

Kids' summer camps to combat boredom

By KATHLEEN REEVES
Reporter

Summertime to some students means a long vacation from school, plenty of free time, and for younger children it often means boredom. But the Bryan and College Station

parcs and recreation departments are trying to fight the boredom by providing half-day summer camps, playground programs and open gyms.

The College Station Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Kids' Summer Day Camp which provides a wide range of activities for children from 6 to 12 years old.

The day camp has two sessions. Each session runs Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for four weeks. The different activities include arts and crafts, roller skating, movies, a frisbee contest, a basketball freethrow contest, soccer, basketball, football, kickball and more.

Susan Dachner, program supervisor for the parks and recreation department, said the program was originally started to provide activities for children who couldn't afford them.

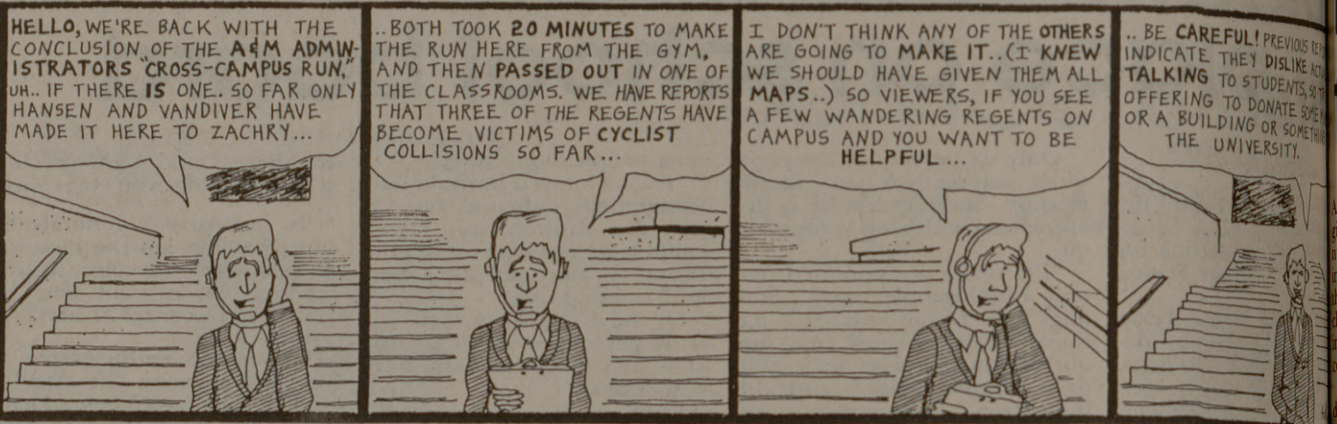
The United Way and the City of College Station are providing most of the funds, but there also is a \$15 registration fee for

each child. Registration will be held May 22 at Oakwood Middle School from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Bryan Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a playground program and open gyms. The playground program includes swimming every Wednesday, arts and crafts, and field trips to Poo's Park, Brazos Valley Museum, the Library and the Police Department. The playground program will be held in two sessions one in June and one in July, at Fannin, Lamar and Crockett School gyms from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Registration will be held July 3 and 5 at the Fannin, Lamar and Crockett gyms.

The Bryan Parks and Recreation Department will also sponsor an open gym at Kemp School. The activities include basketball, table games and outdoor activities.

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Collection shows Texas wildlife

By MARY FRANCES SCOTT
Reporter

Texas A&M has a wealth of scientific information in a collection of more than 380,000 dead animals. The treasure, known as the Texas Cooperative Wildlife Collection, is a priceless tool for research and teaching.

The collection, which is the largest of its kind in Texas, started in 1937 with specimens from faculty and student research. The four major classifications within the TCWC are the mammal, bird, fish and reptile-amphibian groups.

Chief curator Dr. David J. Schmidly, a professor in the Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Department, said because some of the specimens are 30 and 40 years old, the collection almost constitutes a history of wildlife in the state, and has enabled researchers to discover species of bats, lizards and fish that no one knew existed.

However, the collection isn't limited to animals from Texas. Specimens from around the world are included, but the majority are from the United States, Mexico, Central America and South America.

