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## A&M students win national honors in animal judging

By Annette Primm  
Reporter

Five judging teams from the Texas A&M animal science department earned national championship honors this year, Dr. Howard Hesby, an animal science professor said.

A&M teams won nationals in horse, livestock, meat, poultry and wool judging.

A reception to honor the judging teams will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at the Kleberg Animal and Food Science Center. The reception will take place by the building's atrium and is open to the public.

Students on the teams judge the animals and rank them by score, Hesby said. Then the team members are graded by the official judges on the accuracy of their decisions.

The students also are quizzed orally on the reasoning of their decisions, Hesby said.

In the past 15 years, the horse judging team has won 11 national championships, said Dr. Gary Potter, a team coach and animal science professor.

The horse-judging team won national and international championships this year, Potter said.

He said these contests included the All-American Quarter Horse Congress on Oct. 23 in Columbus, Ohio, and the World Championship Quarter Horse Show on Nov. 18 in Oklahoma City.

About 30 teams competed in the national contest, and 21 teams participated in the international contest, he said.

In each competition, the A&M team won the reasons award.

Winning these contests shows a high degree of study and comprehension, Potter said.

"It is a stepping stone for students who want to judge when they get out of school," he said.

Sam Jackson, coach for the livestock judging team, said participating in this the contest can be a beginning of a successful career.

"People who have won these contests are industry leaders today," Jackson said.

Each horse team has 10 members, but only five get to participate in each contest, Potter said.

"They work out just like a football team," Potter said. "Those who do good in practice get to play."

Potter said the team has 11 classes to judge, two of which are mares and quarter horses.

Each class contains four animals, he said, so there are 24 different ways to rank the horses.

The A&M livestock judging team won the National Collegiate Judging Livestock Contest Nov. 16 in Louisville, Ky. This year 39 teams participated in the contest.

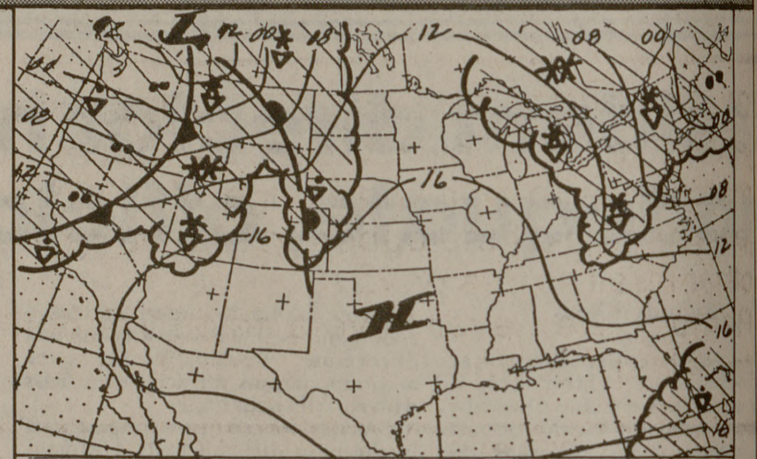
The students judged cattle, sheep and hogs, Jackson said. The 12 classes contained market steers, bulls, heifers, rams, market lambs and bores.

Livestock team members practiced three days a week during the year to prepare for contests.

The meats judging team won five of the six contests it participated in this year, Dr. Jeff Savell of the animal science department said. The team won the international contest Nov. 22 and placed second in the American Royal contest last spring.

There are 14 members on the team, and four members participate in each contest, Savell said. They judge beef, pork and lamb in the form of carcasses and cuts.

## Weather Watch



Key:

- Lightning	- Fog	- Thunderstorms
- Rain	- Snow	- Drizzle
- Ice Pellets	- Rain Shower	- Freezing Rain

Sunset Today: 5:23 p.m. Sunrise Wednesday: 7:05 a.m.

**Map Discussion:** High pressure will produce fair and mild weather over the south-central United States, while an upper level trough of low pressure and associated surface front produce rain and snow showers through the central and northern Rockies. The snow over the Great Lakes will shift southeastward to the central Appalachians. Rain showers over southern Florida will be widely scattered and weaken with time.

**Forecast:**  
**Today:** Partly cloudy and mild with a high temperature of 64 degrees and winds northeasterly at 7 to 12 mph.  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy and cool with a low temperature of 43 degrees and winds easterly at less than 5 mph.  
**Wednesday:** Partly cloudy with a warming trend and a high temperature of 68 degrees. Winds will be east-southeasterly at 5 to 10 mph.  
**Weather Fact:** Climatic records produce the following for December:  
 Record high temperature 89 degrees (1922)  
 Average daily high 62 degrees  
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## Galveston insurance heir convicted of defrauding family's charity funds

HOUSTON (AP) — Galveston insurance heir Shearn Moody Jr. was convicted Monday of defrauding his family's charitable foundation of nearly \$1.5 million and now faces up to 85 years in prison for the crime.

The federal court jury deliberated 27 hours over five days before convicting Moody on all 17 counts of mail and wire fraud he faced. He showed no emotion as the verdict was read, and later said he was not surprised at the verdict.

"I have felt this thing was programmed for a long time," Moody said outside the courthouse, appar-

ently meaning he believed the government had plotted against him.

