

Adoption group fights for teenager's daughter

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FORT WORTH — About 20 members of an adoption rights group demonstrated outside the Edna Gladney Home to protest the plight of a New York teenager who says she was pressured into giving up her baby.
 Pat Cora, a member of Searchline, said about 20 demonstrators picketed the home for about three hours Saturday.
 The group which helps reunite adoptees with their natural parents staged the protest to call attention to the plight of Barbara Landy, 19, of Bronx, N.Y.

The young woman has petitioned 324th State District Court Judge Brian Carper to nullify papers she signed Feb. 14 terminating her parental rights to a baby girl born four days earlier.
 No court date has been set for a hearing on Landy's request. She has refused to leave the home until she gets her baby back.
 Landy says the operators of the home never told her she could keep her child. But counselors and others at the home say both pros and cons of adoption are presented and the final decision is left to the mother.
 The protestors said they will demonstrate periodically until the teenager gets her child back.

"What we are fighting for is Barbara Landy and to change the adoption laws in Texas," Cora said. "There is no cooling-off period, a period to change your mind about an adoption in Texas."
 "If you buy a car or anything in Texas, you have a period to change your mind, but in Texas, once you make the decision to give up your baby, it's irrevocable," she said.
 Searchline members said they feel the Edna Gladney Home exploits unwed mothers.

Bookstore changes set for summer

By LEIGH FORREST Reporter

The lower level of the Texas A&M Bookstore will look different next fall when students return to buy their textbooks.
 When they walk down the stairs, the students will see an extension of the bookstore into the hallway between the entry and games area. From there, the bookstore will extend out to what is now the outside picnic area.
 This new area will be used solely for trade books and reference books, leaving the existing store for textbooks only. The new trade book store can be kept open even if the textbook department is closed.
 Other changes include adding two cash registers, installing new carpet, moving all 16 registers closer to the exit, a new customer service desk and replacing the present 4-

foot high bookshelves with 5-foot ones to provide 20 percent more shelving area.
 The renovation is the second phase of a three-part plan to be completed in five years. Howard L. Dehart, retail store manager, says the plan began in 1981 with the remodeling of the upper level bookstore and will end about 1986 with the automation of most bookstore operations.
 "We're trying to create something that's never been created before," Dehart said. "When this five year plan is over, I think we'll have the best bookstore in the southwest."
 The renovation office began February 15, Dehart said, but actual work will begin until summer when the majority of the students have gone. Dehart, retail store manager, says the work should be completed in 120 days without interruptions in daily sales schedules.

ALIS helps with library work

By BETH HRDLICKA Reporter

If you are having trouble finding an author or title reference in the card catalog at the Sterling C. Evans library, go ask ALIS.
 ALIS is a new computer system to which the library is converting that will eventually replace the card catalogs.
 Leila Payne, who is overseeing the project, said there are two immediate benefits of the new system.

First, the system provides more room for book references. The card catalogs are full, and as the library gets more books there isn't room for additional references.
 Second, the system allows students to search references faster and more extensively. Students will be able to look at partial references or long entries, such as bibliographies.

A long-range benefit the system will provide is the availability of campus wide use. Payne said she hopes different departments, offices and dorms will have terminals that will enable them to dial in and see if the library has a book they need.
 Switching from the card catalogs to ALIS is a stair-step operation. The complete conversion, a total switch with the card catalogs as back-up only, will take several years.
 ALIS currently handles only author and title references. Subject references contain so much information that the system is not equipped for such a big load so those references will stay in the card catalogs, Payne said.
 However, within the next two years subject references and print-out machines are going to be added, she said.

Three terminals are available to students, but between May and September there should be 20 terminals available on different floors for library use, Payne said.
 The terminals have simple keyboard, similar typewriter with a few extra keys and are fairly easy to use. There are instructions posted at the terminals, and reference desk assistants are available to help students with problems.
 ALIS is basically "proof." If one student makes a mistake it doesn't cause the tire system to malfunction. However, if the system goes down there is microfilm cards for back up use, Payne said.
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Program helps professional supplement their knowledge

By Suzy Fisk Reporter

The Office of Continuing Education is the middleman for joining the colleges of Texas A&M with professionals who want to broaden their specific field of business.

Continuing education is a postgraduate, non-academic credit program, says Dr. Lee Phillips, Director of Continuing Education. The programs are offered to meet the needs of those who want to upgrade their knowledge of particular field, Phillips says.

Continuing education programs are attended by more than 50,000 people a year. The program can last from one to three days, although some programs last up to three weeks, and the programs are attended by 10 to 800 people. The programs with 800 participants usually are workshop-type programs.
 Some of the colleges that give the programs are engineering, medicine, veterinary medicine and business administration. The programs and workshops are taught by professors and doctors within their specific college. Each college designs its program any way it sees fit to meet the needs of the professionals enrolled in the program.
 "The colleges are the focal point for the programs," Phillips says. The law requires the programs to be self-supporting, which means that people participating in the programs pay a fee or their company does. The office of continuing education answers inquiries about the programs and passes information to the colleges about setting up various programs. The service is decentralized to make it easier and less complicated for the continuing education office. Each college is responsible for the amount of work it wants to do, Phillips says.
 "We tend to work with our colleagues on the needs of the people and programs," Phillips and his colleagues in Houston, San Antonio, Austin and Dallas to tell the public about the availability of the programs at Texas A&M.
 Continuing education is an important part of the university, Phillips said, because it brings people from the campus and gets them into the community.
 They are citizens," Phillips said, "working closely with the cause of its positive attitude the service of continuing education and the university."
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Seventeen magazine looking for a 'special' cover model

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NEW YORK — A magazine for teenage girls is looking for a special cover model for its 40th birthday issue scheduled for September publication.

Contest details are in the recent issue of Seventeen magazine, says editor Midge Richardson. The contest is being coordinated through 28 department store groups nationwide. Entry applications are available only at those stores. The cover model contest is open to all young women between the ages of 15 and 21.
 The grand prize winner will appear on the magazine cover and receive a new car. She will be selected from 10 national finalists, each of whom will win an all-expenses-paid trip to New York in 1984 for special photographic sessions and hair and make-up styling by experts who clients include top professional models and fashion magazines.

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