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Prof addresses rights of animals

BY EMILY R. SNOOKS
The Battalion

Dr. Tom Regan, a philosophy professor from North Carolina State University, gave a lecture Friday on the moral status of non-human animals to an audience of 65 students and faculty members.

Dr. Gary Varner, Texas A&M philosophy professor, introduced Regan by citing his published journals on the topic of non-human animal rights. Regan has appeared in the Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Philosophical Quarterly and Inquiry.

Regan addressed three philosophical ideas about who is included in society's moral community: humanism, utilitarianism and all beings having sensation capabilities. Humanism states only humans are morally considerable, and humans do not have any responsibility to outsiders. Utilitarianism, which Regan said has the largest role in the contemporary animal rights debate, states everything is judged on the basis of its ability to serve a purpose, meaning utilizing animals for research and consumption is acceptable.

"A way to describe a utilitarianist would be some-

one who believes the ends justify the means. It doesn't matter how you get there," Regan said.

Regan closed his speech by describing a moral community consisting of all living beings who feel pain or pleasure, meaning humans and non-human animals are all morally equal, and restricting the moral community to only humans is morally unacceptable.

"Non-human animals may not be able to speak for themselves, but they can suffer, therefore they should be included," he said.

During his lecture, Regan cited ideas from philosophers Immanuel Kant, René Descartes and Peter Singer. Following his address, Regan answered questions from the audience. Questions addressed the practices of eating meat as a survival, animals killing animals and humanizing ethics. Regan had a basic response for questions about a unified moral community.

"It comes down to the fact that we would do without a lot of the benefits we are used to if we were to include non-human animals in the moral community," he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Co-op Education to hold fair

Texas A&M Cooperative Education Office will sponsor a spring co-op fair today and tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Zachry lobby.

More than 50 national companies will participate in the fair.

Martha Boerema, associate director of cooperative education, said some companies will offer internships and students should inquire about full-time positions after graduation, Boerema said.

Prof speaks about creatine effects

Dr. David Lamb, head of the sport and exercise sciences section at Ohio State University, said Friday evidence proves creatine, the most popular exercise supplement, improves exercise performance, but studies can be flawed.

Lamb, a speaker at the 26th annual Texas Human Nutrition Conference, said studies conducted in field settings have not shown positive effects of creatine supplementation.

Lamb said creatine can be a good source of energy for brief bursts of activity such as sprints or repeated bench presses.

Lamb said although the underlying mechanisms are not fully known, creatine is a fairly reliable aid to exercise such as running or cycling lasting five minutes or longer. Lamb said positive effects of creatine can be achieved with modest doses that would not disqualify competitive athletes.

Mini health fair comes to Flagroom

Student Health Services will sponsor a mini health fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the MSC Flagroom as part of Sexual Responsibility Week.

The health fair will include free HIV testing, representatives from different sexual health agencies, Student Counseling Services and educational games.

Margaret Griffith, health education coordinator for Student Health Services, said students interested in free HIV testing should visit the designated table in the MSC or call the A.P. Beutel Health Center to

find out where the testing will take place.

Griffith said she hopes the Sexual Responsibility Week will make students more aware of discussing sexual health within their personal relationships.

"The health fair is for people who are responsible for their own sexuality," Griffith said. "Hopefully students will be able to find a level of comfort about sexuality."

Law letting drink attack

DALLAS (AP) — State legislators are criticizing an effort to change Texas alcohol laws that would allow parents to sue their children for drinking alcohol.

In Dallas, where a beer warehouse involving a high school student, a chief thinks the law is wrong.

"I think it sends a message," Chief Ben Click of the Dallas Morning News said. "I think government should think about family relationships. Who would really question who would do that?"

The Texas A&M Chapter of National Senior Honor Society

would like to invite members of the Class of 2000

to join us for an informational meeting

February 10th at 8:30 in Rudder 407

To be considered, you must have a minimum GPR of 3.25 and 75-110 academic hours completed.

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The deadline is February 19th.

For questions, contact Eric at eba4569@pmail.tamuc.edu

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