come back and reinfest your apartment.

Variety show entries taken until Friday name will be placed on a plaque to be permanently displayed in the MSC. Students, faculty and staff are in The MSC All-University Variety

show is accepting applications until Feb. 13 in Room 216 of the Memorial Student Center. The variety show, scheduled for April 4, is designed to showcase the

best talent at Texas A&M Universi-

ty. A winner will be selected by a

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vited to enter the show and an entry fee of \$5.00 per act will be charged Categories of entertainment in clude music, drama and specialty Advisors will be available to help with any problems.

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United Press International RICHARDSON — Leslie Maack, II, was filled with the fear that overcomes a child who thinks she may be watching her mother die, yet she acted with the poise and skill of a professional

d into a class On Dec. 8 Leslie was awakened at 2 a.m. by her sister screaming, "Grandmother, she's not breathing!" days of test ite 1978 and Leslie's mother, Marilyn, had stopng his ruling ped breathing because of a ruptured blood vessel in her brain. written opin

Leslie's grandmother and sister icious cond apparently didn't know what to do but Leslie employed the cardiodegradation suffer within pulmonary resuscitation techniques she had learned at school only a week n the TDC: pte. "There pulmo she have before "W

"When I saw her at first, I was upset," Leslie, a sixth grader, said Monday. "At first I wasn't sure what ate's prisons ercrowded, to do and then something triggered when my sister said she wasn't breanedical care and poorly thing. I remembered my CPR. d prison sys checked her heartbeat and to see if al, and sai she was breathing and then gave her CPR. y interfered

the court t. ddn't get excited." The chest massage and mouth-to-

ed the prison but said they mouth breathing worked. Maack with the re was in a coma for two weeks but is recovering now in Richardson Medhad had a heart attack," Demerest said. "I had no idea what to do. If it hadn't been for that child and her an very, very grateful that she coolness, her mother would be dead

now Leslie administered CPR to her mother while her grandmother cal-led paramedics. After five minutes of watching, her sister Annette, 23, learned the technique and took over. Leslie then called her uncle and ran next door to ask for help from the two nurses who live there

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When the ambulance arrived, Leslie was waiting outside to show them the way. 'I was amazed," Demerest said. 'Leslie was sleeping so soundly,

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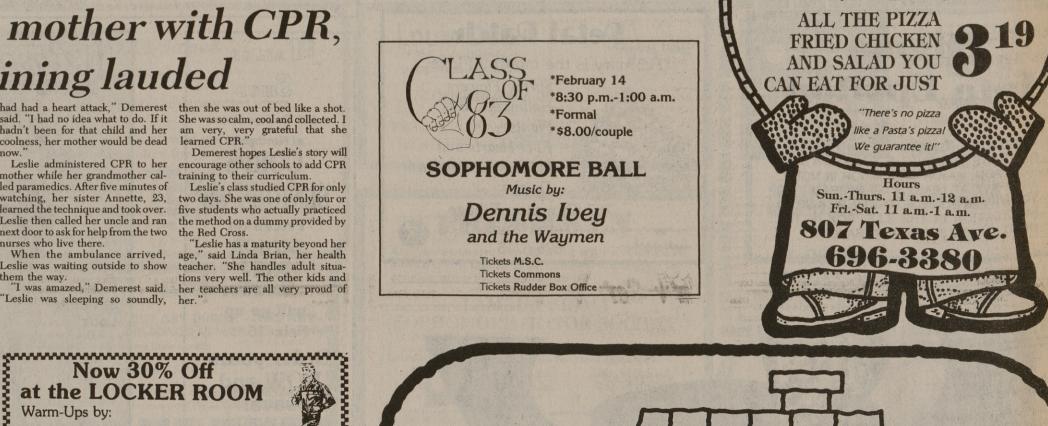
WINNING WAYS

learned CPR. Demerest hopes Leslie's story will

encourage other schools to add CPR training to their curriculum. Leslie's class studied CPR for only two days. She was one of only four or five students who actually practiced

the method on a dummy provided by the Red Cross. Leslie has a maturity beyond her age," said Linda Brian, her health teacher. "She handles adult situa-

tions very well. The other kids and her teachers are all very proud of her



Mrs. Claude Demerest, wanted to keep the feat secret until it appeared Maack was safe. "When I saw my daughter on the oor, I thought she was in a faint or

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