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Study shows man as predator



Staff photo by Colin Valentine

Dr. D. Gentry Steele, an associate professor of anthropology, discusses the predatory nature of man at the University Lecture Series yesterday afternoon.

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Man as a predator is a relatively new view, but one which Dr. D. Gentry Steele would like to have established.

Steele, an anthropology professor at Texas A&M University, has studied human prey relationships on Banks Island in the northwestern territory of Canada. He presented his work at the Anthropology Lecture Series Monday.

On Banks Island during the late 1800s, Copper Eskimos wiped out the herds of musk oxen that lived in the open, arctic environment, Steele said.

"We were trying to find out whether the Eskimos were harvesting the herds (killing specific animals such as strictly older animals, while letting the young go) or just killing the musk oxen

randomly," he said.

After examining archaeological sites where several oxen were mass-killed, and finding no evidence of harvesting by the Eskimos, Steele said this pattern fit into the prey relationship of man.

Steele said killing could be done in various ways:

— single hunter hunting single game

— several hunters (communal) hunting single game

— communal groups hunting mass game (mass kill)

However, he said, only three animals working in communal groups — African lions, killer whales and man — mass kill other large groups of animals.

"These three mammals are the biggest predators," he said. "Man as a group is the largest single predator."

Waste facility study approved

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A short-range study to determine if the Bryan-College Station area is capable of supporting a solid waste recovery facility was approved by the College Station City Council in a special meeting Monday.

The study, if also approved by Bryan and Texas A&M University, will be conducted by the Sanders and Thomas consulting engineering firm, City Manager North Bardell said.

The firm will determine if the Bryan-College Station area generates enough garbage to supply a recovery facility, which would probably require 150 to 200 tons of garbage a day

to produce steam for an industrial market.

It would take Bryan, College Station and the University to generate this much waste.

The study will also determine if there is a viable industrial market, he said.

One market is assured, however, because the University plans to use the steam to cool and heat buildings on the west campus, Bardell said. The University market alone, however, will not make the facility economically feasible, he said.

If another industrial market exists, potential sites for the facility and the costs to run the facility would be determined by the firm, Bardell said.

SG canvass focuses on University issues

By NANCY FLOECK
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Opinions may vary at Texas A&M University, but students who answered Student Government's Campus Canvass seem to agree on most campus controversies.

The following are the results of an informal survey, which Student Government members say was intended to be reflections of constituent work, not statistically accurate measures of student opinion.

Should fraternities and sororities be recognized by the University?

More students expressed feelings against individual recognition of fraternities and fraternities than against recognition of the Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council, who represent these organizations.

A total of 3,472 students responded to the question about individual recognition of fraternities and sororities:

Against individual recognition — 2,757 or 79.4 percent

For individual recognition — 333 or 15.4 percent

Undecided — 182 or 5.2 percent

The question asking whether the Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council should be recognized brought 3,437 responses:

Against council recognition: 2,449 or 71.2 percent

For council recognition: 776 or 22.6 percent

Undecided: 212 or 6.2 percent

Lilli Dollinger, public relations director for Student Government, said anti-Greek sentiment was stronger on-campus, although off-campus students also expressed

feelings against Greek recognition.

Should Student Government work for faster installation of MCI?

This question also said that rates for phone bills over \$25 are usually 20 percent to 40 percent lower with MCI than with CTE.

A total of 3,448 students responded:

For faster installation of the independent, long-distance telephone service — 3,181 or 92.3 percent

Against faster installation — 218 or 6.3 percent

Undecided — 49 or 1.4 percent

Dollinger said the main purpose of this question was to discover how many students had phone bills more than \$25. She said the survey showed that students without high phone bills are also interested in the system.

Should exams require additional class hours?

Most of the 3,467 students who responded to this question said tests shouldn't require additional class hours, namely night exams:

For — 866 or 25 percent

Against — 2,511 or 72.4 percent

Undecided — 90 or 2.6 percent

Dollinger said although the majority was against the exams, student senators discovered that business majors who responded to the poll are not as opposed to night exams as other students.

She said the poll also showed that some professors were giving unauthorized night exams. Vice President for Academic Affairs John M. Prescott has since sent out memos saying night exams may not be given without his permission.

Should the user fee concept be continued?

This question covered the three major services now charging user fees — intramurals, shuttle buses and A.P. Beutel Health Center prescriptions.

A total of 3,417 students responded on intramurals user fees:

For intramural user fees — 3,013 or 88.2 percent

Against intramural user fees — 385 or 11.3 percent

Undecided — 19 or .56 percent

On the shuttle bus question, 3,438 responded:

For shuttle bus user fees — 2,955 or 86 percent

Against shuttle bus user fees — 469 or 13.6 percent

Undecided — 14 or 0.41 percent

A total of 3,466 students responded on charging for health center prescriptions:

For — 2,979 or 85.9 percent

Against — 469 or 13.5 percent

Undecided — 18 or 0.52 percent

Dollinger said students overwhelmingly favored payment of services by those students receiving them.

How many times a semester would students use an airline service that flies from Easterwood Field to major Southwest cities?

Nine hundred twenty students indicated the cities they would fly to:

Houston — 412 or 44.8 percent

Dallas — 262 or 28.5 percent

Austin — 32 or 3.5 percent

San Antonio — 74 or 8 percent

Other cities — 140 or 15.2 percent

Dollinger said the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce is doing a professional survey on the airline service.

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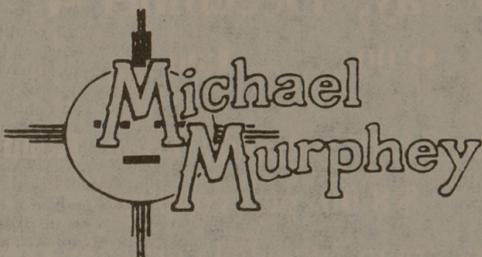
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