Moody did not elaborate because his lawyer, Marian Rosen, ended the conversation with reporters, and the two got into a waiting vehicle.

Outside the courtroom, Moody shook hands with co-defendant Howell Willis of Dallas, who was acquitted on all four charges he faced.

"I'm very glad you got out — glad on all four (counts)," Moody told him.

Rosen said she intended to appeal the conviction to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

Moody, ousted earlier this year as

Moody Foundation trustee, could also be fined as much as \$4.5 million when he is sentenced Jan. 5. U.S. District Judge Ross Sterling allowed him to remain free on bond pending sentencing.

Jurors resumed deliberations Monday morning after Sterling sent them home Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Deliberations began Nov. 23 after six weeks of testimony.

Moody was accused of helping channel money from the Moody Foundation to organizations that otherwise would not have gotten grants and then receiving kickbacks

to help pay his mounting legal expenses.

Defense attorneys had contended Moody was duped by a con man, William R. Pabst, who is a fugitive on the charges.

Willis had been charged with helping in the scheme. He said he was not surprised he was acquitted. "I always felt I would be found not guilty," he said. "I wasn't guilty. I had an exceptionally good lawyer who brought out the truth. Thank goodness for him and the jury."

Moody still faces similar charges in a second indictment against him. That case has not yet gone to trial.

## Texas escapes damage in hurricane season

(AP) — Texas escaped relatively unscathed from the 1987 Atlantic hurricane season, which ended Monday.

"This season has been very mild, including the number of storms, the dollar amount of damages and no lives were lost," said Bob Case, a hurricane specialist with the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables, Fla.

The season runs from June 1 through Monday. The dates were chosen decades ago because of statistical background on prior storms and when they were likely to hit.

There were only seven named storms and one unnamed tropical storm this year, Case said.

He said a normal hurricane season produces several named storms, including six hurricanes, two of which would strike a coastal area.

Only three of the 1987 storms were hurricanes: Arlene, which developed and died in the open waters of the Atlantic Ocean; Emily, which ravaged the Dominican Republic and Bermuda; and Floyd, which dumped up to 5 inches of rain on Florida, causing just \$500,000 in damages and lasting only 12 hours.

The 1987 unnamed storm was the first of the season, sweeping through Southeast Texas on Aug. 10.

Case said that at the time, it was classified as a tropical depression, but further study of the weather system produced evidence that it actually had been a tropical storm.

It passed through Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, causing \$7.5 million in damage.

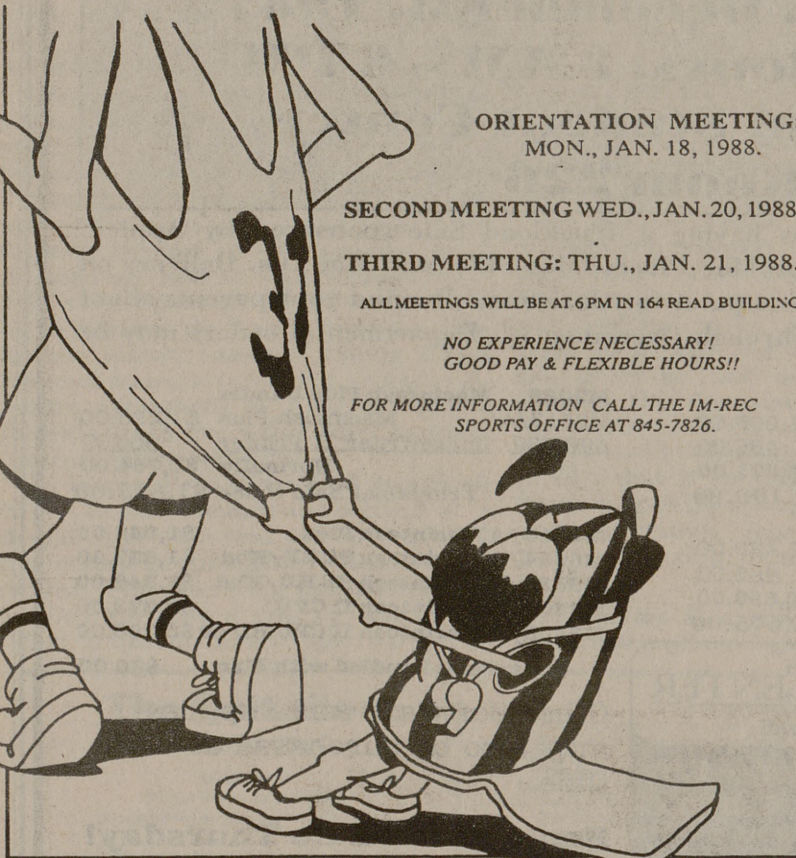
Fred Wesley, a weather specialist with the National Weather Service in Port Arthur, said Gulf Coast states got off lightly in 1987.

"I believe the cold fronts that pushed through the area in June, which caused us to receive about three times the normal amount of rain for the month, ended the hurricane season for us," Wesley said.

A westerly flow at the beginning of the season also kept storms from developing, Wesley said. Hurricanes normally develop when there is an easterly flow in high pressure areas persisting over the Atlantic and Pacific shifting to the north.

In June, upper-level winds shifted to the west, tending to suppress hurricane activity in the Caribbean and Gulf waters, Wesley said.

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