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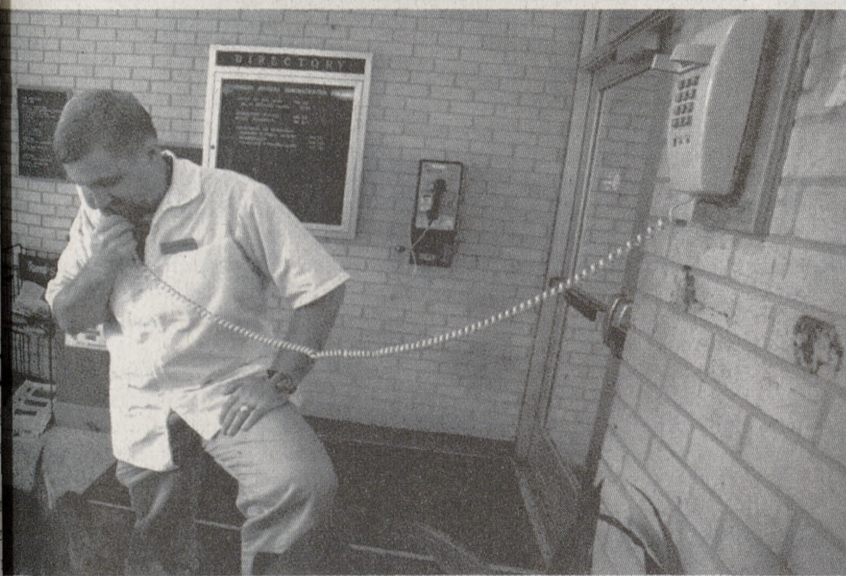
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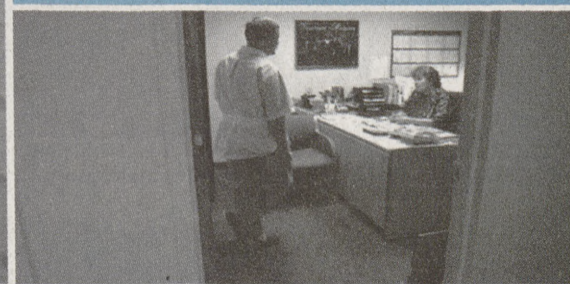
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106 YEARS AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY



a day in the life part one



One vet student's 24-hour profile

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At 8 a.m., Scott Chapman and fellow Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine seniors are already peering through microscopes at slides from a golden retriever's bladder surgery.

Chapman's passionate desire to become a veterinarian has cost Chapman and his family of four.

"When I made the decision to pursue my dream of going to vet school, I knew I would have to give it everything I've got and not quit," he said. "It helps so much that my wife and children totally support me."

In order to fulfill his dream of finishing vet school, life for the next year will be an ever-changing experience for Chapman and the 125 other senior vet school students at A&M.

Early-morning labs and late-night study sessions, in addition to two part-time jobs, demand much of Chapman's time.

Vet school students are on a schedule far different from those of other A&M students.

According to Dr. Mary Herron, associate dean of professional programs in the College of Veterinary Medicine, senior vet students are on intense individual two-week rotations until May 2001. These two-week rotations continue throughout the entire year and range anywhere from post-mortem examination, or necropsy, to general surgery, to caring for the animals in the small animal clinics.

34-year-old Chapman, a Class of '88 animal science major, is on the final day of his clinical pathology/necropsy rotation and he said he is not sure what the day will hold.

"Each day is so different. Things come up unexpectedly and plans change," Chapman said. "I have been on this particular rotation for two weeks, and I still do not know what to expect on any particular day. I just know what I must get done and fit it into my day somehow."

With this in mind, Chapman sets out to begin another day in his life. "Esthesioneuroblastoma carcinoid tumor"

scratched in chalk on the lab's blackboard and the starched lab coat Chapman wears fit the mood of professionalism displayed by Chapman and his four classmates.

Until 10 a.m., Chapman and classmates, along with their instructor, look intently into the 20-something slides searching for "bugs."

Bugs?
"We are searching for various bacterial infections," Chapman said. "Today we are reviewing slides we received earlier this week. My classmates and I have spent hours discussing these slides in preparation for today's discussion."

Thursday is a lucky day for Chapman because he has a three-hour break between lab and scrubbing for necropsy.

"Through necropsy, we give a definitive diagnosis of why animals have died," Chapman explains.

Chapman uses his "free time" to fulfill the duties of one of his part time jobs. He drives out to Vet Med Park to feed a small herd of Iranian red sheep to be used in an embryo transfer project along with desert bighorn sheep.

A "break"?
Not really.

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—Scott Chapman
fourth-year veterinary medicine student

"Breaks are for tying up loose ends," Chapman said.

His full-time job as a husband and father of two boys under 10 must fit into Chapman's schedule.

