

Freebies for Aggies



KYLE BURNETT/The Battalion

Students take advantage of some free promotional items Thursday near Rudder Fountain. The sponsor companies have been distributing the items on university campuses across the country and will be giving out more free magazines and other products today.

Veterinary college to dedicate research center for aging pets

Geriatric animals to be cared for in home-like environment

By HEATHER WINCH

The Battalion

Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine will dedicate a new building for the study of behavioral, nutritional and geriatric needs of animals.

The Stevenson Companion Animal Life-care Center and W.P. Luse Foundation Building opens officially at 3:30 p.m. today.

The main purpose of the center is to provide care for older animals when the pet owners are no longer able.

The pet owner gives the center an endowment that supports the center.

When the animal dies, the endowment is then transferred to fund a program of the owner's choosing.

The owners are assured of proper care and study of the animals.

Without injections, caging or surgery on the animals, the studies will be used to gather information about geriatric diseases and disorders of older animals which veterinarians know little about.

The core of the 10-acre facility is a 5,000 square foot building which contains veterinary clinical facilities, dormitories for up to 60 animals, a visiting room for human interaction with the animals and an animal playroom with toys and scratching posts.

"In order to evaluate well the aging process we must maintain the same environment the animals were in at home. We can't put them in cages and expect to get reliable data," said Dr. "Ned" Ellett, director of the Life-care Center.

From this research, the center will develop programs for the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of diseases in geriatric animals, Ellett said.

Plans for the center, located on University Drive and Highway 60 west of the College of Veterinary Medicine began in 1984 and construction started last February.

The University donated 10 acres of land for the center but all costs for the \$576,976 center were paid by private gifts, grants and endowments.

The center will be self-sufficient from the interest

earned from donated monies in an account allocated for the support of the center and animal care, said Kelley Durham Information Specialist for the Department of Veterinary Medicine.

Another part of the center, the Luse Building, also will hold the center's administrative and staff offices, a conference room, an apartment for live-in veterinary students and kitchen and laundry facilities.

Although not all of the 10 acres of land is being used, the Life-care center plans to expand and include outdoor exercise areas for cats and dogs as well as open areas for larger animals.

The Stevenson Center is named for Madlin Stevenson, a Houston area interior designer and animal enthusiast.

Stevenson has funded part of the center and provided furnishings for the center as well as all of the furnishings for the live-in veterinary student apartments.

The Luse Building is named after the late businessman and oilman W.P. Luse and founder of the W.P. and Beulah Luse Foundation of Dallas.

The foundation has provided funds for activities within the College of Veterinary Medicine and construction of the Stevenson Center.

Stevenson will attend the dedication with Ellett, President Mobley and Senior Vice President and Provost Dr. E. Dean Gage will speak at the dedication ceremony.

Dr. John A. Shadduck, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, will preside over the ceremony with Board of Regents chairman Ross D. Margraves.

Aggie dies in wreck

David Wayne Peters, a senior forestry major from Chester, Texas, was killed in a car accident early Thursday morning in Waco.

Peters was 22 years old. Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas will handle the memorial service.

Riders

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- West Texas A&M University - \$250,000 for agricultural programs.
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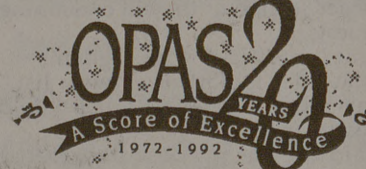
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