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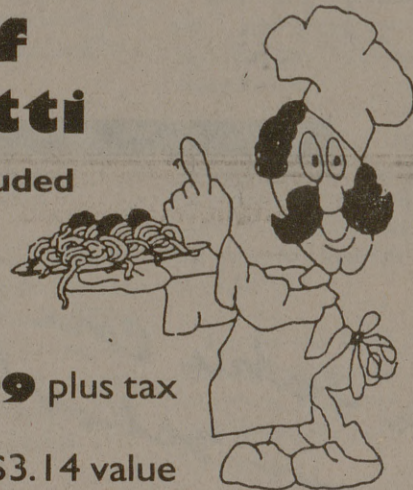
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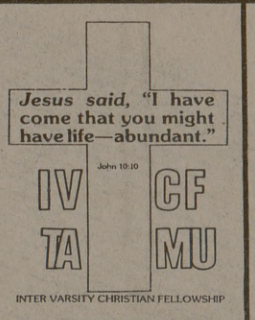
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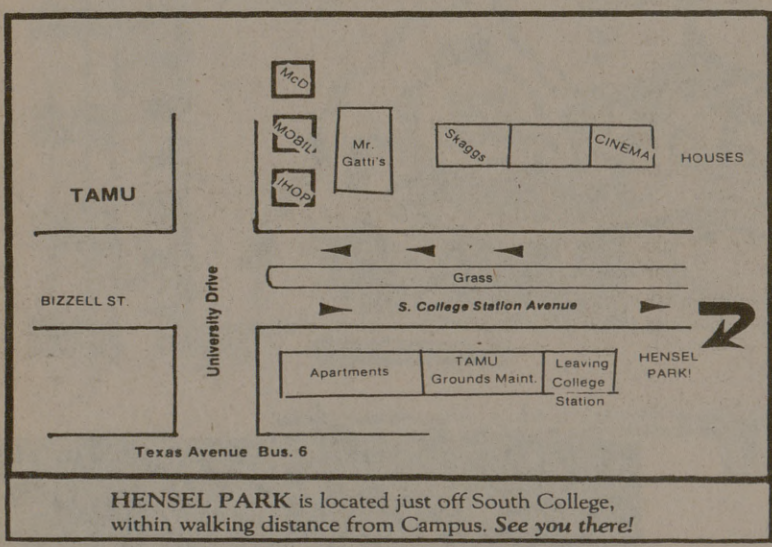
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Prof upset about fraternity's cruelty

A&M students pay \$50 for killing pig

By **JUNE PANG**
Staff Writer

Fifty dollars for killing a neighbor's pig may not be much for a student to pay, but the hard feeling it arouses is not so easy to overcome. Last Sunday, when Albert Warren's pig wandered around the house of Sigma Phi Epsilon, some members of the fraternity killed it and hanged it from a tree. Warren called the sheriff's office to complain and eventually received \$50 compensation. Warren lives on the east side of the fraternity house, which is on FM 60 near Turkey Creek Road.

Dr. Ruel Bell, a Texas A&M professor of veterinary microbiology and parasitology, and his wife Joann have lived on the west side of the fraternity house for 21 years. The Bells said they saw the killing and were very upset.

"I'm upset because the old man (Warren) lives on welfare," Ruel said. "He's not well. He has a heart problem."

Mrs. Bell said the fraternity members didn't have enough respect for others' property.

"It's the arrogance that bothers me," she said.

Dr. Bell said, "It's a cruel way to treat an animal. It's also a felony to kill another person's animal, according to Texas law."

Bell was upset enough to talk the event over Tuesday with Dr. John Koldus, Texas A&M vice president for student services. But Koldus said the University couldn't take any action because the fraternities are not recognized by the University and a student's behavior off campus is not under University control.

However, James Saxon, the fraternity's comptroller, said the members who are responsible for killing the pig didn't mean to hurt anyone.

"The pigs have been wandering around for days," Saxon said. "We didn't know who the owner was. Then, one day, someone said 'Why not eat it?' So they killed it and hanged it up to skin it. We didn't eat

the whole thing because they didn't clean the whole thing.

"We didn't kill the pig for fun," he said. "We wanted to eat it. Last time, a horse got loose, we helped a neighbor to get it back . . . I know this (killing the pig) was not right, and we apologized for doing it."

Saxon said he wants to offer some help to Warren to improve the relationship between the fraternity and Warren, such as fixing Warren's fence.

Warren and his wife were upset about the killing but said they were satisfied with the compensation and did not hold anything against the students.

"We don't want to cause any trouble for anyone," Mrs. Warren said.

Bell has additional complaints against the fraternity, mainly concerning its parties.

"They parked in my yard," he said. "They played music extremely loud. One time they knocked down a neighbor's mailbox at their drunken party. They throw trash and beer cans in my yard."

"I know college students have parties and I think they should bother me."

But Bell said he is bothered by students sounding their car horns and getting drunk in his yard at 2 a.m. or 3 a.m.

Bell said he had talked with the fraternity before, but the situation did not improve much. He called the Brazos County sheriff's office, but the sheriff couldn't do anything about it.

Saxon said his fraternity has to keep things from getting out of hand at its parties, but sometimes just can't control everyone.

"We cut off parties early," Saxon said. "We try to run out of the house at midnight, but people still around."

"We hired a private guard to keep people from going around the yard," he said. "We let him know every time when we are going to a party. We offered to rent a room for him during the party, but he refused."

