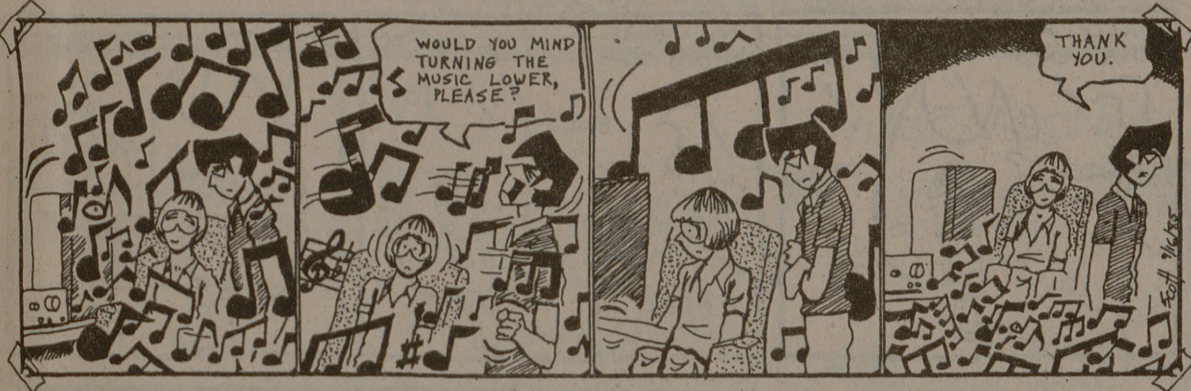


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\$11,000 raised, \$8,000 donated

MDA donation clarified

By ANN CERVENKA
Staff Writer

Texas A&M raised \$11,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association last year, but only \$8,000 of that actually was donated, an MDA official says.

The discrepancy is due to an error in the amount of money reported to have been raised by Aggies for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, says MDA Program Coordinator Robyn Lindsay.

Last Valentine's Day, more than 2,400 Aggie couples filed onto Kyle Field forming a heart-shaped line 56 yards wide and made history.

After kissing for three minutes, they broke the record set by Oregon State University in 1981 when 1,000 couples kissed for three minutes.

The "Big Kiss," sponsored by KKYS Radio, the Texas A&M Student Government, the Resident Hall Association and Corps of Cadet Squadrons 5, 6, 14 and 17, served as a fundraiser for MDA.

Several accounts reported that A&M raised about \$14,000, and all but about \$3,000 of the sum was given to the MDA.

However, Lindsay says these figures are inaccurate.

Lindsay says the fundraiser grossed about \$11,000 and netted about \$8,000. The \$3,000 difference was spent on advertising, she says.

"When people work with charity, they think everything they make is gravy," Lindsay says. "But that's not

true. We're a business and we have to pay."

Of the \$8,000, \$5,000 was donated by Texas A&M and \$3,000 by Southland Corp., she says.

David Klosterboer, Student Government director of programs last spring, says he doesn't see any problems with the figures.

"In my opinion, I don't see any major discrepancy," he says. "I thought we had collected more money, but now the figures are starting to add up."

Lindsay says the MDA is already planning the event for next year.

"I'm sure it will be better because you learn as you go," she says.

Human chain around MSC to show Aggies' desire for world peace

By KATHERINE GOLLEY
Reporter

The Baha'i College Club of Texas A&M is sponsoring an observance of the United Nations International Day of Peace Tuesday.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center lounge with Dr. Tom Fisher as master of ceremonies. Participating in the program are the League of Women Voters of Brazos County, the Student Peace Action and possibly a musical troupe from Houston.

At the conclusion of the program, participants will join hands and form a human chain around the MSC complex to denote unity in their effort for peace.

The Baha'i College Club will present Texas A&M President Frank E.



Vandiver and Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, with the book "Wage Peace." The book also will be presented to Marvin Tate, mayor of Bryan, and Gary Halter, mayor of College Station.

"The Baha'is are observing this day to symbolize their commitment for world peace and unity," Naomi Giroux, a Baha'i, said. "We believe in the oneness of mankind and pulling

together all the countries of the world in our quest for peace."

Gigi Shamsy, another Baha'i, said, "The Baha'is have long observed a day to promote world peace, but when the United Nations General Assembly set aside the third Tuesday of September, the opening day of its General Sessions as International Day of Peace, we adopted our celebration of world peace to coincide with this day."

Lizard collectors face stiff fines

Associated Press

ODESSA — A miniature lizard that inhabits the dry brush country of West Texas is getting help from state officials, who say its numbers are slowly dwindling.

Horned toads, who waddle through sand and rocks with prehistoric slowness, have an appeal that many children find hard to resist. But possession of the creatures can now result in fines or imprisonment.

"They look like a little dinosaur of some kind," Professor Ed Kurtz, who teaches life science at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, said. "If you get down close, you think you're back in prehistoric times."

"I think they're pretty attractive animals. They're fun to watch."

That appeal with humans has led to protective restrictions covering horned toads, Amos Cooper of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Austin, said.

Texas law, since 1977, has mandated a \$100 to \$200 fine upon the first conviction for illegally possessing or killing a horned toad, Cooper said.

He said violators face a \$200 to \$500 fine and 30 to 90 days imprisonment for a second offense, and a \$500 to \$2,000 fine and six months to a year in jail for a third conviction.

Only persons with special permits for scientific uses may now collect the toads, he said.

Parks department officials plan to include the creature in its new "threatened" species category soon, Bruce Thompson, a parks department spokesman, said.

Two kinds of horned toads, more correctly called horned lizards, thrive in Texas. They are the round-tailed lizard and the Texas horned lizard, Charles McKinney, a former UTPB professor and an expert on reptiles, said.

Shrinking food supplies and avid collectors have limited the toad's numbers, creating a need to protect the creatures, he said.

Before Texas passed laws about 20 years ago to protect them, large numbers of horned toads were being collected and sold, McKinney said.

Tourists bought them as novelties in roadside shops, and jewelers used live toads for molds of tie tacks and pens, he said. Texas Boy Scouts would collect the toads and take them to national jamborees.

"It's an exotic-looking animal that's still sought by people in other parts of the U.S.," McKinney said. "It was just an animal that was being abused because of its uniqueness."

The Texas horned lizard is the most common in the Odessa area because it likes loose, sandy soil. The round-tailed type prefers living on the limestone slopes of West Texas hills, McKinney said.

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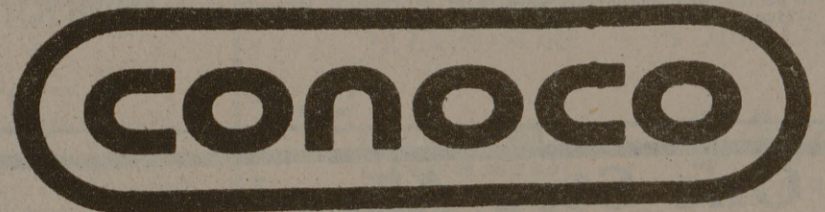
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