Walking through the collection in the basement of the Sterling C. Evans library is like taking a journey through a warehouse of preserved species. Together, the two rooms are as big as a gymnasium. In one room, there are ceiling-high shelves of jar after jar of preserved animals, like squid and octopus. In another room cabinets and drawers hold the dried skins of bat specimens and their skulls. And hanging on the wall are the skulls from whales and dolphins found along Texas beaches.

The warehouse hasn't been the easiest to use in past years.

Researchers had to find specimens and field notes manually, which meant searching through possibly hundreds or thousands of files before finding what was needed. But now, thanks to a \$128,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, the TCWC is cataloging all the data from the mammal collection and storing it in computers for quick and easy recall.

Schmidly said cataloging the mammals alone will take about three years because the TCWC has a staff of only seven people. At that rate, cataloging the entire collection would

take more than a decade. Even so, Schmidly said he hopes to get more funding so the other collections can be computerized too. Because of the small staff, the collection isn't open to the general public, but Schmidly said some local people interested in wildlife have used the TCWC for their personal research.

The cataloging will help not only local scientists, but also scientists from around the world. Schmidly said that the environment in the tropical regions of Latin and South America is being destroyed by human encroachment. The human population is spilling over into natural areas and is threatening the habitat of many tropical species. Since the TCWC has a strong collection of species from these tropical areas, conservationists who are trying to protect the wildlife are using the collection for research.

"Conservation starts in a collection," Schmidly said. Some people don't like the idea of wildlife collections because those animals had to be killed, he said. But, he said, the species benefits in the long run because collections teach scientists about the animal and its habitat.

"And the only way to protect a species is to protect its habitat," Schmidly said.

Protecting the species is the goal of a volunteer network called the Marine Mammal Stranding Network, run by Raymond Tarpley, a research associate in the Department of Veterinary Anatomy. The work's goal is to strand animals on beaches, or when they die, to have them as specimens for research. Since most marine mammals are on the threatened or endangered species list, it is not possible to buy them through legal supply companies.

The network has posted notices along Texas beaches asking the public who to call if an animal is found. When one in the network sees an animal can be saved. Whale and dolphin carcasses are brought to Texas where Tarpley performs necropsy — an autopsy on a mammal — and then stores the carcasses at the TCWC. While the work gets some funding from private endowments, most of the expense comes from pockets of Tarpley and other volunteers.

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University News Service

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The lecture series, entitled

"Response to the National Reports on Excellence in Education," will begin at 1 p.m. in 701 Rudder with introductory remarks by Dr. Dean Corrigan, dean of the College of Education.

Speaking at 1:30 p.m. is Joseph Featherstone, a contributing editor to the New Republic,

who is writing a series of articles that examine the variety of national reports on education.

Francisco D. Sanchez Jr., a member of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, will speak at 2:20 p.m. Dr. Ken Goodman, co-director of the language and literacy program in Arizona, will speak

at 3:10 p.m. Goodman is a professor of elementary education at the University of Arizona.

and is past president of the International Reading Association and the Center for Experimental Language and Thinking.

A discussion and question-and-answer period with the speakers will begin at 7

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Woman nominated to no. 2 spot at Justice Department

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WASHINGTON — President Reagan nominated Texas attorney Carol Dinkins to the number two job in the Justice Department Saturday. If confirmed, she will be the highest-ranking woman the agency has had.

Dinkins, 38, was named to succeed Edward Schmults, who resigned in January to take a job in private industry. Her ap-

pointment as deputy attorney general is subject to Senate confirmation.

There have been a number of top-echelon jobs open at the Justice Department in recent months in the civil division, the office of legal policy and the Justice management division.

In addition, Attorney General William French Smith had planned to leave early this year, but agreed to stay on temporarily after White House counselor

Edwin Meese — nominated as Smith's replacement — ran into trouble during Senate confirmation hearings.

Dinkins already has experience in the Justice Department. She was an assistant attorney general in charge of the Department of Natural Resources for 2 1/2 years, with responsibility for enforcing federal environmental laws.

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