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# Curb cuts are for wheelchairs

By RACHEL BOSTWICK  
Battalion Reporter

Alpha Phi Omega is trying to make students aware of what curb cuts in the campus sidewalks are designed for—wheelchairs, not bicycles or motorcycles.

To do this, APO will be painting a handicap emblem on Texas A&M University campus sidewalk ramps March 29.

Dr. Charles Powell, coordinator of veterans affairs and activities for the handicapped, asked the Texas A&M service organization for help.

"It's something that needs to be done," Powell said. "You'll find as many people with bicycles who believe curb cuts were put there for them, as there are those who know the cuts are for the handicapped."

Usage of the curb cuts by bicycles is not a problem, Powell said. What is a problem, he said, are bicycles and motorcycles parked in front of the curb cuts and building entrances. Wheelchair students can't go up ramps or inside buildings.

"People need to be considered if a wheelchair student comes to a curb cut," Powell said.



Powell said the emblems are designed to let people know

what the ramps are for. Powell said he talked to Gene Ray, director of grounds

maintenance, about the project, and he agreed to furnish paint and stencils if the labor was provided. Having an advised APO for several years, Powell said he knew the organization was always looking for projects, so he asked APO for help.

Sharon Cox, assistant chairman of the APO service committee, said the organization hopes to get the project finished in one day, depending on how fast the members work, location of all the curb cuts and the weather.

Powell said the University meets the requirements set down in section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act. This section says that no handicapped person can be excluded from the participation in or benefits of any program or activity receiving federal money. Powell said they plan to take this one step further by painting the emblems on the ramps.

Powell said that the University has over 200 handicapped students, 14 of these are students in wheelchairs.

# Prof tells of energy savers

By KAREN KALEY  
Battalion Reporter

Passive solar design can be built into new homes, and energy-saving features can be added to existing homes, a professor of architecture and building said Monday night.

Larry Degelman spoke at the solar energy seminar sponsored by the Texas Energy Extension Service.

He said that a passive solar heating or cooling system uses natural thermal energy flow in which no mechanical help is needed.

Degelman discussed five types of passive solar design—direct gain, greenhouse, thermal storage, roof pond and convective loop.

A variation of the direct gain design would work best for the Bryan-College Station area, he said.

The direct gain design uses a combination of glass and mass to get its solar energy, Degelman said. The south wall of the house must have glass paneling to allow light and heat access to the energy storing mass, he said. Heat is stored in heavy floors and walls, the mass.

"The heat is intercepted temporarily until the vents are opened and the air allowed to move through the house," he said.

Humidity can cause cooling problems in the southern part of the country, he said. Research is now being done to find a way to efficiently cool a home with solar energy, he added.

"I think the solution here in College Station is shade," Degelman said. "As long as we have this

humidity problem, we will probably have air conditioning." Passive solar energy designs are difficult to add to existing homes, Degelman said. But adding certain features can cut the cost of energy, he said. Extra insulation, shades, blinds or added screens can help lower energy costs, he said.

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# Environmental club meets tonight

By FRANK L. CHRISTLIEB  
Battalion Reporter

The Environmental Awareness and Action Club, formed earlier this semester by graduate students who wanted to stimulate environmental interest locally, will meet tonight at 7:30 in Room C11 of the Langford Architecture Center.

Julie Marcy, a graduate student in environmental interpretation, is one of the students who helped create the club. She said that even though the club is open to all people, it has attracted only a small number of graduate students so far.

Marcy said organizers of the club are trying to stir up interest

among students of different majors to give the club a broad spectrum of interests.

The club is planning different activities which include:

- community education and publications concerning the environment;

- a cleanup program and workshop associated with Earth Day, a national effort to make people aware of their environment;

- the formation of a recycling information center;

- presentation of guest speakers at club meetings;

- polling of the campus and community to determine levels of environmental awareness.

In the process of carrying out these projects, the club may be involved with environmental agencies such as the National Wildlife Federation, Sierra Club, Audubon Society and Cousteau

Society. However, the club will not be officially affiliated with any of these organizations.

Marcy said the club has held three meetings in Langford C11. Since the club is new and is still trying to attract members, dues for joining have not been set.

Tonight's meeting will feature a presentation by Professor George Knox, chairman of the Scientific Commission for Antarctic Research (SCAR). SCAR is a non-governmental international body that primarily monitors Antarctic marine research throughout the world.

Knox, who teaches at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand, is traveling to universities to talk to people who are doing Antarctic research.

He will speak on "Conservation and Exploration of Antarctic

Marine Living Resources" about 30 minutes after the start of the meeting tonight.

# Battalion officers chosen

Battalion and group commanders for next year will be:

First Battalion — Timothy Beary, an animal science major from De Leon.

Second Battalion — Norris Hodgins, an animal science major from Tilden.

Third Battalion — Roy Brock, a wildlife biology major from San Antonio.

Fourth Battalion — James Thatcher, an agricultural economics major from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Fifth Battalion — Robert Hughes, an earth science major from El Paso.

Sixth Battalion — Robert Marshall, a mechanical engineering major from Washington, D.C.

First Group — Arthur Pregler, an environmental design major from Kerrville.

Second Group — Ronald Laughbaum, a management major from Houston.

Third Group — James Nally, a petroleum engineering major from San Antonio.

Artillery Band — Kenneth LePori, an agricultural economics major from Gonzales.

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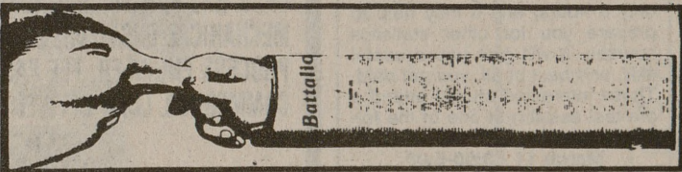
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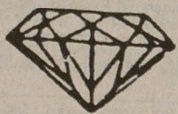
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