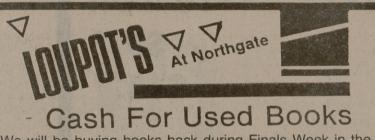


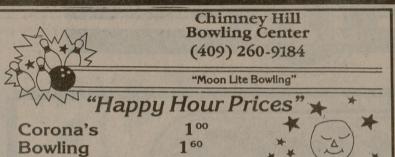
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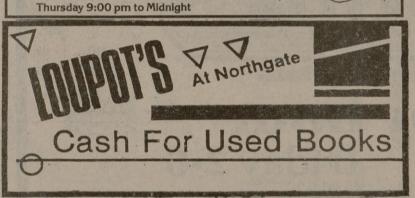
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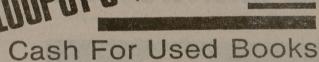
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Director: Nursing program to help cup death toll among Texans from cance

By Beverly Click Reporter

Laying out by the pool and catching a few rays between classes is great if a bronze body is what one wants. But those rays can be doing harm to the skin.

Nurses around the state realize this, and they are taking steps to detect not only the cancer that can be caused by the sun, but other kinds of

Barbara Holmes, MSN (master of science and nursing), RN and the director of the newly created Nurse Oncology Education Program, says that the main cancers nurses see are breast, cervical, oral, testicular and skin cancer. Oncology is the medical branch dealing with tumors, particularly malignant ones.

The nursing program is a five-year project that started in February to train nurses in the prevention and detection of cancer, Holmes says. The Texas Cancer Council, which was established by the 69th Texas Legislature, funds the program with state money, the nurse says.

Even though the program is projected to be in existence for only five years, it probably will continue if the survival rate of cancer increases, she

was a nursing committee, which she she hopes will be achieved by work-chaired, that looked at the overall ing with the deans and directors of amount of cancer in Texas and real- each school, she says ized the need for a statewide cancer

"Cancer is very prevalant in Texas, more so than in other states," Holmes says. The Texas program already has

"We want to cut down on the number of Texans dying each year.'

Barbara Holmes, program director

been praised by the American Cancer Society, American Medical Association and American Cancer Institution, Holmes says. If the program does well it will give other states the incentive to initiate the same kind of program, she says. Only two states, Pennsylvania and Illinois, now have cancer prevention programs for nurses and theirs are smaller,

Holmes says that originally there schools are teaching oncology, which such as breast self-examina

Another goal of the program is to provide increased continuing education to nurses serving cancer patients and their families, Holmes says. The program will present seven one-day workshops around the state on the subject of cancer prevention and physical, as well as psychological, treatment of the patient, she says.

The program also will train every nurse to be a cancer prevention and detection nurse, she says. The goal, Holmes says, is to have every nurse talk to the patients about cancer and then check them for the disease, even if they came to the clinic or hospital for hemorrhoids or strep throat.

The public needs to have knowledge of the advantages of early detection because the disease can be cured if found in the early stages, she says, but it might not be if it is advanced. Checking patients when-ever they come in will help in this, Holmes says, and so far, the public seems open to the idea.

There are several goals of the program, Holmes says. One of them is to make sure that the nursing that the n

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And the members want to clearinghouse for oncology be able to learn what is go around the state in cancer

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The nurses interact more patient than the average placedoes, so it is to the advantage depublic for the nurses to be about p tect cancer in the early

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Companies sell parasitic wasps; livestock owners swat fly problem

By Ty Walters Reporter

A solution to the problems caused by one of nature's peskiest members, the fly, may be just a swat away.

Several companies have started selling parasitic wasps to livestock owners across the country to combat the problems brought on by the fly. The wasp is the natural enemy of the

The wasps, which are about the size of a gnat, prey on the pupal stage of the fly.

The small predators attack the pupae and either devour it or lay their own eggs inside of it. Cliff E. Hoelscher, a Texas Agri-

cultural Extension Service entomologist, says the wasp can be an effec-tive extermination device in the proper environment.

The tiny wasp is most effective when used inside a relatively closed

barn, Hoelscher says, because tight quarters cause it to attack the flies in more concentrated area, making the results more noticeable.

The most popular use of the wasp has been in large poultry barns, Hoelscher says, where the animals are closely confined and flies can cause major problems.

Hoelscher says barns containing the insects have experienced about a 75 percent to 80 percent decrease in the fly population, compared to the 95 percent kill rate normally associated with today's pesticides.

"But you don't have to put out any toxic chemicals into your barn," he

This is the advantage manufacturers hope will convince livestock owners to switch to biological fly control.

Colorado Insectory, a company that's researching biological pest control, sells two species of wasps. One species is for arid climates and another for cooler, drier areas.

The company says its biological method costs 40 percent to 60 percent less than chemicals and can be administered with very little effort.

The program recommended by Colorado Insectory requires a barn operator to make an application, which involves sprinkling the specially-packaged wasp eggs onto infested areas about once every week The adult wasp hatches within 16 to 18 days, depending on the species

Hoelscher says the only problem involved with this type of fly control is the amount of time required before an owner can see results.

"It takes time," Hoelscher says. They have to go through about three life cycles before they become

He adds that the wasps might be

set to begin on Monda

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