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Extinction factors debated at Pleistocene era seminar

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Reporter

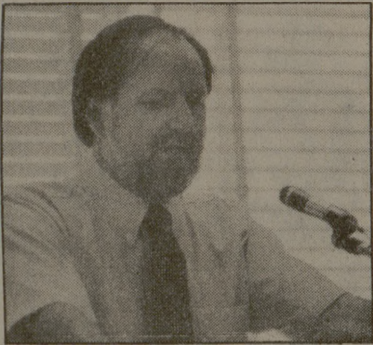
Human and non-human factors influencing animals were the two views debated Monday during a seminar on Pleistocene extinction. Extinction of many North American species occurred near the end of the Pleistocene epoch, about 11,000 years ago.

An average species will exist roughly 300,000 years before it becomes extinct. The Pleistocene extinction took place in about 1,000 years, said Dr. Vaughn Bryant, head of the anthropology department.

"You have to look at some factor that was not there during the other major extinctions and the only interaction they (those studying this epoch) could come up with was human intervention," he said.

Dr. Vance Holliday, a geography professor at Texas Tech University, said, "The most characteristic aspect (of the extinction) has been dramatic climate changes."

The climate change is not a matter



Dr. Harry Shafer

specialist in North and Middle American archaeology here.

"Mankind has been involved in a dynamic dialectic relationship with his environment. . . mankind is willing to use the most efficient method of hunting animals which is to kill them (animals) in catastrophic proportions rather than selective hunting," Dickson said.

A tremendous amount of change in population among the plant communities occurs; and as a plant community changes, so does its animal complement, said Dr. Harry Shafer, an anthropology professor here.

When dramatic environmental changes take place, some habitats change and animals in these habitats die out. This throws the whole system into a disequilibrium causing massive extinction, Shafer said.

Bryant said: "The Pleistocene extinction is very complex. The field of anthropology is full of controversial things. Some day, maybe in our lifetime, we will have a solution to Pleistocene extinction."

Benefit to raise money for KANM to be held this evening at Dr. G's

By DARYN DEZENGOTITA
Reporter

KANM's fourth benefit to raise funds for its operations will be at Dr. G's tonight at 8 p.m. The money raised at the benefit will help pay the cost of broadcasting transmissions.

Chris Dominy, KANM station manager, said the student radio station was planning to go from cablecasting to broadcasting this summer but is still awaiting approval for a frequency from the Federal Com-

munications Commission.

"We have mounds of red tape to go through with the FCC," Dominy said. "We hope to be on by next fall."

The benefit also will provide funds for general operations. A benefit earlier this semester brought in almost \$600 for the alternative music station. Dominy said Dr. G's owner George Graham has been very supportive. Dr. G's sponsors a regular program broadcasted by the station and has sponsored three

other benefits resulting in about \$1,700.

"We just provide a place to have it," Graham said. "It brings in a different crowd — a younger, student-oriented crowd. It also gives some area talent the chance to play here."

Two local bands will be featured during the benefit — I Can't Find My Sheep in their debut performance and dance band Rudy and the Minions. Tickets are \$3.75.

Issues and grievances

No one shows at meeting

By Susan McDonald
Reporter

No students showed up for the Issues and Grievances Committee meeting Monday night, and the Student Government vice president of student services said he was disappointed.

"With all the complaining I hear, I know students have complaints and they don't take advantage of it (the committee)," Wayne Roberts said. "They have no right to complain."

Presiding over the meeting was

Roberts; Carrol Ellison, senator; Jim Cleary, senator; and Brian Hay, senator.

"Student Government's ineffectiveness is not entirely Student Government's fault," Roberts said. "A lot of the fault lies with the student body."

"The committee started out great and went downhill after that."

Roberts said the gay students recognition controversy drew a large crowd at the first meeting,

but the issues became bland after that.

"We are trying to evaluate whether it is a reflection on us (Student Government) or on the students," Roberts said. "We are going to try and increase attendance."

Ellison, who is running unopposed for vice president of student services, said that if elected she plans to continue the Issues and Grievances Committee meetings and to hold the first meeting this semester.

Prof: Arms control is full of contradictions

By DARYN DEZENGOTITA
Reporter

Dr. William P. Snyder showed a transparency of an Aggie joke — a wood burning stove made of wood. "That's the only optimistic note of the evening," the political science professor said to begin his lecture, "Arms Control: Problems and Prospects."

Snyder outlined the history of arms control negotiations from its unsuccessful beginning almost 40 years ago through 21 different agreements.

The first plan died after negotiations in 1945 when the first atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The plan, however, did succeed in generating interest in arms control among government agencies, Snyder said.

"Arms control is a subject full of contradictions," Snyder said. "It is both very complicated and very simple on another level. Does it follow or precede politics? And for the high expectations of the public, there

have been very modest accomplishments."

Of the 21 agreements in the past 40 years, only four have not dealt with nuclear arms.

Snyder outlined the topics of the 17 agreements dealing with nuclear arms — nuclear free zones, controls on testing, controls on shipment and trade, crisis management measures, and limitation.

Snyder said the arms control record has dealt with peripheral issues and no real limits have been set. But, the record was an important symbolic effort between the United States and the Soviet Union as a cooperative movement and as a foundation for more substantial actions, he said.

By examining the record, the preconditions necessary for current negotiations can be found — a strong military position in relation to the

Soviets, a "hawkish" president with a strong personal commitment to arms control and favorable political relations with the Soviets.

Concerning current negotiations, Snyder said he sees three positive aspects of the current political climate. These aspects are public pressure for action, a general consensus on defense policy and an increase in Soviet interest with the new face in the Kremlin, Mikhail Gorbachev.

Snyder summarized the current situation by saying that President Reagan has selected a negotiations staff which will be successful in getting an agreement ratified once it's reached.

The lecture, sponsored by the Wiley Lecture Series, was the fourth mini-seminar sponsored by the Memorial Student Center committee in preparation for the April 4 program, "U.S.-Soviet Relations: The Quest for International Security."

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.45 pts. Round	535 ⁰⁰	1075 ⁰⁰	1.80 cts. Round	5975 ⁰⁰	9500 ⁰⁰
.50 pts. Round	595 ⁰⁰	1300 ⁰⁰	1.91 cts. Radiant	6100 ⁰⁰	13,500 ⁰⁰
.50 pts. Marquise	375 ⁰⁰	675 ⁰⁰	2.01 cts. Round	6385 ⁰⁰	13,250 ⁰⁰
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