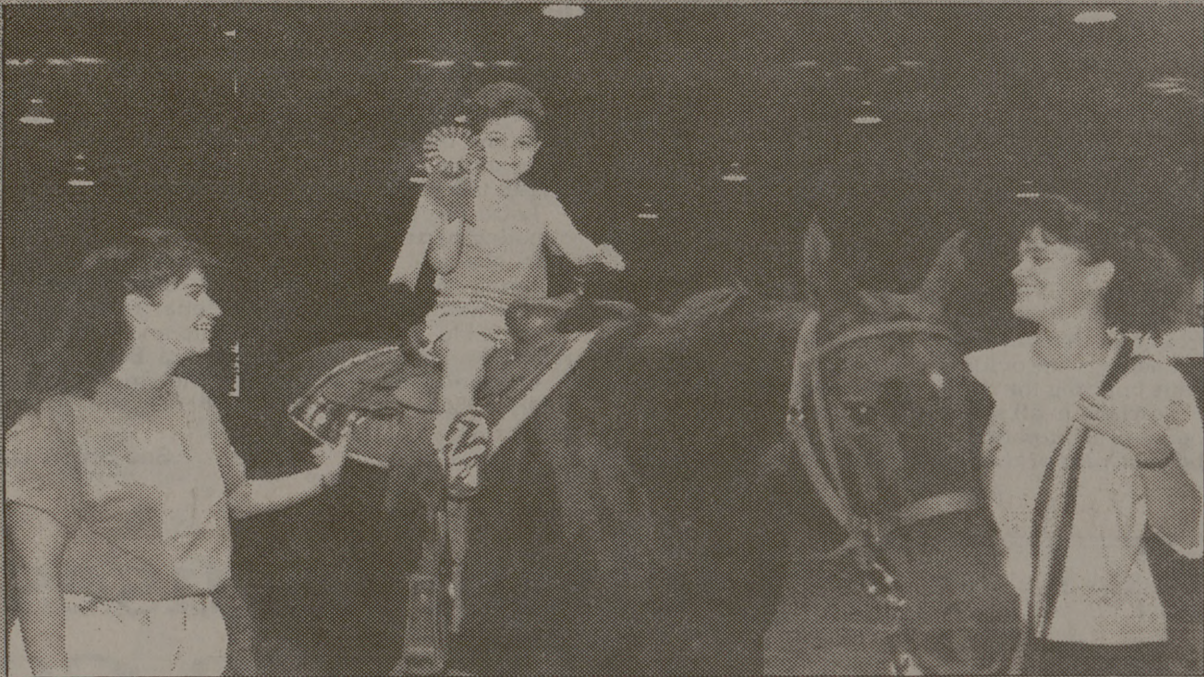


Clinic offers riding lessons for handicapped children



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Sitting atop "Binkie," Jamie Everett, 6, of College Station proudly holds up his participation ribbon while Sandy Murrell (left) and Jenni Jorgensen, both members of the Horsemen's Association, guide the horse around Louis Pearce Pavilion.

By ROBIN GOODPASTER
Reporter of THE BATTALION

Waving both of his hands wildly in the air and wearing a huge smile on his face, J.C. Moreland finally learned to enjoy riding a horse.

It didn't used to be that way. "Last year, it took us two hours to get him on the horse, and he got off really fast," said Rebecca Farmer, chairman of the committee for the Special Students Riding Clinic. "But now,

we can't seem to get him off the horse."

During the clinic, handicapped children are given the opportunity to ride horses while assisted by members of the riding committee. The clinic is held three weekends each semester.

"They really enjoy it because it is something that they can do all by themselves," Farmer said. "Their parents spend a lot of time taking care of them, and this is something that the kids can do themselves," Farmer said.

Fliers are sent to the area

special education classes so that students are aware of the clinic, Farmer said.

At the clinic, the students ride the horses and play games like musical cones and Aggie Says — a game like Simon Says.

Every student receives a blue ribbon.

Chris Palasota, a student a Bryan High School said that he likes the horses to go fast, and that he wasn't scared because he has ridden before.

The clinic is sponsored by the Horseman's Association at Texas A&M.

Greek Week comes to close

Festivities end with awards ceremony; final thoughts focus on PR

By TANYA SASSER
Staff Writer of THE BATTALION

Texas A&M Greeks need to overcome stereotypical images in order to change the way they are viewed on campus, said Student Activities Adviser Jan Paterson Sunday in the Memorial Student Center.

Paterson spoke at the Greek Week awards ceremony, encouraging students to concentrate on public relations as a way to improve the reputation of the Greek system.

"You need to concentrate on P.R. instead of publicity," she said. "P.R. is an effort to create, in people's minds, an image."

Greek Week provides a good opportunity for Greeks to improve their image on campus and in the community, Paterson said.