Woman found insane for killing infant son sent to state hospital

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A woman who claimed God told her to kill her son was found innocent by reason of insanity Tuesday by a judge who ordered her committed to a state mental hospital.

State District Judge Joseph Guarino ordered Terri Ann Spradlin, 30, of La Porte, committed to Rusk State Hospital for as long as he feels she poses a danger to herself or others.

Spradlin was accused of stabbing her 5-month-old son, Jordan Timothy. Investigators who went to the Spradlin home the day of the killing found a 15-inch butcher knife near the infant's body.

The baby had been stabbed four times, investigators said.

Prosecutor Ned Morris and defense attorney Tom Roberson agreed that Spradlin, who told police God wanted her to kill her baby, was insane.

Roberson called only one witness — Shirley Andrews, Spradlin's mother — in presenting the insanity defense Tuesday. Andrews testified her daughter was one of 16 children and had been sexually abused by her father.

Morris confirmed that Spradlin's father is in prison for the sexual abuse of several of his eight daughters.

Earlier in the trial, psychologist Edward Silverman testified that when he examined Spradlin in early April, she told him "she had to save her son Jordan from being kidnapped and converted into the Antichrist."

Silverman said the woman was suffering from an illness similar to schizophrenia but shorter in duration.

Psychiatrist John D. Nottingham testified he examined Spradlin in April and described her as "the classic case of a mind that begins to go."

Trio charged with woman's murder

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Three people who allegedly refused to allow police and paramedics into their apartment to help a dying, pregnant woman have been charged with murder, authorities said.

Linda Carol Morales, 21, mother of an 8-month-old child, died of stab wounds Sunday night at Ben Taub Hospital.

The woman's stepfather, James W. Colburn, 40; his brother-in-law, A.J. Spradlin, 43; and Colburn's girlfriend, Linda K. Goodwin, 27; were charged Monday with murder.

Spradlin was jailed in lieu of \$20,000 bond. Bond was set at \$10,000 each for the others.

Investigators think Goodwin stabbed Morales in an argument but say the two men also were responsible for her death for failing to seek medical treatment, Dunn said.

"As far as we're concerned,

they denied her medical attention," said Sgt. W.T. Dunn. "She was two months pregnant, and they not only killed her, but killed her child."

Morales allegedly was stabbed and beaten Sunday night in a second-floor apartment in a northeast Houston complex where the suspects lived, officers said. She staggered downstairs, knocked on an apartment door and asked for help, officers said.

A man went to a pay telephone to call for help and left a woman who lived in the apartment to care for Morales, investigators said. While he was gone, three people went downstairs and carried Morales back to the apartment.

Police officers went to the apartment and were met by two men and a woman, investigators said. When police asked to enter the apartment, the trio refused and the officers left.

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AT YOUR SERVICE

Approximately two-thirds of the Aggie student population lives off campus. Many off campus students tell us that they don't know about campus events, and express the need for a "connection" between themselves and campus life.

This link to campus activities is provided for you each month in the "Off Campus Connection." This column is sponsored by the Off Campus Center in the Department of Student Affairs and Loupot's Bookstore. The "Off Campus Connection" will contain articles and tips regarding off campus living such as information on security deposits, preleasing, apartment security and roommates. This column will also provide off campus students with information concerning campus events and activities.

As you read the "Off Campus Connection" each month, we would like to encourage you to submit any questions, comments, or ideas that you may have. We invite you to bring your ideas by the Off Campus Center in Puryear Hall, directly across from the YMCA Building, or give us a call at 845-1741. Feel free to come by and visit with us Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

ADOPT-A-FISH

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) sponsors the "Adopt-A-Fish" program for students who live off campus. Through this program, freshmen and first semester transfer students can participate in residence hall life. Those students taking part in the program will be required to pay a prorated activity fee of around \$15.00 and will then be assigned to a particular floor, wing or ramp. The off campus students may attend social functions, educational programs, and fund raisers of the "Adopted" residence hall. RHA hopes that through this program off campus students will become more active in campus events and get to know students who live on campus. If you are interested, contact either the RHA office or the Off Campus Aggies office in the Pavilion.

OFF CAMPUS CENTER SERVICES

Housing Vacancy Listing - The Center maintains up-to-date listings of available houses, apartments, duplexes, condominiums, rooms in homes, mobile homes and subleases. The Center also keeps price lists.

Roommate Locator Service - The Center operates a service to help students find compatible roommates.

Roommate Counseling and Mediation - If you encounter roommate problems or would like tips on building a positive roommate relationship, the staff of the Off Campus Center will help you find ways to deal with your particular situation.

Information on Tenant/Landlord Rights and Responsibilities - The staff provides basic lease information and answers questions concerning tenant/landlord problems such as repairs and maintenance, security deposits, etc.

Programming - The Center periodically sponsors programs and workshops on a variety of topics. An example is the Off Campus Spirit Rally held in the fall.

General Information about Off Campus Living - The Center publishes a guide to off campus living to help you with a variety of concerns such as leases, transportation, roommates, food and utilities. The Center also provides you with move-in inventory forms, tenancy contracts, sublease agreements, and a variety of other information.

SPIRIT RALLY COMING SOON

The Off Campus Aggies and the Off Campus Center will be sponsoring the 2nd Annual Spirit Rally. The Spirit Rally will include guest speakers, various campus and community resource tables, free popcorn and soft drinks, and other exciting items. The Spirit Rally will be Monday, September 2 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in The Grove. The Rally will conclude with and Aggie March from The Grove to Kyle Field for All-University Night which will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information please contact the Off Campus Center at 845-1741.