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While results of the Hopwood decision are not very significant, results of the top 10 percent rule are visible.

"The number of top 10 applicants is increasing. Last year 4,812 were admitted. This year, 5,309 were admitted. We're seeing slight increases in African-Americans and Hispanics in the top 10 percent. We're also seeing an increase in white, non-Hispanic students in the top 10 percent, as well as an increase in the top 10 percent across all ethnic categories," Estrada said.

Somers said a variety of question topics was used to get an

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overall idea of student opinion of the environment at Texas A&M.

Lane said, "This is a good way to see student input. This study is a very useful resource to have. The campus climate survey helped us identify areas we need to work on in terms of diversity. We need to continue to work with students to identify problems. It takes time and a lot of work. We are moving forward making this campus more diverse."

The results of these surveys will be presented to the 2001 Texas Legislature, with the intent of "giving the legislature information on how students feel about these issues, and increasing the relationship between students and administrators, and students and the Texas Legislature," Somers said.

PROTEST

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the circus animals' training, housing and treatment that they believe to be against the general welfare of the animals.

Delia said Ringling Bros. has violated United States Department of Agriculture Animal Welfare Act inspections 139 times since 1990.

"Not only have they been found in violation of inhumane practices, they have actively opposed legislation which would outlaw using electrical shock, food deprivation, and the use of bull hooks when training animals," Delia said. "In 1993 Ringling Bros. also opposed legislation which would limit the length of time elephants can be chained up."

Delia said the circus trainers use chains, whips, electrical shock, baseball bats, and metal pipes to break the spirits of the animals and show them who is in charge, forcing them to perform tricks for the entertainment of humans.

"Wild animals were not made to do stupid tricks," Delia said. "Tigers do not jump through flaming hoops and bears do not ride bicycles in the wild. These tricks are not natural for them and never should be."

Although a spokesperson from Ringling Bros. was unavailable for comment on the protests, a Ringling Bros. spokesperson said in a news release that the animals are trained to do tricks based on observations made by their handlers. The expert handles watch their animals closely while they socialize with other animals. Then routines are created based on the moves trainers see.

Delia said Ringling Bros. and supporters of the circus argue that animal circuses provide a place for children to see animals they would otherwise never see. However, she points out these animals give children the wrong idea about the nature of the animals.

"When children see these animals they are seeing animals in their unnatural environment, doing things they would never do if they were not forced into the tricks," Delia said.

Kari Johnson, manager of Hart Trunk Will Travel, a performing elephant company, said in an Associated Press release that, "The animals' circuses are ambassadors for other animals. When children get to touch or be close to our animals, it gives them a personal experience they can draw on for the rest of their lives when they think about elephants and other animals."

Pitts said the Big Cats Society is opposed to the treatment of the tigers, lions and other large cats used in circus acts.

"These people in the circus are taking cats that were not created to perform, and forcing them to walk on their hind legs and do other tricks then keeping them in small 10-foot cages, when they need acres to run and play," Pitts said.

When asked about the conditions in which the animals live, a Ringling Bros. spokesperson said in a news release that Ringling Bros. prides itself on the level of care and a healthy environment provided for all of the animals.

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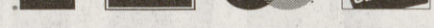
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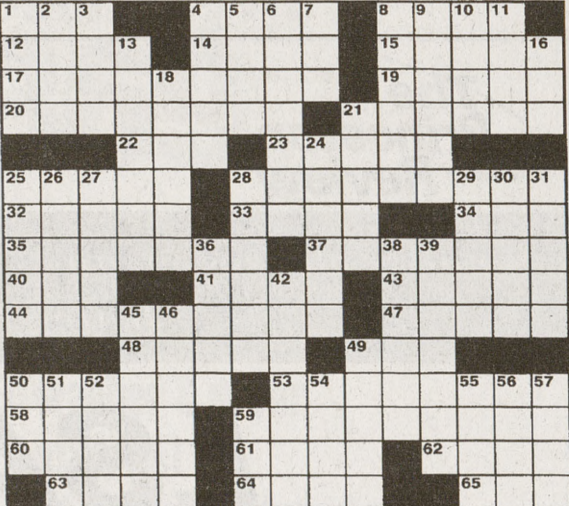
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FOUNDERS' DAY by Bob Frank Edited by Stanley Newman

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- DOWN 1 Lettuce variety 2 Tibet's locale 3 Gateway competitor 4 Do in unison 5 Up-front money 6 Place of development 7 Hosp. sections 8 At the original locale 9 Plane home
- 10 Yemen neighbor 11 But: Sp. 13 High spirits 16 Sun Yat 18 Bent and twisted, as a tree 21 Unglossy finish 24 Head and Wharton 25 Colorful ducks 26 Vernacular 27 Research project 28 Kitchen coating 29 "... a bet!" 30 Lost paradises 31 Change color again 36 d'art 38 Brunch
- 39 Babble on and on 42 Voluntarily refrain 45 "La Bamba" singer 46 Corrects text 49 Boat bow's anchor hole 50 Youngster 51 Rowboat duo 52 Name in Scandinavian furniture 54 Writing on the wall 55 Make an deep impression 56 Non-mnemonic method 57 Skiers' base 59 Mineral spring



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