

# Local

## A&M student garners awards in horse competition

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Texas A&M University student  
Cara Campbell, riding her sister's

horse, Forget Not (Chunky), recently won the 1980 Champion First Level Basic Dressage from the Texas Hunter and Jumper

Association. Campbell, a junior biomedical science major, competed in dressage shows against more than 40 Texas contestants throughout the year to amass the highest percent score on her level.

Dressage is horsemanship in which the movements of the rider and the horse are harmonious, Campbell said.

Dressage develops the horse's physique and his ability to be obedient, calm and flexible.

This riding style developed in Europe.

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black hunting coat and her blonde hair pinned up under a black hunting cap to participate.

The dressage test, a pattern of 15 to 20 separate moves, begins when the rider trots the horse into the arena and stops, taking the reins in one hand and letting the other arm drop to the side. The rider then bows to the judge, Campbell said.

Each horse is entered at his level of ability, Campbell said, and is judged on each movement in the five-minute test.

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Campbell has been training Chunky for three years.

Chunky first had to learn to relax while performing at a walk, trot and a canter, Campbell said. The horse's whole body must bend through the spine.

Chunky then learned to respond to leg signals, Campbell said. Most cues are given with the legs, not the hands.

Campbell said she has ridden many horses, but none of them were as talented as Chunky.

The Clydesdale-thoroughbred gelding was bred and is owned by her sister, Campbell said. Campbell brought Chunky to Texas A&M with her during her sophomore year.

Campbell, 20, has been riding and taking lessons since she was 7. She began dressage when she was 16.

Although dressage requires a lot of time and money, Campbell plans to continue her hobby, she said.

"There is no money involved in dressage competition, but I get pleasure from training a horse to compete and it's a personal challenge," Campbell said.

Campbell, who wants to become a veterinarian, goes to Equestrian Park daily to work with Chunky.

Campbell said, "Rather than waste two hours a day watching television I'm doing something I like and the horse gets something out of it."

Campbell spends those hours six days a week at the stable work-

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ing and training Chunky. Monday is Chunky's day off, Campbell said.

Campbell said she participates in 10 to 15 shows yearly.

Chunky's expenses are about a \$40 per month feed bill, veterinary bills and a \$50 a month boarding fee, which she works in the summer to pay for.



Photo by Wang Berber

Cara Campbell clears a jump on Chunky, a 5-year-old Clydesdale thoroughbred at Equestrian Park stables. They won first place for dressage riding in the Texas Hunter and Jumper Association competition.

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"We (in student activities) will the person's name and address," Bergen said, "and then we schedule a time, place and manner which the person can present particular information."

Bergen said that an unregistered speaker on campus would be asked to leave.

"The unopposed evangelist (George "Jed" Spock) who spoke outside the Memorial Student Center last week didn't register until after he arrived," Bergen said, "but we went ahead and scheduled him a time and place to talk which wouldn't disrupt classes or cause other problems."

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