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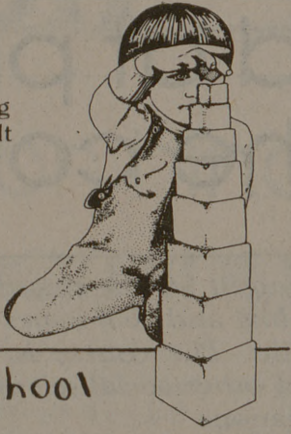
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Fight against cruelty to animals

Students face stray problem

By LINDA ROWLAND
Reporter

A Texas A&M student chapter of the Brazos Valley Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will meet in a few weeks for the first time to help combat the stray animal problem, the president of the student affiliate to the Brazos Valley SPCA, Gail Carlson, said.

Dr. Thomas Caceci, the Brazos Valley SPCA president, said the group's primary goal this year is to increase membership "so we can do what we can't do now because we lack people power and funds."

The organization needs members with time and dedication, said Caceci, who is an associate professor of veterinary anatomy at Texas A&M.

"We wanted to get the students involved," Caceci said. "Hopefully we may get a widespread diffusion of ideas in a central focus."

Carlson, a biochemistry graduate student, said the organization also needs "foster homes" for stray ani-

mals. Carlson has been involved in the local SPCA since January 1983.

The 200-member volunteer organization, which is less than two-and-a-half years old, is run by the less than 20 active members and is funded by membership fees and fund-raisers, Carlson said.

Both the Brazos Valley SPCA and the Brazos Valley Humane Society separately contribute to the Animal Shelter, a county facility at 2206A Finfeather Road in Bryan.

"There's fairly good cooperation among the societies," Carlson said. "The goals are the same, just the means differ."

Carlson said a predictable increase in strays occurs locally mid-May, late summer and mid-December each year. She said this is more than coincidence.

"The great flux of strays coincides with the end of A&M semesters," she said. "They (students) are just leaving their pets at the apartment complexes."

Caceci said the students usually are not acting out of malice, but many students rationalize that "someone" will pick the pet up, and the cycle perpetuates.

Caceci calls it the "love the kitten, hate the cat syndrome." The cute puppy or kitten grows up, is not so cute anymore, and gets dumped.

He said an abandoned dog stayed at the corner of Briarcrest Drive and the East Bypass for a week before an SPCA member caught him. Caceci said this loyalty is common in dogs.

The Brazos Valley SPCA's major goals begin with its fight against cruelty to animals, Carlson said.

"We want to make sure animals are treated properly," she said.

Cruelty to animals is a state offense in Texas. However, there's no hard, fast definition of cruelty, Caceci said, and it is almost impossible to obtain a prosecution for it.

The society also educates people in animal care and provides services — such as animal placement — for

strays. Carlson said more people should be made aware of the stray problem. Future Brazos Valley SPCA members include an educational program in the area's grade schools and schools.

"Getting a pet is a responsibility," Caceci said. "You must realize the cost time and money. A pet is a stuffed toy."

Both Caceci and Carlson are bringing strays and unwanted animals to the animal shelter, rather than turning them loose, increasing their chances for survival.

Caceci advises pet owners to "Neuter, spay and leash."

To supplement membership, the Brazos Valley SPCA raises money with dog dips the first Sunday of each month. Last month, the group earned more than \$600.

September's dip, because of Labor Day, will be Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Manor East Mall from 12 to 5 p.m.

BAC wants more minority participation

By MICHAEL CRAWFORD
Reporter

Charnella Swanson went to a predominantly black high school, so when she came to Texas A&M with its predominantly white student body she suffered culture shock.

To combat her feelings of isolation, she joined the Memorial Student Center Black Awareness Committee.

Swanson, now chairman of the BAC, said that the organization's purpose is to make the general community aware of the black presence and importance. To black students at the University, the organization

provides a support group of people that are familiar with problems encountered by blacks.

Black enrollment represents less than 2 percent of the Texas A&M student body, but the University is trying to improve its record in minority enrollment since a recent report stated Texas A&M has a poor minority recruitment program, Swanson said.

Increased emphasis by Texas A&M administrators on minority enrollment has enlarged scholarships and altered minority recruitment tactics. The Office of School Relations and the BAC recently went to

predominantly black high schools to encourage juniors and seniors to consider attending Texas A&M.

BAC plans to continue working for greater minority participation in University activities, Swanson said. BAC expects to increase its membership. Swanson attributes projected growth to the greater variety of social events and community projects planned for the fall semester.

Throughout the year, BAC will host various choirs, speakers from other universities and business recruiters.

Today at 1:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower, Georgia Thompson, mi-

nority recruiter from the State Controller's Office, will interview interested students in working for the BAC.

Other guests will include a Harvard Law School recruiter, who will be on campus Oct 5.

Swanson said all students are invited to become involved and find out what the BAC is doing.

"Even though we are few in number, we will have a positive impact," Swanson said.

BAC membership is open to interested students, faculty and staff. The first general meeting will be at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

Police crack down on cycling traffic violator

By ANN CERVENKA
Reporter

Because of a lack of convenient parking spaces on campus and the hassle of riding the shuttle buses to school, many students are relying on bicycles for transportation.

But Assistant Police Chief J. Michael Ragan said bicycle traffic has become a "big problem."

This year, in order to organize the bicycle traffic on campus, the University Police are trying to enforce bicycle laws which would require bi-

cycles to be driven like motor vehicles.

The University Police Department has cracked down on bicycle traffic violations, issuing an average of 200 tickets per month since the beginning of the summer.

Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic at Texas A&M, said the most common violations made by bicyclists are ignoring stop signs and not stopping for pedestrians.

The Texas A&M University Vehi-

cle Regulations pamphlet says: "All bicyclists will operate under Texas Motor Vehicle Laws while on public roadways concerning stopping at signs and yielding to Pedestrians at Crosswalks." In addition, bicycles should stay within the 20 mph speed limit on campus and should be equipped with a light at night.

"I really think that the students are unaware of it (the Texas Motor Vehicle Laws)," Ragan said. The University Police are giving the pam-

phlet to each person who is parking sticker, hoping the regulations will be passed on to friends.

Two types of tickets can be levied for moving violations on bicyclists. University ticket results in a fine and goes on file at the University but not on the person's driving record. However, a justice of the peace ticket, usually given only to violators and people not associated with the University, can result in a fine as high as \$40, depending on the judge.

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Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, would like you to know about his "Free Lunch" program designed to encourage contact between students and administrators. The program will include a luncheon in the Memorial Student Center followed by discussion on any and everything. If you'd like to attend, complete the form below and mail it in. You will be contacted as space is available. All students are welcome to participate. Return this form to Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843.

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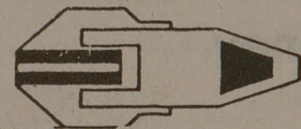
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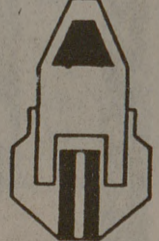
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