

SHOE

by Jeff MacNelly



Brazos shelter aiding pets

(continued from page 1) and a decision is made within about 24 hours.

Ricker says the committee likes to have applicants wait a day before they adopt an animal. She says this wait helps prevent impulse buying and also gives the applicants time to prepare themselves for a new member of the family.

The animal will be placed in the home only when the committee is convinced that the animal will receive permanent and responsible care.

Applicants who are accepted are charged \$40 for a cat and \$45 for a dog. This cost covers a portion of the expense of the animal's shots and neutering. Ricker says every animal that leaves the shelter must be neutered. She says the staff does not

want to see adopted animals causing the problems they're trying to solve.

If the application is denied, a request for review can be submitted in writing. This gives the applicant a chance to tell his side of the story, Ricker says, and it helps the staff explain its decision. Applications may be denied if the applicant is unable to get a pet agreement from his landlord or if there's not a fenced place outside for a large dog to exercise, she says.

The committee tries to work with an applicant who has been denied to try and solve any problems, Ricker says.

Ricker says the ideal pet parent would be someone who is loving and who has a good pet history.

They should also realize the problems involved with owning a pet and

be willing to accept the animal for life, she says.

If adopting an animal sounds too permanent, the shelter also has a volunteer program. Volunteers are needed to care for the animals in the shelter, to work at the front desk or to do things the staff is unable to do, says Misty Hehne, a shelter employee.

Ricker says volunteers must be willing to commit to one day a week and a certain number of hours. The shelter staff has 10 or 11 volunteers now, she says, but would like to have 28.

Hehne says the staff could take care of the animals, but this would interfere with other duties.

Hehne says the shelter gets volunteers from Texas A&M and other surrounding areas.

Job odds for Aggies improving

(continued from page 1)

salaries among many A&M graduates is simple.

"A&M graduates are very popular among employers and they get paid accordingly," Childs said.

But in contrast to computer science and business, there has been a considerable amount of debate over the job future in agriculture.

A study by the Occupational Outlook Division of the Department of Labor said the the job market in agriculture would grow at a rate below the national average.

Dr. Dwayne Suter, assistant dean of the College of Agriculture, says he does not agree with the Department of Labor statistics.

"Department of Labor statistics are meaningless" Suter said, "because the sample includes jobs found

predominantly in farming and ranching. A great deal of our graduates are finding jobs in agricultural support industries."

But statistics also show that A&M agriculture majors who reported to the University's placement center, reported salaries below last year's graduates.

But Suter points out that few agriculture majors are recruited through college placement offices.

College Placement Council statistics are based only on responses from students recruited through the placement councils of its members.

Suter said the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges has done its own survey.

This study, Suter says, indicates that average salaries for agriculture

majors is \$500 higher per year than salaries reported by the College Placement Council or the Department of Labor.

Suter said placement of graduates from the A&M College of Agriculture has been considerably higher than national averages.

And Suter pointed out that biotechnology research is a very promising field for the future.

"The reputation of this school will always allow our graduates to place higher than the national averages," Suter said.

According to the Recruiters Survey by Michigan State University, Texas students will be recruited very heavily by the nation's businesses.

According to the survey, 40 percent of the businesses surveyed said they expect job availability to be extremely high in Texas.

Padre Cafe has a margarita special that blows the competition away.

\$1.25

EVERY DAY

Aggies' favorite drink is the margarita and their favorite place is the Padre Cafe. Now we've brought the two together with the best special in town. Get ice cold margaritas, frozen or on the rocks for \$1.25. All day. Every day. Our margaritas are made with Tequila Sauza products, not that cheap "border town" tequila the competition uses. And while you're at the Padre Cafe, try some quesadillas or an order of our world class fajitas. We were making them first and we still make them best.



Dominik Drive
College Station-BY-THE-SEA
764-8064

ATM MICRO CENTER

ANNOUNCES

FALL 85 MICRO FAIR

MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER
OCTOBER 9-10, 1985

SECOND FLOOR ROOM 224
9:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
THE
DIAMOND DARLINGS

MICRO CENTER PRODUCT DISCOUNTS FROM 25-55%

HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, AND ACCESSORIES
MOST AVAILABLE FOR SAME DAY DELIVERY

APPLE AT&T HEWLETT-PACKARD IBM MICROSOFT ZENITH
DISKETTES SURGE ROTECTORS DISKETTE FILES