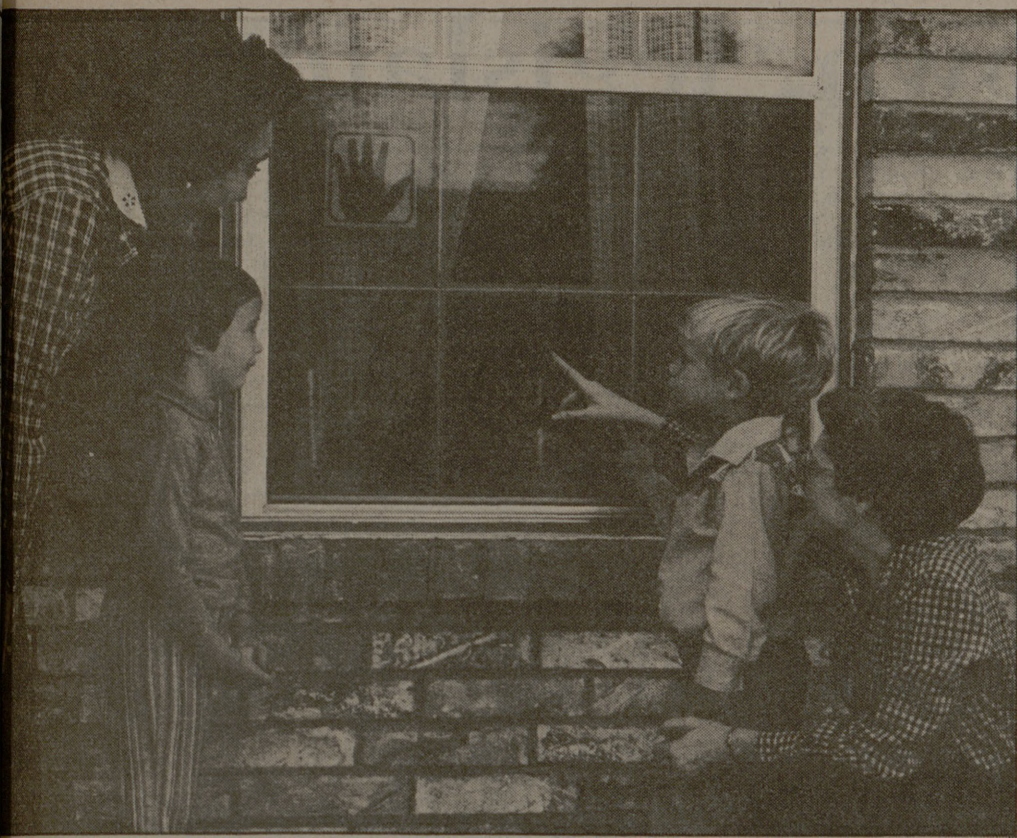


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Staff photo by Colin Valentine

Carl Bussell, left, and Mrs. Kirby Smith, Betsy and Kevin. The hands identify homes where children can get help if in trouble.

Young get Helping Hands from local organization

By EDDIE ELMS
Battalion Reporter
Elementary and high school children who might feel unsafe traveling to and from school find help at homes displaying a pair of red and white hands. Civic organizations in many communities provide this shelter for students through a program called Helping Hands. The program "grew out of a need to provide something for the children," Marge Haislet, principal of Ross Elementary School, said. The need for the program arose from the crime wave on the upswing in the area, she said. The Helping Hands program is a method of identifying people who will help children if they have a problem, said Danny Stribbling, College Station Independent School District official. These people are volunteers who live close to a school and are home when children go to school in the morning and when they come home after school. The volunteers, usually parents, sign up through the school or sponsoring organization. Each volunteer must have two references. Screening of the volunteers is done by the civic group — usually a parent organization — sponsor-

ing the program. The screening is done to make sure that it is safe for the children to go to the volunteer's door, Stribbling said. At school, the teachers stress that a house marked by the helping hands is a safe place. The children are encouraged to go the house if they are sick, lost, chased by a dog or followed by a stranger. If they can scream or run, they can get to someone for help, because people throughout the neighborhood are participating in the program, Haislet said. In Victoria, where the Helping Hands program is used at all public schools, a kidnapping hasn't occurred in three years. Bobbie Guinn, president of the Victoria Safety Council, said that before the program began, a kidnapping occurred about once a year. The program also has served as a crime preventive measure, she said. "The hands in the window band neighborhoods together and act as a deterrent to crime," she said. "It makes people aware of each other."

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A&M team horses around

BY LAURA LARSON
The five-member Texas A&M Horse Judging Team placed first in the performance division of the All-American Quarter Horse Congress judging contest Monday in Columbus, Ohio. The team ranked sixth out of 27 intercollegiate teams in the overall contest. Tim Potter, a junior animal science major from College Station, was the top individual winner in the performance division. Each team member was required to judge six halter and four performance classes, then defend their placings on five of the classes

overall. Each class consisted of four horses which the students ranked from most to least desirable. In halter classes, each horse was presented by moving the animals with a lead rope. Working ability under a saddle was demonstrated in performance classes. Team members explained their rankings of a specific class under a two-minute time limit in the defense competition. "The performance division of the contest was exceptional," Dr. Gary Potter, the team coach, said.

"Our students had an excellent opportunity to demonstrate their ability. I have had students who were afraid to talk to me before their judging team work. I believe that teaching students to back their decisions with oral reasons has significant impact on their self-confidence."

Team members Potter, Scott Bagley, Jane Brueggstrass, David Holsford and Molly Petersen — all animal science majors. They will also enter the International Arabian Judging Con-

test in Albuquerque, N.M., Friday. The same format will be used for that competition. Potter, Bagley, Holsford, Petersen and six other Aggies will represent Texas A&M in the judging contest at the World Championship Quarter Horse Show in Oklahoma City, Nov. 20. Brueggstrass competed last year and therefore is ineligible this year. To become a member of the horse judging team, students must enroll in animal science 316 in the spring and attend judging practices the following fall.

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