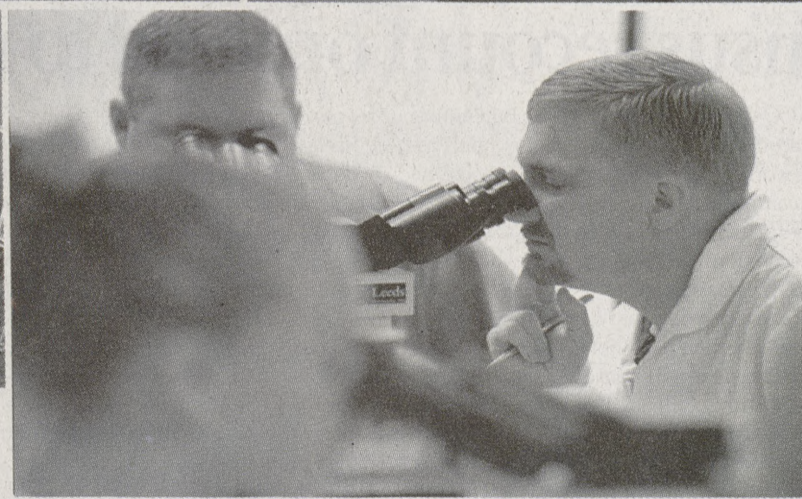
"(My 2-and-a-half-year-old son) Andrew likes to come and feed the sheep with me. ... It is a good chance for me to spend time with him. My family is sacrificing a lot ... time and money," Chapman said.

Chapman picks up lunch McDonald's on his way home to quickly start a load of laundry, do the dishes and

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(Top left) Scott Chapman calls his wife during lunch. (Middle right) He checks his grades for previous rotations. (Bottom right) He peers through a 9-headed microscope for cytopology case discussions. (Bottom left) For a part-time job, he feeds and waters a Mouflon X desert bighorn sheep, during rare breaks between classes.



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Court impeded by limited space

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With limited facilities and personnel, the College Station Municipal Court has been backed up for months with pretrial conferences. Julie Kuder, court administrator, said the most significant cause is overcrowding.

Charles Cryan, director of fiscal services for the city of College Station, said that in the spring, the city discussed with the College Station City Council a plan to construct an additional court building near the existing facility on King Cole Road in an effort to decrease the crowding.

Kuder said a new facility would alleviate the scheduling problems more effectively than hiring additional prosecuting attorneys.

"Cases ranging from traffic tickets to death cases are often contested, and another courtroom is almost essential to properly accommodate and assist the defendants with any questions they may have," Kuder said. "By expanding our available space and the addition of an extra courtroom, we also are expanding our capabilities to better serve the public."

Kuder said pretrial conferences provide the accused with an opportunity to discuss facts, present their version of the incident in

question and look deeper into other possible plea options with a prosecuting attorney. Kuder said the court has made pretrial conferences mandatory for the past two years for those pleading not guilty.

Since the lawyers have respon-

sibilities besides appearing in court, including looking over contracts and evaluating the legality of city planning, they only have time to attend pretrial conferences twice a week. Prosecutors also dedicate much of their time to other court-related activities, such as trials by bench or jury.

"We normally hold around 33 pretrial conferences per week," Kuder said. "Usually we have about 20 on Tuesday and 13 on Wednesday. We have to figure how many we are able to fit in without forcing the attorneys to remain at the courthouse into the night or take away from their other responsibilities."

Cryan said the plan for the new building will be reopened to the council in August, when the council convenes to discuss the budget. He

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A College Station police officer runs radar at the intersection of Wellborn and Holleman.

Attorney general cited for contempt

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Attorney General John Comyn faces possible contempt of court for defying a judge's order to return computers and documents to a Houston Internet company raided in June for allegedly promoting gambling.

Judge Patricia Hancock, according to published reports, ordered the state's top prosecutor to appear before her next week after finding two of his employees in contempt Tuesday for not returning property to MonetizeMedia.com.

Hancock sentenced Assistant Attorney General Reed Lockhoof and investigator Sgt. Stephen Acker to a month in jail. They were released on personal recog-

nizance pending an appeal. Assistant attorney David Puryear was also ordered to appear next week.

A spokesperson for the attorney general's office said all four contempt charges will be appealed.

Hancock gave the attorney general's office a July 14 deadline to return computers, documents, tax returns, a server and all other materials seized during the raids.

Officials with Comyn's office have refused, saying the equipment and paperwork are vital to the investigation.

"Until an appellate court tells me to do so, I can't in good conscience tell my clients to give up evidence that will taint the criminal investigation," Lockhoof said.

Aggie Camp 2000 re-creates Fish Camp

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Kim Goerlitz, a senior geography major, never had the opportunity to attend Fish Camp, but she said Aggie Camp 2000 will give her the opportunity to experience the essence of Fish Camp.

"I missed going to Fish Camp, so I always felt left out when people talked about how much fun they had," Goerlitz said.

Aggie Camp, a one-day camp sponsored by the Department of Residence Life, will give participants the opportunity to participate in Fish Camp-like activities, such as yell practice, discussion group (DG) time and an introduction to traditions, said Tony Andenoro, co-chair of Camp Reveille, a section of Aggie Camp, and Moses/Walton Hall graduate hall director.

Andenoro said Aggie Camp will provide students who did not participate in any of the welcoming

things throughout the day for students to participate in," Turner said, "from a mini yell practice to Aggie Lines — a question-and-answer session for college-oriented questions."

Deanna Unger, a junior English major, said she looks forward to attending Aggie Camp.

"I transferred here and could not go to T-Camp. I would like to be able to go now and do all the things other campers got to do," Unger said.

Turner said the future of Aggie Camp will be determined by the level of participation.

"Depending on how this first year goes, we will decide if we will have future Aggie Camps," Turner said.

Aggie Camp 2000 will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with registration beginning at 10 a.m. at the FHK complex.

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AGGIE CAMP Highlight of 2000 events:

- 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Check-in Registration
- 10:50 a.m. - 11:05 a.m. DG Time
- 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Eat the Hell Outta Food
- 1:15 p.m. - 1:40 p.m. Walk and Scavenge II
- 1:40 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Yell Practice Surprise Guests
- 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closing Hump It Wars

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For complete list of events

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