

Business club advocates Christianity

By CHRIS M. SMITH
Reporter

Many students' goal after college is to make "big bucks" says John Tate, founder of the newly formed Texas A&M Christian Business Association. But, he says, the new club has some different goals in mind. "Our basic idea is stated in Matt. 16:26 where it says 'What does it profit a man to gain the whole world if he forfeits his soul,'" Tate, a senior marketing-management major, said. "We want to bring speakers to A&M who will relate Christianity to their business experiences," he said. "We hope to present speakers who have made a lot of money or are well known, yet they feel like they possess nothing because God is first in their lives. They owe all their 'success' to God. We want to define success in a new way."

He said the club will try to bring a local or state speaker every month to A&M. Tate said he hopes the club will be able to bring at least one national or popular speaker to campus every semester. He said an example of a national speaker would be someone like Tom Landry, coach of the Dallas Cowboys.

Tate said an asset to the club is its ability to be all encompassing — everyone is involved with business in some form or another — so everyone can participate.

Tate got the idea for the club while he was doing summer missionary work in Africa.

"You really never know what kind of place America is until you visit someplace like Africa," he said. "It opened my eyes on how much Americans worship money."

Tate said there is nothing wrong with money if it is used in the right way.

What's up

Monday

TRADITIONS COUNCIL: is sponsoring Howdy Week through Saturday. Howdy shirts will be on sale in the MSC for \$4.

MOO DUK KWAN TAE KWON DO KARATE CLUB: is having a membership drive at 7 p.m. in 263 G. Rollie White Coliseum.

AGGIE TOASTMASTERS: is meeting to elect officers at 7 p.m. in 153 Blocker.

STUDENTS FOR COMMUNITY ACTION: is having an organizational and informational meeting at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: square dance lessons will be given at 7 p.m. and club dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. in the Pavilion.

SOCIETY OF CREATIVE ANACHRONISMS: is having a general meeting at 8 p.m. in 137 MSC.

LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT COUNCIL: is meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 802 Harrington Tower.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: there will be a blood drive at Our Savior's Lutheran Church from noon to 6 p.m.

AMERICAN POWA-R: to elect officers and discuss upcoming events at 8:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

PHI THETA KAPPA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: is meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

AGGIE GOP: voter registration tables will be in the MSC, Blocker and Zachry from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. all week.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: offers a Bible study Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon and Tuesday and Thursday at 11:15 a.m. Lunch will be served.

1984 TEXAS AGGIE BONFIRE: the cutting safety class will be held at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Grove. Classes will also be Tuesday and Wednesday.

IM-REC SPORTS: flickerball, volleyball, preseason volleyball and field goal kicking entries open at 8 a.m. in 159 E. Kyle.

IM-REC SPORTS: volleyball and flickerball officials will meet in 164 E. Kyle at 6 p.m.

IM-REC SPORTS: extramural sports club will meet at 7 p.m. in 167 E. Kyle.

IM-REC SPORTS: 16-inch softball play-offs begin.

HISTORIC RESOURCE SOCIETY: is meeting in 105C Langford at 7 p.m. Tony Sarabando will present a program of his trip to Times Square.

NAUTICAL ARCHAEOLOGY STUDENT LECTURE SERIES: Carol Olsen will speak on "Ship Decoration: Modern and Historic" at 7 p.m. in 311 Bolton.

ALPHA ZETA HONOR FRATERNITY: is having a steak fry at 6 p.m. at Olsen Grove Park. Tickets are \$5.

Highways safer for animals

Device gives warning

By VIVIAN SMITH
Reporter

Animals venturing onto highways are now getting a "brake" from motorists who have installed an ultrasonic Sav-A-Life Animal Warning Device/Deer Alert on the bumpers of their vehicles.

More than one million animals are killed each day on American highways, the National Highway Safety Administration reports. At least 120 people are killed and 8,000 more are injured in animal-vehicle accidents nationwide each year. Property damage is estimated at more than \$36 million.

In 1983, 4,407 animal-vehicle accidents were reported on Texas highways, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety, killing 15 people and injuring 945 others.

These accidents cost motorists, companies, and governmental departments millions of dollars each year as a result of vehicle damage, personal injury and death, Sav-A-Life Marketing Vice President James Pfeiffer said.

The Sav-A-Life Corp. of New York is now marketing an ultrasonic device that is reducing animal-vehicle accidents by more than 80 percent, Pfeiffer said.

The device consists of a pair of two-inch bullet-shaped instruments that easily mount on the front bumper of a vehicle. When a vehicle reaches 30 mph, air rushes through the cylinders and emits high frequency signals that can be heard by animals up to one-quarter of a mile away, Pfeiffer said.