"You need to be willing to invest your resources," she said. "You have to invest time, personnel and money. You need to work on this both within the system and as individual chapters."

Paterson said it is easier to gain a negative image than a positive one.

"What one of your chapters does, reflects back on

every one of you," she said. "But the negative, generally what you hear about."

Greeks need to make an extra effort to prove themselves to the administration and faculty, A&M, Paterson said. They should make sure the activities and behaviors are not disruptive to the academic process.

Paterson is proud of the changes and accomplishments that have taken place within the Greek system within the past few years.

"When I look at this group, I can't imagine anyone would feel badly about our Greek System," she said. "You're responsible adults. You conduct yourselves well, and you're intelligent. You need to do a better job of shining your light."

The Greeks raised over \$5,000 during Greek Week, which will be donated through the United Way to the Brazos Valley Boys and Girls Clubs, said Ken Monk, president of Order of Omega.

Virginia Sanders, director of Greek Week, said the Greeks wanted to donate the proceeds from Greek Week to a local organization this year.

"We knew the United Way was very big," she said. "We wanted to do something that the community could see."

Habitat for Humanity starts 4th house

By CHERYL HELLER
Reporter of THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M chapter of Habitat for Humanity, an international non-profit organization that helps build homes for the underprivileged, is currently building

its fourth house in the Bryan-College Station area.

Willie Smith, a single man with several children, is the most recent recipient of a home built by the organization. The cost of the house is about \$26,000 and Smith, an employee of Cafe Eccell in Col-

lege Station, will be required to pay for the house on a non-profit, no-interest basis over a fixed time period.

Families are selected for the Habitat for Humanity program based on their level of need, willingness to become partners and ability to repay the loan.

The goal of the organization is to eliminate poverty housing from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action, according to graduate student Steve Moiles, a member of the Texas A&M chapter.

The newly reorganized A&M chapter works in affiliation with the Bryan-College Station chapter of Habitat for Humanity International, which now has 100 approved applicants on file.

The Texas A&M chapter hopes to have enough money to start and finish four houses with chapter funds by the spring.

"Right now we're doing warm-ups — repairing roofs and helping people in need fix up their homes," Moiles said.

"We don't have enough money to build a house on our own yet, but we're trying to raise funds to build more houses. Our goal is to raise enough money to build a house on our own, without the help of the affiliate."

The chapter plans to hold fundraisers to raise money, and would like to funnel money from other organizations' fund raisers to the chapter's projects.

The chapter would also like to get more students involved with the program.

"We've gotten to a lot of freshmen already, but not a lot of upperclassmen," Moiles said. "Hopefully our projects will get more upperclassmen involved."

"Anyone can do what we're doing," he said. "It's been done at other universities, and I know we can do it."



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Habitat for Humanity volunteer Robert Gutierrez stands on stilts as he "tapes" the corners where the walls and ceiling meet in one of the bedrooms of Willie Smith's future home.

Aggies could sway vote, chairman says

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Most analysts figure George Bush has to win Texas to regain the White House.

Recent polls say Bush has a slight lead, and if he does narrowly grab the Lone Star State's 32 electoral votes, credit may land squarely in Aggieland, where Texas A&M University College Republicans have helped register thousands of voters.

"I'm very thrilled with the numbers there," says Tony Zagotta, national chairman of the College Republicans. "I believe if Texas is a close state, it's going to be Republican students who give the margin of victory to George Bush."

A&M is "definitely the crown jewel for us," Zagotta said. He said Republicans have registered more students at A&M than at any other school he knows of.

Aggie Republicans claim they have helped register some 20,000 of A&M's about 43,000 students this summer and fall.

"Everyone here is very staunch Republican," says sophomore Philip Peter, a conservative student who registered to vote when he returned to campus this fall.

"Everyone is a little worried that maybe their vote's really going to count this time. I know that's

the way I feel," he said after attending a recent Dan Quayle rally that drew 8,000 students.

Bush challenger Bill Clinton's MTV appearance and his sunglasses-wearing saxophone serenade on the Arsenio Hall show may have won him fans among American youth at other colleges. But at A&M, where tastes often run more to crew cuts and uniforms, many were unimpressed.

The Republicans were the driving force behind the registration of some 17,000 students in 1990, a comparable number in 1988 and even more in 1984, said Phil Meuret, president of A&M's College Republicans.

This year's Aggie registration claims are difficult to verify.

De Parker, deputy registrar for Brazos County, said nearly 13,000 people have been registered in the county since a mid-August purge of voting rolls. However, the registration applications are not classified by party preference or whether the voter is a student, she said.

The total number of eligible voters countywide stood at 60,915 as of Oct. 8, with about 1,000 applications left to process, Ms. Parker said.

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