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\$85,000 still needed

Shelter benefit planned

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A chili cook-off, a radio "shelterthon," a petting zoo, and a kissing booth are planned to raise \$85,000 for an animal shelter for Brazos County.

On April 4-5, the Humane Society of Brazos County, in a joint effort with Krueger Hall, will try to raise the remaining \$85,000 for an animal shelter they have been planning for six years.

About half of the \$160,000 estimated cost of the shelter has been pledged, with \$30,000 coming from Bryan, \$25,000 from College Station, \$15,000 from the Humane Society and \$5,000 from Brazos County.

For Texas A&M University, Krueger Hall will hold its first annual charity chili cook-off April 5.

"Every year our dorm chooses a charitable organization to support," Kristy Wright, chairman of the cook-off, said. "We chose the Humane Society this year because it is a local organization, thus we would be able to see our results."

The cook-off is to be held on the grounds behind the Texas Hall of Fame on FM 2818 in Bryan. A \$10 entry fee is required for each team and must be turned in to the Commons reception desk by March 26.

Cooking will begin at 5 a.m. with judging at 3 p.m. There will be a total of 20 trophies offered — 10 for the best chili recipes and the others for the best showmanship.

"People have been hearing about an animal shelter for years and now it's almost a reality," said Patti Mercer, a member of the board of directors for the shelter.

The shelter is to be jointly-owned by Bryan, College Station and Brazos County with the Humane Society managing it under contract. Major plans for the shelter include separate kennels, a puppy area and a cat area. It will also include a classroom and library for the educational programs.

A radio "shelterthon," similar to a telethon, on station WTAW-92 FM will kick off the weekend at 9 a.m. Volunteers will be taking pledges on the phone until 6 p.m.

"We are also looking for pledges for labor, building materials, furniture — whatever a person can pledge — to help cut down on the cost," Mercer said.

WTAW will also have a mobile unit set up at the Manor East Mall, where there will be other attractions. Children will be able to enjoy a petting zoo, while there will be a kissing booth for the older crowd.

"We are hoping people will come to see the attractions and support our cause," Mercer said. "We've got advertisements in Snook, Navasota and Kurten," Wright said. "We want the whole community involved, not just the dorms."

Mercer said, "People aren't going to know about overpopulation and abuse of animals unless they are told. This is what our programs will do."

The shelter will help rabies control with a quarantine program and animal overpopulation with spay and neuter programs.

Mercer expresses optimism on the possibility of the shelter being completed in September.

CARP reverend examines Bible

By DICK SIMMONS JR.
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Those who take the Bible literally must be blind, the Rev. Doris Orme of the Unification movement said March 13 at a meeting of the Collegiate Association for Research of Philosophy (C.A.R.P.) in College Station.

"They were not perfect people who wrote the Bible," she said.

Orme is traveling across the United States for the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity. She speaks about her faith and the path that led her to the Unification movement.

"Reverend Moon is shedding light," the British citizen said. "His 'Divine Principle' is a revelation of God."

The 'Divine Principle' is Rev. Sun Myung Moon's interpretation of the Christian Bible written in the 1950s on which the Unification Church's movement is based.

Orme is also called a prophetess by some in the movement because of the dreams and visions she said she has experienced.

"We are living in a time when God is preparing us to receive his son on Earth," she said. "I saw Jesus many times a day, and then I

saw Sun Myung Moon walking with him."

When she was introduced to the movement in 1960, Orme said she

came to understand "the world will be united under the fatherhood of God."

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Researchers study effects of high pressure on drugs

By WAYNE COOK
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Texas A&M University researchers have begun a two-year study on drug changes in the body when used under high pressure.

The researchers cite a need for better emergency care of professional divers hurt on the job and a growing trend to use high-pressure chambers in treating some illnesses as reasons for the study.

"It was recognized by medical doctors that drugs don't act the same when used under high pressure," said veterinary physiologist and pharmacologist Dr. David R. Gross, one of the researchers.

Aspirin, the pain killer meperidine (Demerol), the heart treatment drug lidocaine, several barbiturate anesthetics, and aminophylline, a drug used to treat asthma, will be studied. Five plasma expanders used in treating hemorrhagic shock and decompression sickness will also be tested.

The tests will be done on labor-

atory animals, Gross said, at pressures ranging from normal to six atmospheres — the equivalent of an undersea dive of 165 feet. Dogs are being used in the tests.

"We are interested in the pharmacokinetics, that is the volume of distribution and elimination of the drugs from the body," Gross said. He said measuring differences in the drugs' distribution and elimination could allow scientists to predict needed changes in dosages.

The experiments will be conducted at Texas A&M's hyperbaric laboratories under the direction of Dr. William Fife, acting head of the biology program and a pioneer in the use of high-pressure chambers in medical treatments.

The study is funded by a \$211,805 grant from the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, a part of the National Institute of Health. Another \$21,000 was received from the University for equipment.

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