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Pet meetings end; statute helps elderly

By KARLA K. MARTIN
Staff Writer

The final day of the Delta Society's three-day conference at the Agrieland Hotel not only re-emphasized the human-animal bonds, but also linked them with the law.

On Nov. 30, President Reagan signed a bill to allow elderly and handicapped people who live in federally-aided housing to keep pets.

This law was a major step for the Delta Society, an international organization that promotes pet programs, and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which helped push the bill through congress.

Robert Malakoff, staff member of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, helped draft this federal pet statute.

"My assignment is the politics of pets," Malakoff said. "It's a very imperfect art and this pet bill shows its imperfections."

Malakoff said the imperfections lie in the many unanswered questions the pet bill raises.

For example, the pet bill, titled the Housing and Urban/Rural Recovery Act of 1983, says a tenant cannot prohibit any person in the specified residences from owning a common pet. The question of defining a "common" pet then is raised.

The act also says owners have the right to establish their own housing rules under the PATH guidelines. These rules may include where the animals can walk, where the animals' litter boxes can be kept, and the size and disposition of each animal. This reduces the uniformity of the act.

Despite its benefits to the Delta Society, Ruth W. Flaherty, the PATH attorney, said many owners try to ignore the law.

Malakoff said some lawsuits already have come to court.

"A lot of people are hearing, 'Sorry, no pets. You have to give up your pets to come live in this complex,'" Malakoff said. "This is what started the legislation in the first place. People have a right to keep a pet in their homes, and as they get older and can't afford to live in their private homes any longer, they have to move to federally-aided housing. They shouldn't have to give up their pets."

Nobel prizes awarded for physics, chemistry

Combined staff and wire reports

A European who visited Texas A&M last week shared the 1984 Nobel prize in physics Wednesday for proving the existence of the force that makes the sun shine.

In addition, an American biochemist won the chemistry prize for a revolutionary technique that advanced genetic engineering and drug development.

Harvard Professor Carlo Rubbia of Italy, 50, and Simon van der Meer, 58, of the Netherlands were awarded the Nobel Physics Prize for work proving the existence of what is known as the weak force, one of the four fundamental force fields in the universe.

Rubbia visited A&M last week and recently agreed to serve as an advisor in the effort to bring a particle accelerator to A&M.

Dr. Sheldon Glashow, Nobel laureate and University scholar at A&M, has known Rubbia since the early 1970s.

"The work he did in Europe was very important," Glashow said.

Rubbia's discovery confirmed the theory for which Glashow received his Nobel prize in 1979.

The weak force was first theorized in the 1920s. The discovery of the W and Z particles by Rubbia and van der Meer — an-

nounced last year — confirmed its existence.

The weak force causes processes such as radioactive decay as well as the nuclear processes in the sun that control its power.

"The sun would not shine without the process of weak action," said Academy spokeswoman Cecilia Jarlskog.

Dr. Peter McIntyre, an associate professor of physics, said Rubbia's discovery was "the absolute triumph" for Glashow and his associates.

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R. Bruce Merrifield, a professor at New York City's Rockefeller University, was named chemistry laureate by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences for his ingenious method of creating protein molecules in a laboratory.

"I am extremely pleased," said Merrifield, 63, at a news confer-

ence in New York, where colleagues, some with tears in their eyes, gave him a standing ovation. "It was a total surprise."

Credited with causing a "revolution" in chemistry, Merrifield was the first American this year to win a Nobel Prize, each worth about \$190,000.

Merrifield was cited by the academy for his development of simple and brilliant rapid assembly method to make peptides, the building block of proteins. Proteins are key components of living organisms.

It was the first time in 10 years the physics prize was not shared by U.S. scientists. Americans have won 48 of the 123 physics prizes awarded and 26 chemistry Nobels since they were first given in 1901.

The awards were announced Monday after the Norwegian Nobel Committee in Oslo named Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa the winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his non-violent fight against apartheid (the institutional racial segregation).

This year's last Nobel, the economics award, will be announced today.

Students say Prop 2 needed

By LISA SPILLER
Reporter

If Proposition 2 fails all construction on this campus will stop, a Legislative Study Group representative said Wednesday.

Representatives from Aggie GOP, Young Democrats and the Legislative Study Group spoke at a political awareness meeting sponsored by Off-Campus Aggies.

LGS representative, David Klosterboer, explained Proposition 2 which now provides \$150 million for Texas A&M and the University of Texas.

"If Proposition 2 passes — which I encourage — it will set up an additional fund for non-PUF schools," Klosterboer said. "Non-PUF schools are all schools outside the Texas-

A&M System and the University of Texas System.

"If the proposition does not pass, schools like Prairie View A&M and the University of Houston have been planning a lawsuit which will come against the University of Texas and Texas A&M University Systems to compete for the PUF money."

If this happens the PUF money will be frozen and construction on this campus will stop immediately, he explained.

"I guess more than anything it's a compromise so that the non-PUF schools are satisfied as well as the PUF schools," Klosterboer said. "The money around the state is being shared equally for higher education."

Young Democrat representative

Garry Young stressed changing status of democrats on the campus.

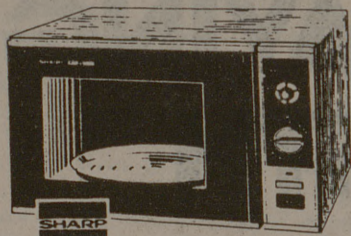
"To me the Democratic stands for progress for people said."

Young pointed out the amendments of the Democratic Party emphasized women's suffrage, labor laws and civil rights.

"The idea is that democratic ership has brought Texas to what is today," Young said.

The Aggie GOP representative Mike Hachtman and Grant Sweder, began by explaining the publican ideals, emphasizing economic situation, national debt and unemployment.

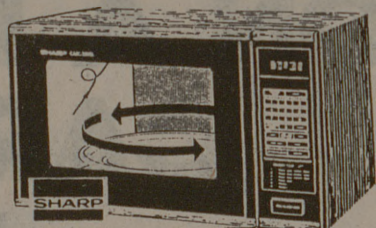
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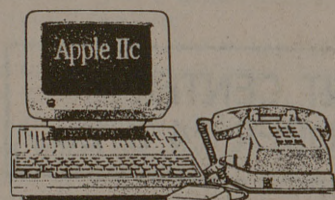
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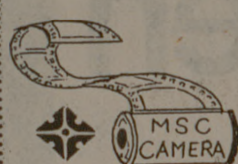
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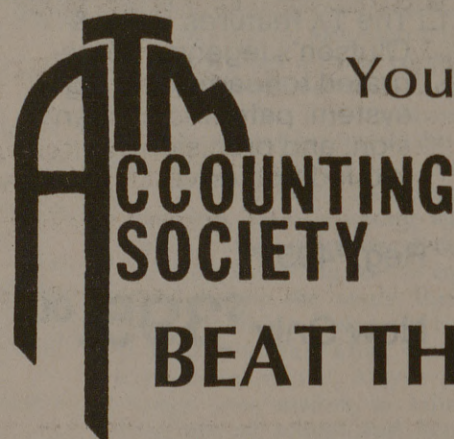
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