

Kennel Club names scholarship recipients

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Reporter of THE BATTALION

Three Texas A&M students were recently named as recipients of veterinary scholarships from the American Kennel Club.

Lore Haug, Dawn Brittain and Guy Mathews Jr. have received scholarships totaling \$4,000 for the 1992-93 school year. The scholarships for full-time veterinary students, which were based on financial need, the applicant's academic achievement or potential, and the applicant's perceived or demonstrated interest in canine biology and pure-bred dogs, are very much appreciated by the students.

Mathews, a senior veterinary student, said, "The tuition for schools is skyrocketing, and scholarships like these make veterinary students' dreams come

true. I'm grateful to the AKC for helping make my dream come true."

Haug, a fourth-year veterinary student who also received an AKC scholarship, plans to use it for her veterinary externship, a period of four-weeks of work in a veterinary practice. She must complete the externship before finishing veterinary school.

"We take out so many loans to finish school," Haug said, "and this scholarship will really help me. I'm doing my externship out of state, and the scholarship will help pay for living expenses, something that the school doesn't help out with."

A number of A&M students competed for the national scholarships, which they applied for with a submitted essay on how each student would benefit dogs in his or her practice.



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Wendi Peck, a sophomore psychology major from Clear Lake, and Mike Rolland, a mechanical engineering major from Midland, hang out on a Hobie 16 Catamaran outside the MSC on Tuesday.

Group donates hydrant to Texas Engineering Extension Services

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The Big Eight Resource, Conservation and Development and Schlumberger Industries dedicated a new dry hydrant to the Texas Engineering Extension Service Tuesday at the Brayton Firemen Training Field. The dry hydrant will aid in training firefighters to fight fires in rural areas.

"We will be able to show firemen from across the state how to install and use these hydrants so they can have easy access to water, even when they may be as far as 20 miles from a ready water supply," said Charles Page, divi-

sion head of the Fire Protection Training Division of TEEX.

The dry hydrant provides a supply of water from existing farm ponds, lakes and streams. It also reduces the distance that firefighters must travel to refill the tanks on their trucks when battling rural fires.

Dry hydrants are simple in design and construction. They are installed three feet below the lowest level that a body of water would reach in a dry year.

Pipe runs from the water to an all-weather road or other accessible spot, and then is capped above the surface with the dry hydrant itself.

Anti-abortionists defy injunction

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HOUSTON — Anti-abortion activists on Tuesday protested inside a 100-foot limit outside an abortion clinic, but six leaders from Operation Rescue freed from jail after violating the order did not appear at the demonstration.

About 50 local Operation Rescue supporters showed up outside a Planned Parenthood clinic near downtown where abortions are

performed. Some 17 crossed the court-imposed demonstration line to kneel in the gutter, pray and proselytize.

Other demonstrators tried to give women going into the clinic biblical tracts as abortion rights advocates surrounded the women to escort them inside. Some demonstrators shouted that the women would "forever regret" their decision to have an abortion and would be tortured with "eternal damnation."

About 10 Planned Parenthood volunteers locked arms to "defend" the clinic doors from protesters while others helped escort clients from the parking lot past demonstrators. There were no arrests.

State District Judge Eileen O'Neill issued a restraining order Aug. 6 prohibiting demonstrators from coming within 100 feet of abortion clinic doors or within 25 feet of a patient or worker. The order, which anti-abortion demon-

strators repeatedly have violated during the past month, expires Thursday unless Ms. O'Neill issues a temporary injunction.

Planned Parenthood Inc. sought the restraining order after anti-abortion groups, including Operation Rescue, announced they would protest clinics during the Republican National Convention, which ended Aug. 20.

Six anti-abortion protesters jailed for demonstrating too close to a clinic were freed.

Trinity Meadows gallops ahead in race for track

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WILLOW PARK — Trinity Meadows officials and employees were still riding high Tuesday, one day after taking the lead in the derby to acquire North Texas' first Class 1 license.

But that enthusiasm was tempered with by the fact that hearings examiner Dudley McCalla's recommendation still has to win approval from the Texas Racing Commission.

"We're still in a frame of mind that we haven't been approved by the entire commission yet, but we're confident that the commission will stand by McCalla's ruling," said Steve Bera, chief operating officer at Trinity Meadows.

McCalla stunned most observers

Monday when he recommended Trinity Meadows, which has operated a Class 2 horse racing track since May 1991, over three Dallas County groups.

McCalla, an Austin lawyer appointed to review the applications, cited Trinity Meadows' experience as a factor.

He recommended denial of applications from Grand Prairie and Dallas groups.

Bera said McCalla's selection of the Parker County raceway wasn't a total shock.

"I don't believe surprise is the right word because we formed the application in such a way that Trinity Meadows would be selected," he said.

"I think if there was surprise element, it was that we received a lone

recommendation that didn't include one of the other applicants."

Racing fans shouldn't look for Trinity Meadows to become another Remington Park or Louisiana Downs, Bera said.

"Trinity Meadows is going to have an identity all its own. We have our own concept of what the facility should look like," Bera said.

The track has spent \$10 million to \$15 million building its Class 2 facility, with \$15 million to \$20 million more earmarked for improvements if it receives Class 1 status.

The grandstand, which lacks air conditioning, could be renovated by the expected March 1993 start-up date, Bera said.

Expanding the racing oval to one

mile that quickly, he said, would be more difficult.

Trinity Meadows' licensing application proposes a two-phase improvement, including a new third level that features a clubhouse and skyboxes.

Seating would be expanded to 13,860, with standing room for about 5,000 more.

The Racing Commission has never gone against an examiner's recommendation in awarding pari-mutuel horse licenses. The vote on the North Texas proposal is expected to come at an Oct. 2 meeting.

Objections can be filed in the next 10 days by the three other applicants: Pinnacle Park, which wants to build a

\$109 million track in west Oak Cliff; Lone Star Jockey Club, which wants to build a \$97 million track in Grand Prairie; and Midpointe Racing, which wants to build a \$96 million facility across from Lone Star's proposed site.

State racing law limits Class 1 tracks to the areas around Texas' three largest cities.

The Racing Commission already has granted Class 1 licenses to Sam Houston Race Park in Houston and Retama Park in the San Antonio area.

The four North Texas applicants have engaged for months in a bitter battle of public accusations, scathing legal briefs and lawsuits.

The Dallas-area groups were generally considered frontrunners.

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