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hoirs to perform classic rahm's Requiem tonight

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hear quality classical music, Bryan-Col-Station residents often have to travel to ston or Dallas. But tonight, the Texas A&M tury Singers will be bringing that music to der Auditorium.

the Century Singers will perform Brahm's Remark 8 p.m. in collaboration with the Brazos y Symphony and the Brazos Valley Chorale.

ss Wade, director of the Century Singers and tic director of the Brazos Valley Chorale, said oncert will offer a unique opportunity to Texas M and Bryan-College Station.

This is a chance to hear one of a very small dful of chorale, symphonic masterpieces and here," Wade said. "This is the kind of opunity you just shouldn't miss.'

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uzannah Taylor, vice president of the Century

ers and a junior speech communications major, the concert will show off the talents of the

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to share in the experience through

he Century Singers offers a type of at that differs from the performing ups that often visit the Texas A&M pus, Taylor said. A&M is able to bring a lot of talent to

orm through student organizations OPAS," she said. "But it is also great for our

ol and community to have its own talent." Conight's concert will be performed in Gerbut an English translation will be offered

Wade said the requiem is different from the reems most people are familiar with.

This is a consolation for the living type of re-106 Liem," he said. "This is the kind of music this com-

mity and university community don't get to expece very often.

The music most students are familiar with is the type of music that will last very long. This is sic that's been around a long time and will cone to be around."

Taylor said the group is expecting a good turnout the concert because people in the A&M and yan-College Station communities are becoming e interested in the classical music.

Awareness is increasing," she said. "As A&M ntinues to grow, people are more willing to come

One of our main goals is exposure to a lot of difnt kinds of music for our students, for ourselves for our community.

Making time



Charlie Crum, junior microbiology major, and Adam Thyen, junior industrial engineering major, play with their dogs Shadow and Bubba in Research Park.

Students take on extra responsibility of pets

By Rachel Barry THE BATTALION

skar has his own room complete with his picture on the door. When Summer Giffin, a junior international studies and finance major comes home, he will be waiting and wagging his tail.
Oskar is Giffin's dachshund, making him

one of the many pets in Bryan-College Station that is dependent on a college student.

Even though finding the time, money and energy to take care of one's self is difficult, many students add the responsibility of taking

care of another life "He requires a lot of attention," she said. Giving him enough attention is the hardest

After living at home and having a pet, some students might want to fill the void left when they come to school and are left without the

company of an animal friend. The void can be filled with something as low-maintenance as fish, or as attention-needy as a flying squirrel. Somewhere in between, there are dogs and cats.

"I got him for companionship," Giffin said. "I had always wanted one."

Companionship is one thing, but sometimes the frustration of taking care of that friend outweighs the joy of having the animal around. Giffin said her dog has a definite response to a lack of attention.

"He gets depressed and looks and you and makes you feel guilty for not spending time with him," she said.

Spending time with Oskar is fun but very demanding, Giffin said. Oskar's play schedule does not always coincide with Giffin's study schedule. 'If I am studying and he is trying to play with me, I feel so guilty, so I stop whatever I'm

doing to make him happier," she said. Having a pet in the house not only adds re-

sponsibilities to its owner's life, but to the other roommates, as well.

Weslie Szymandera, a junior international studies major, helps take care of Shiner, her roommate's dog.

She said that having a roommate who has a dog is nice because it shifts the major responsibilities to them. "It takes a lot of dedication," she said, "but

it is easier for us because there is one person who really takes care of her.'

Shiner, a blue healer, is a puppy and sometimes gets a little rambunctious

'She adds excitement to the house," she said. "If she wasn't here you would definitely notice."

Giffin said coming home after a long day at school and having a friend waiting to play can make the day better. She said the reciprocation of affection is worth the added responsibilities.

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> - Diana Farrow Brazos Animal Shelter

There is a price students have to pay to keep their pets.

When the food runs out for Oskar, he can't go to the grocery store or to the nearest vending machine to get his fill.

If he doesn't have food, I can't just wait and get it tomorrow," Giffin said. "I have to stop and get it right then.' Although Oskar can be an added responsi-

bility, Giffin said he has his advantages. 'It's a pain sometimes because if I want to

stay somewhere, I can't," she said. "But he can

be a good excuse if I don't want to stay, too." Coming home at 3 a.m. and finding trash strewn across the kitchen can test her patience

for Shiner, Szymandera said. "When he's good, he's everybody's dog," she said. "But when he's bad, he's Sara's dog."

It is hard for some people to understand what goes into taking care of an animal. A cute and cuddly friend can be more responsibility than some students are able to handle

Szymandera said if a student realizes they can't take care of their pet, they need to give it to someone who can.

"You have to test your boundaries first to see how much you can handle," she said.

Diana Farrow, a customer service representative at the Brazos Animal Shelter, said there are students who are good pet owners and the animal shelter tries to help all pet owners understand what they will have to do for their pets.

She said students often do not realize the expenses included in owning a pet. She said they may be able to afford buying the pet right then but they don't realize there will be followup shots, food to buy and vet bills to pay for many years.

Giffin said students need to understand the difference between an animal and a toy.

"People think it's a toy that you can just put "Dogs can't lie," she said. "I know that he up whenever you want to, and it's not," she said. Farrow said pets can add responsibilities and fun to college students normally hectic lives. "A lot of the students are here from far

away places and are living by themselves for the first time," she said. "It is also a good ice breaker if you are at the park with your pet. It is a good way to meet people.

She said many students decide they want a pet and get it before they think about what responsibilities go along with owning a pet. 'They want it right then," she said. "Later,

when the cuteness had worn off, and it has gotten bigger, they find they don't want it anymore."



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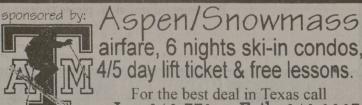


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