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APO making drive for food to benefit needy in B-CS area

By MARY EWING
 Reporter

For most of us, the holiday season is the most joyous time of year. For others it is the most depressing. This is the message the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity is spreading to the community to promote their pledge class food drive. The drive will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Kroger and Safeway parking lots in College Station.

APO plans to collect through donations enough canned food, fruit and bread to feed close to 250 needy families in the local area.

With the help of the Brazos County Chapter of Red Cross, APO will deliver baskets containing food, a greetings card and a Bible donated by the Gideon Society to the families Nov. 24.

"The project has great potential if we can get the entire community to participate," said Curt Bissonnette, vice president of the APO pledge class and coordinator of the food drive.

"We have notified the Corps of Cadets, fraternities, sororities, dorms and submitted announcements to be read on KTAM radio to inform everyone else," he said.

Yori Escalante, the Corps' public relations officer, said the Corps is collecting cash donations because it is difficult to collect canned food since the cadets live in dorms. Cooking is not allowed in A&M dormitories.

"We play an active roll in a lot of projects," Escalante said. "We feel we are an asset to the community and we like to show it."

Bissonnette said the food drive is an ideal way for Greek organizations to show community activity.

Sheryl Sutphen, a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, said people think hunger is only in distant places and not in their own community.

"It's important that Greek organizations become involved in service projects like this one," she said.

APO received its list of needy families from Red Cross. Red Cross works with the families constantly.

"It's overwhelming to see the needy people," Stiteler said.

"One lady called Red Cross at Christmas time because she did not have anything for her kids and was going to commit suicide," he said.

Stiteler said some families get only \$200 to \$380 a month and pay an \$80 utility bill.

Food stamps are distributed to many, and while some elderly people get \$10 per month for food, it takes \$2 to get someone to take them to the grocery store, she said.

Kathy Grant, assistant manager for Kroger in College Station, said Kroger gathers food and money to give to the needy every year.

"Most people don't try to lend a hand and I think it's unselfish for the students to take the time and help," Grant said.



Photo by ANN CERVINO

Aggie Blood Drive

Carol Hill a.k.a. Cora Puscle (left) and Meredith Pike a.k.a. Lou Kocyte stand outside the MSC, promoting the annual Aggie Blood Drive sponsored by Student Government, Omega Phi Alpha and Alpha Phi Omega. The drive will last Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the MSC, Sbsa and the Pavilion and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Commons.

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Race to benefit Mexican earthquake victims

By RENEE OHMSIEDER
 Reporter

Some of the proceeds from this weekend's 1985 Aggie Land Stage Race sponsored by the Texas A&M cycling team will aid Mexican earthquake victims.

The race is a series of three independent races, which will consist of a time trial stage, a road race stage and a criterium stage. The winner is based on the lowest total elapsed time.

The time trial and road race will be Saturday in Normangee.

Bruce Johnsen, faculty adviser to the cycling team, said the nine mile time trials will begin at 10 a.m. Each cyclist will race individually, starting at one minute intervals.

The road race will start at 1 p.m. and follow a 32-mile triangular course of rolling and hilly terrain.

"The cyclist will race either 32 or

64 miles, depending on their skills," Johnsen said.

Participants in the race will be placed in these categories:

- Juniors between the ages of 12 and 18.
- Stock racers, cyclists not licensed by the United States Cycling Federation.
- Women and Veterans (over 35).
- Category 3/4 for experienced racers.
- Category 2/3 for the most experienced group.

The criterium stage of the race will be Sunday around the innermost lane of the road around the drill field. Each category will compete separately for a specified distance with one lap equaling one-half mile.

An intramural category will be added to the criterium stage and is open to A&M students who did not

compete in the Saturday races.

Members of the Corps of Cadets will block off Old Main Drive Saturday at 5 p.m. Cars will be allowed to leave only, so the race course will be free of parked cars, Johnsen said.

Sunday's criterium will begin at 8 a.m. with the juniors who will race 15 miles. Stock racers begin at 9 a.m. and race 20 miles. The women and veterans race will begin at 10 a.m. for 20 miles. Category 3/4 starts at 11 a.m. for 25 miles. The intramural category will begin at noon for 10 miles. The final race, category 2/3, will begin at 1 p.m. and will be 30 miles.

Cash and merchandise totaling \$2,300 will be awarded to the winners.

Entry fee is \$10 for the stage race and \$5 for the intramural race. After 5 p.m. Friday, a \$3 late fee will be added.

Johnsen predicts that over 150

racers from all over Texas will

participate if the weather is favorable.

Mexican earthquake victims will receive \$300 in proceeds. The money will be reinvested in the cycling team for next year's race.

Other sponsors are Lite Beer, Cycles Etc. Lite is providing prizes, trophies, t-shirts, and the fish line banner. Cycles Etc. is providing cash and merchandise to be awarded as prizes.

Scott Hill of Cycles Etc. explained that a stage race is advantageous to the cyclist. If a racer is weak in a stage, he can make up for it in another, he said.

"The overall winner may not win a stage, but just place high in three," Hill said.

According to Hill, most of the racers who have registered at Cycles Etc. are entering the stock race.

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