

Course erases violations from driving record

By **KATHERINE COOPER**
Reporter

University Plus is offering 11 driver improvement classes this fall. Classes are offered Friday through Dec. 14, and are broken into two four-hour sessions. Classes are open to all licensed drivers in the Bryan-College Station community.

However, Dr. Maurice Dennis, coordinator of the Safety Education

Program, says that most of the classes are filled by students.

The eight-hour class may be used to dismiss a ticket that a driver has received for a moving violation.

To dismiss a ticket, the offender must first receive permission from the judge in traffic court.

The course must be taken within 90 days of the court appearance to receive a dismissal of the ticket fine.

Proof of completion of the class is required to remove the ticket from

the driver's record.

Also, the driver improvement class allows those who complete the class to receive a 10 percent discount on automobile insurance for three years.

This discount can save insured drivers \$80 to \$180 over the three year period.

The class format includes driver safety tips, information about new laws and a chance for the student to

update his driving skills.

"Of the complaints we receive, most are about our films," Dennis says. "We are receiving some new updated films within the next year that should remedy this problem."

The instructors are required to complete 40 hours of training, Dennis says.

The first 16 hours are used for teacher preparation. The remaining

24 hours are spent observing classes and teaching under a supervising instructor.

Drivers may register for the class in the University Plus Craft Center located in the basement of the Memorial Student Center, and a fee of \$22 must be paid in full prior to admission to the class.

Dennis says classes sometimes are limited to 35 to 40 students because "it allows for more interaction."

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Woman drops suit against church

Associated Press

DEL RIO, Texas — A woman chastized before her church congregation for alleged adultery has filed a \$1 million lawsuit against the church, apologized for filing it and sent a \$4,500 check to the church.

Jane Murray filed an invasion of privacy suit against Northside Church of Christ in Del Rio last year after a letter of discipline was read before the congregation in September 1982.

The Rev. Rickie Jenkins, pastor of the church, said the letter was deliv-

ered to Murray and read in church because of her "rebellion to the will of God." He said the church was following the Bible in disciplining a member.

Jenkins said Tuesday the suit was dropped in late July in a settlement that called for Murray to pay the church \$4,500 for expenses in fighting her lawsuit.

In return, the church agreed to drop its counterclaim, which sought \$1.3 million.

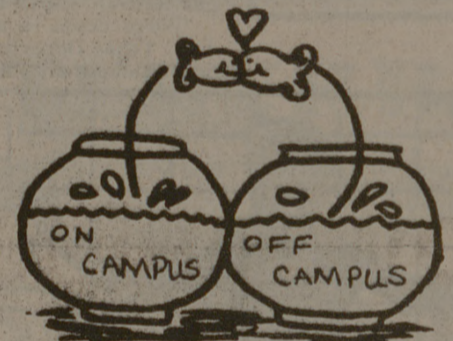
Jenkins, his church, three church members and Murray's ex-husband, Bob Simmons, were named as defendants in the suit that sought \$1 million in damages.

"The serious threat of this case was that a church was being sued for practicing its own faith within its four walls," church attorney J. Shelby Sharp said. "If a church could be sued for being obedient to the Bible within its own four walls, then freedom of religion is virtually destroyed."

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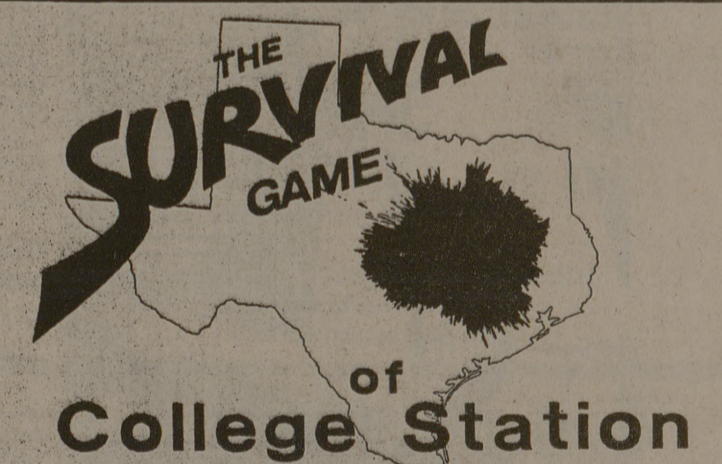
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