Inaudible to humans and animals riding in the vehicle, the sound alerts wildlife to approaching vehicles, keeping them off the highways.

Texas A&M Extension Veterinar-

ian Dr. Bruce Lawhorn said he is interested in the device and said he is thinking about getting one to try it out.

"The device works on the same principles as the ultrasonic whistle commands with which some dogs are trained," Lawhorn said. "In scientific theory it would probably work, but due to budget restraints I would like to see more conclusive results before purchasing a large number of the devices and then finding out they don't work."

The warning device costs \$24.95. It is maintenance-free and is unconditionally guaranteed for 30 days.

Invented in Austria and tested in Europe and the United States, the device showed clear-cut reactions from all animals tested except cattle, sheep and camels, Clayton Anderson, Sav-A-Life national sales manager, said. The fastest reactions were displayed by wild animals such as elk and deer.

"It really is effective," Anderson said. "We've (Sav-A-Life) been marketing the device for five years and it is currently being used by emergency vehicle operators, law enforcement agencies, truckers, automotive and tire test companies, state and federal agencies and motorists concerned with family and wildlife protection. Some large corporations using the device in their company fleets include: Firestone, Southwest Bell, K-Mart and Ford Motor Company."

The Firestone Corp. has had Save-A-Life devices installed in 20 of their 60 fleet vehicles in Fort Stockton for about a year, Fred Falkner, fleet analyst, said.

Only two or three deer-related accidents have been reported this year, compared to 20 to 25 in previous

years Falkner said. However, this is not concrete evidence that the device works, Falkner added.

Some of the difference in accidents could be due to the different routes the cars take and to the different drivers, Falkner said. "Some drivers say the deer show a reaction while others say the deer act as if the vehicle never passed by."

Falkner, who said he travels frequently in deer country uses the device on his car and said he believes it works.

The number of Firestone cars equipped with Sav-A-Life devices will probably increase, Falkner said, as soon as new fleet cars arrive.

The EG & G Automotive Research, Inc. in San Antonio has used the Sav-A-Life device for six to eight months but without any "super results," Jim Watts, safety manager, said.

The company first heard about the device from an employee stationed in Europe who said the devices were popular overseas. Since the company, which is a private testing lab for car manufacturers, averages about 60 to 80 deer-related accidents annually — they decided to purchase 50-pair and put them on some of their test cars.

Even though the number of deer-vehicle accidents dropped, "quite a few accidents still occurred even with the devices installed," Watts said.

One reason for the drop in deer accidents could be the dry weather in Texas this year, Watts said.

"However, we will probably try the device again when the deer season peaks," Watts said. "We're grasping at straws. We'll put anything on the cars and hope it works because no one likes to have their cars torn up in deer accidents."

Son's murder indictment prompts parents to again request release

United Press International

HOUSTON — The parents of a teen-ager indicted for murder will ask a judge Monday to release them from jail, where they were sent for refusing to testify against their son, an attorney said Sunday.

Randy Schaffer, an attorney for Bernard and Odette Port, who have been in the Harris County Jail since Sept. 12 on a contempt citation, said he would file a motion Monday with Judge I.D. McMaster requesting that the Ports be freed.

David Port, 17, was indicted on a murder charge Friday in the June 7 shooting death of Debora Sue Schatz, 23. She disappeared while delivering mail in the affluent Houston neighborhood where the suspect lives with his parents.

Schaffer said because a murder indictment has been handed down, the Ports should be freed.

"The grand jury has already indicted the boy, and therefore there is no authority to continue to hold the parents," Schaffer said.

He argued that point before state District Judge Lupe Salinas Friday night after the indictment was handed down, but Salinas refused to release the Ports.

Salinas ruled in favor of the state, which argued that the grand jury is continuing its investigation of the case and could return a capital murder indictment against Port.

Schaffer called that argument "a sham and a fraud. This is not a capital murder situation. That's been known from the start. If the facts had been there to support capital murder, they would have filed that in the first case. It's just a sham and a fraud to keep the parents locked up."

Schaffer said he would file a motion with McMaster Monday requesting that the Ports be freed, but he said he may not ask for a hearing on the matter until Friday.

Schaffer said under state law, the grand jury can consider the case no later than Friday, but even then, he said he might not be able to win their immediate freedom.

Despite the outcome of the motion, Schaffer said he would press on with his legal appeal, arguing that the U.S. Constitution protects the Ports and other parents from being forced to testify against their children.

The constitutional issue is pending before the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, Schaffer said.

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