

## Training horses prof's 'first love'

by Cathy Anderson  
Battalion Reporter

Training horses may seem like a hobby, but for Charley Palmer, an assistant professor at Texas A&M University, it's a way of life.

Every weekday morning Palmer, assistant professor of vocational instructional services in the Department of Agriculture Education, develops and illustrates instructional materials for secondary and post-secondary vocational agriculture teachers in Texas. But when noon rolls around he heads to his 65-acre ranch on FM Road 2776.

"A lot of my colleagues don't understand why anyone with a doctorate degree would want to train horses," said Palmer. "I think people should do more of the things they want to do and my first love is working with horses."

Palmer has been training quarter horses since 1975.

"There is a lot more security working for the University, but I plan to be running the operation full-time by September," he said.

The regular training staff

consists of his wife Nancy; Melissa Smith, a senior animal science major; Jim Johnson, a freshman petroleum engineering major; and Robert White, a co-op agriculture student at Bryan High School.

"There is a waiting list of people wanting horses trained, he said, and customers have been the only source of advertisement."

"I guess we're doing something right as we have maintained a full barn for the last two years," Palmer said. The operation never handles more than 20 colts, so equal time can be given to each.

"I don't think a trainer can take more than 20 and do a good job," he said.

Most of the stalls have runs or exercise pens outside to allow the horses freedom to relax, Palmer said.

"The most critical part in getting the maximum performance from a horse is keeping them mentally right," he said.

"I think our business is built on honesty and our main goal is to make money for the horse owners."



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Dr. Charley Palmer, front, assistant professor of vocational instructional services in the Agricultural Education

Department, and Robert White, a senior at Bryan High School, trot two horses around in front of Palmer's stable.



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Dr. William R. Fife has been named interim associate vice president for academic affairs at Texas A&M University. Dr. Charles E. McCandless has been named.

Fife, a professor of biology who has held numerous administrative positions in the College of Science since coming to Texas A&M in 1966, will serve on an interim basis in the position formerly held by Dr. McCandless.

McCandless was named interim vice president for academic affairs Jan. 1 when Dr. J. M. Prescott relinquished the post to temporarily resume his research career at Harvard Medical School before assuming the position of director of Texas A&M's Institute of Occupational and Environmental Medicine in the College of Medicine.

Dr. Jack P. Friedman of the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M University has been awarded the Senior Real Property Appraiser designation by the Board of Governors of the International Society of Real Estate Appraisers.

The SRPA designation must be recertified every five years and members must fulfill extensive continuing education requirements to qualify for recertification.

Friedman earned the SRPA designation through a program of professional training covering the appraisal of both re-

sidential and income real estate.

The Society of Real Estate Appraisers, headquartered in Chicago, is the largest independent association of professional real estate appraisers and analysts in North America. The society has more than 19,000 members.

Retired Marine Corps Lt. Col. Munson R. Snedeker has been awarded a meritorious service medal for outstanding service as executive officer of the Naval Reserve Officers Training corps Unit at Texas A&M University.

Snedeker was executive officer of the NROTC program from Sept. 1979 through Oct. 1981. He also served as an advisor to the Texas Aggie Band.

Snedeker is employed as a construction inspector in the Facilities Planning and Construction Department at Texas A&M.

Col. Donald L. Moore, a communications and computer resources expert assigned to the headquarters of the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., has been nominated by President Ronald Reagan for appointment to the rank of brigadier general in the Air Force.

Moore, a graduate of Texas A&M and a resident of College Station, is NORAD assistant deputy chief of staff for Communications, Electronics and Computer Resources.

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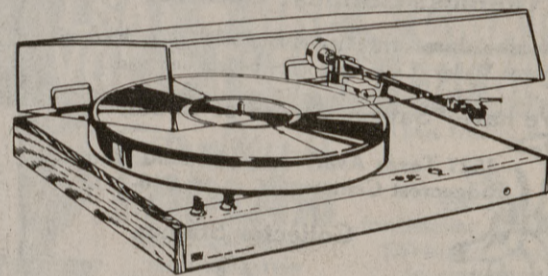
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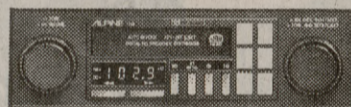
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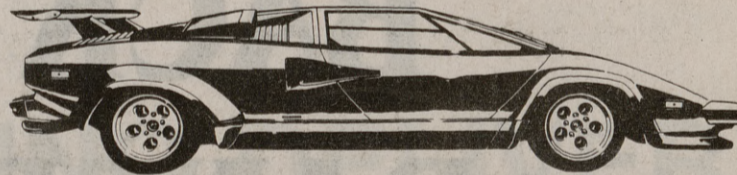
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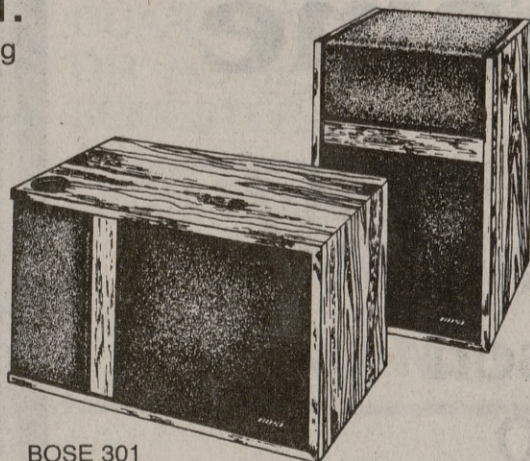


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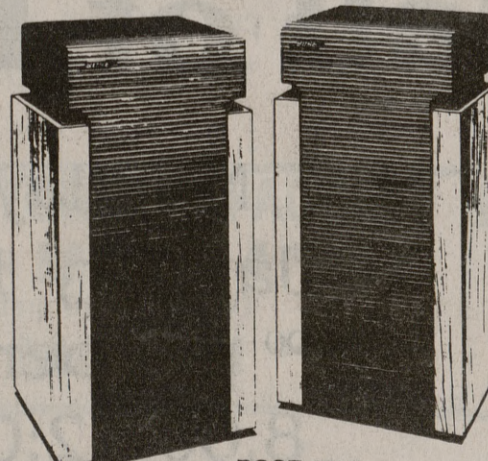
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