

# Hound dog is hungry for student vote

By MANDY MIKULENCAK  
Reporter

A huge hound named Higgins is hoping to be top dog in the Purina Dog Chow "Search for the Great American Dog" contest, but he needs help from the students at Texas A&M.

Higgins Schultz, a 195-pound Old English Mastiff from Dallas, is out on the canine campaign trail with his slogan, "Higgins is hungry for your votes."

To win the Purina contest, Higgins must receive more public votes than his four canine counterparts, who, with Higgins, make up the five finalists who buried some 25,000 contenders in the preliminaries of the contest.

Higgins, the finalist from the South Central Region of the United States, is begging A&M students and their dogs to register their votes for him before Saturday by calling 1-900-220-2522.

Higgins' owner and best friend, Renee Schultz of Dallas, said the calls must be made from either apartments or residences because of difficulty calling from dorm rooms and there is a 50 cent charge per call.

Schultz said Higgins is busy this week begging for votes and building support in the Dallas area, and his campaign aides are building support for him throughout the region which is made up of Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, Louisiana, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Mississippi.

"Higgins needs the support of Texas A&M," Schultz said. "He's relying on the educated voters of this University to call in votes for him."

Schultz also said Higgins has become quite a campaigner.

When Higgins is not out charming the crowds with his toothsome smile and soulful eyes, Schultz said Higgins spends his days taping inter-

views and munching Purina products.

Higgins' strategy is clear in this contest and he makes no bones about his promises to his constituents: to let sleeping dogs lie, to teach old dogs new tricks, to let every dog have his day and, in all issues of importance, to go to the dogs.

Also, Higgins believes he's more than qualified to be Purina's "Great American Dog" because he eats Purina products regularly.

Higgins admits, though, that occasionally he succumbs to cravings for his favorite junk foods — Kleenex tissues and cheese weiners.

During voting week, Higgins is devoting all his time to his campaign and not his cravings.

Higgins' aides are out distributing fliers of his "Hound Profile" which include personal information on the pooch such as: his favorite color, bone; his favorite song, "You Ain't Nothing But A Hound Dog;" and his goal in life, to be the winner of the Purina Dog Chow contest so that he can win \$25,000 for his owners, a ride in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade with Betty Thomas of "Hill Street Blues" and to have his picture on eight million packages of Purina Dog Chow.

Schultz said she decided to enter Higgins in the contest after seeing an ad in a magazine about last year's contest.

Schultz said she believed her "gentle giant" was unusual enough to have a chance.

Schultz said she sent in a photo of Higgins and an essay describing his particular canine charms, and was thrilled and surprised when she was notified that Higgins was a finalist.

The finalists and their owners will be flown to New York City Sunday and the winner will be announced Tuesday.



Owner Renee Schultz with "Higgins"

Schultz said the winner will stay to ride on a float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

"Everyone needs to watch the parade," Schultz said. "That way, if you see Higgins, you'll know we won!"

Schultz said she and her husband haven't thought about what they'd do with the \$25,000 if Higgins wins,

but they're sure Higgins would get some very special treatment.

"We'd get Higgins a fancy house," Schultz said, "probably with a star above the door."

"Yes, we'd set up Higgins to live a dog's life!"

## Congressional candidate agrees to psychiatric care

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Congressional candidate Lowell "Duke" Embs, charged with threatening his former employer, has agreed to enter a hospital for psychiatric treatment, a federal magistrate said Wednesday.

U.S. Magistrate Jamie Boyd Tuesday ordered Embs either to voluntarily undergo the treatment or post a \$20,000 cash bond before he could be released.

Embs, 56, a candidate for the 21st congressional seat, initially rejected the psychiatric treatment option but later changed his mind, Boyd said.

## A&M student groups accepting donations for Colombian relief

By JUNE PANG  
Staff Writer

The president of the Colombia Students Association at Texas A&M hopes his fellow Aggies can lend some help to his people back home.

"A lot of people have lost their homes, their lands, their families," says Ronald Gualy. "We need to help them."

A volcano erupted Nov. 14 near Armero leaving more than 25,000 people dead and thousands of others homeless.

CSA has set up a table in the Memorial Student Center to take donations. Also the International Students Association has set up a table

in the Blocker Building to accept donations for the needy in Colombia.

The CSA also has set up a bank account at University National Bank for cash donations. All the donations will be sent to International Red Cross and then will be transferred to Colombia.

Armero, the largest town near the volcano, was devastated by a mud slide caused by melted snow.

"Eighty-five percent of the town is destroyed," Gualy said.

He said people living there had known the volcano was restless, but did not evacuate because they didn't know when or if it would erupt.

"If you are going to tell people to

leave their home, their land, just because something may happen, a lot of people will not leave," he says. "Besides, they don't have insurance. If they lose, they just lose everything, like they did."

Gualy said he and other Colombian students at A&M are worried about their country, especially since the disaster came only about one week after a government confrontation with leftist guerrillas in the Palace of Justice. The confrontation resulted in 109 deaths, including six Supreme Court judges.

Gualy said the Nevado del Ruiz volcano was a tourist attraction because it was one of the few places in Colombia where it snowed.

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