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Oldster living on the road again

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HOUSTON — Since 1887, William Casey Jones has been on the road. His driver's license from Washington state lists his birthday at April 5, 1872, making him the oldest active driver in the country at 109.

Jones travels in an old, battered mobile home, visiting senior citizens and college and high school students. Originally from St. Paul, Minn., Jones moved to

Georgia as a child before hitting the road alone. He has visited all 48 of the contiguous United States and has been a jack-of-all-trades.

Jones spoke Sunday with residents of the Saint Dominic Retirement Center. His blue eyes shone and his voice crackled with emotion as he took the audience on a brief journey through his life.

After a heart attack in 1959, Jones said his doctor told him to live quietly.

"If I had, I probably would have died in six months," he said. "Now my doctor tells me my active life is what keeps me going. And I'm going to continue traveling until I die."

Pointing to his head, Jones said: "Life is all up here. If you make up your mind you're not going to die, you won't."

He tells anyone who will listen that worrying can kill a person: "It killed my wife. She worried

about every little thing. If I was 15 minutes late getting home, she'd call the police."

He married in 1922 at age 50 and remained married until his wife died several years ago.

Jones lives on stipends from his audiences, eats only vegetables and parks his mobile home in lots at night.

Jones has written a book, which he expects to be published this

spring and said there is a possibility a television movie will be produced about him.

The book will be published by a Portland, Ore., firm and the script for the movie may be developed by the publisher. Jones said he will give the money he makes on the book or movie to charity after he buys a new mobile home.

"I don't want to add no more to what the government gets already," he said. "All Uncle Sam would do is take it away from where it is needed and send it to some foreigner."

With his will written and lodged above the sun visor in his mobile home, Jones continues his cross-country travels. When he dies, Jones said he wants to be buried beside his wife in Tacoma.

Group offers guidance in theology

By ELI JONES
Battalion Reporter

Texas A&M's Pre-Theological Society has had difficulty in attracting members because some students consider it to be a denominational organization, the society's president says.

Club President Curt Collier, a junior philosophy major, said: "We are a pre-professional society offering academic counseling to undergraduate and graduate students considering careers in ministry, chaplaincy, religious education or theological training."

Collier said other religious organizations on campus are biased to specific denominations. "That is not our purpose," he said. "We are a non-

denominational organization. We present to Texas A&M students programs designed to meet the needs of those considering further graduate studies in theological training — regardless of religious sect."

Theologians study the nature of God and religion. Studies also entail the sociological and psychological effects of religion on man. Collier said the group is interested in the philosophical approach to theology.

"We do in-depth studies on the questions that theology asks, such as, 'Who is God?' and 'What is the nature of evil?'" he said.

The society's main purposes are to boost academics at the University and to inform incoming freshmen about theology, he said. It sponsors programs dealing with religion and academic theology. Members listen to religious speakers and philosophers and take tours and trips of theological schools and seminaries.

"It allows a lot of students who are undecided about a career to have an access to religious studies," Collier said.

The Pre-Theological Society, open to all students, was organized three years ago with nine members, and now has 45.

"The College of Liberal Arts suggested the society to keep students interested in the studies of religion and theology," Collier said.

"We have had a hard time with our image, because Texas A&M is such a conservative school, and most students don't have a background in any theology."

Most people only have a Sunday school view of religion — no experience in higher criticism of the Bible, Collier said.

"We have many people with different religious preferences in our organization," he said.

Dracula's guise turns into reality

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CLEVELAND — A 23-year-old man, trying to give his Dracula costume a realistic touch, accidentally stabbed himself to death.

Police in suburban Parma said Ernest Pesek was dressing for a Halloween party Saturday and had applied white makeup to his face and fake blood to his body. To make it appear he had a knife stuck in him, he apparently placed a board under his shirt and drove a knife into it, police said.

"The idea was to take the dagger and stick it into the wood," police spokesman Hank Gabriel said. "We surmise that he had taken a hammer and tried to penetrate the board and it split, or he already had the knife in the board and he tripped and fell."

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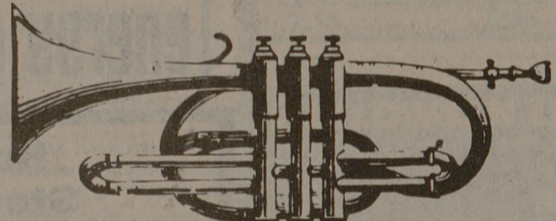
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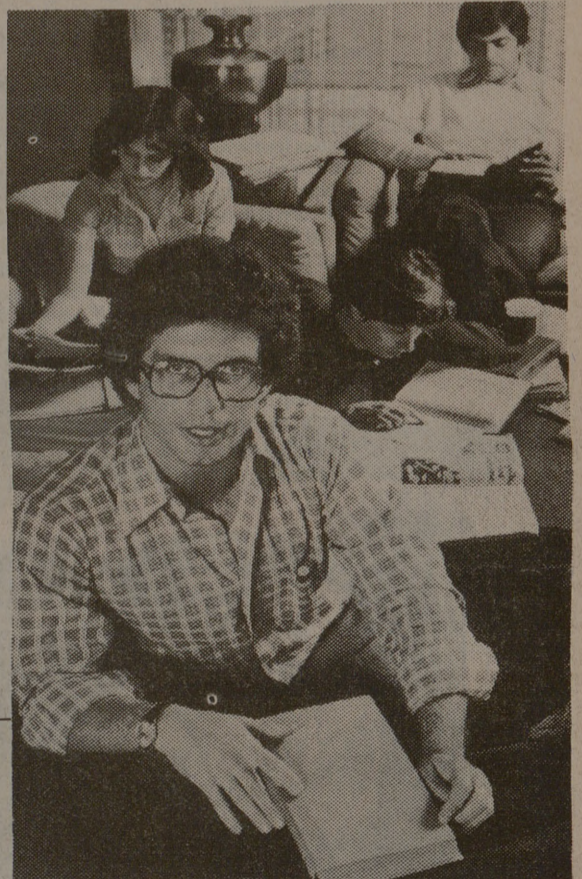
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