

Attitudes Toward Pets Explored

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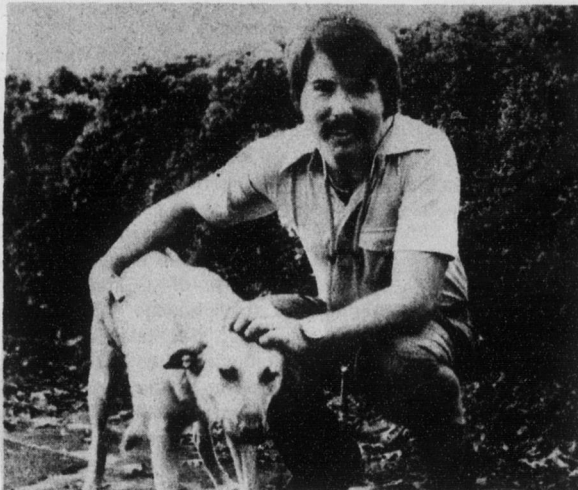
Have you ever been asked to fill out a questionnaire by a fellow student and then never been told the results? A few weeks ago Doug Davis asked us to answer a questionnaire for him, and though his work with the results is not complete, he has agreed to share his preliminary findings with us.

Doug is a senior biology major from Greenbelt, Maryland who hopes to attend veterinary school next fall. The questionnaire he circulated is part of thesis work he is doing under advisor Lynn Moseley. His aim is to assess student attitudes toward pets and though he will not be able to generalize his results to the population-at-large, it is clear when talking with Doug that his concerns are with the larger population's feelings and attitudes.

A specific concern of Doug's is animal overpopulation. Every year 14,000,000 stray animals are destroyed. It may sound gruesome, but destroying animals is almost always more humane than letting them stray. Doug realizes that the best alternative to letting an animal stray or destroying it is to see that it is never born. It is as simple as having every pet owner who doesn't plan to breed his or her animal sterilize

that animal and as complex as examining one's attitude (often anthropomorphic) toward the whole idea of sterilization.

favored some sort of Federal subsidy for sterilization. Without reading too much into these preliminary percentages, it appears that those students



Doug Davis and one of Guilford's pets.

205 Guilford students responded to Doug's questionnaire which included probing questions about a person's attitude toward pets and matter-of-fact questions about financing animal health care. A sample of the results: 84.9 percent of the respondents have pets. 81.9 percent see that their animals are vaccinated regularly. More than half said they saw the need to sterilize pets not intended for breeding, and 42 percent

questioned are concerned for animal welfare.

One thing is certain. When talking with Doug, his caring and concern for animals are readily apparent.

For a complete analysis of Doug's findings, you are invited to attend the public presentation of his thesis on December 7th. Those of us whose responses comprise his results should find it very interesting.

South Africa, Sports and Apartheid

Richard Lapchick, Associate Professor of Political Science at Virginia Wesleyan College, will speak at Guilford College on Thursday, November 10, at 8:30 p.m., in the Gallery of Founders Hall.

Lapchick is the author of *The Politics of Race and International Sport: The Case of South Africa*. In addition, he is the Executive Director of

Arena, the Institute for Sport and Social Analysis, an international institute of scholars and journalists concerned with examining serious issues in the field of sport and society.

Lapchick is also the chairperson of ACCESS - The American Coordinating Committee for Equality in Sport and Society. The overall purpose of this group is to end

U.S. sports competition with South Africa as a means to ending apartheid sport in that country.

The talk is being sponsored by the Being Human in the Twentieth Century course, the Physical Education Department and the Psychology Department.

Messy Desk Decay Constants

BY DR. T. EULENSPIEGEL

Have you ever wondered what happened to that letter or piece of paper you put on your desk only a few days ago but can't find now? Some people would say that because you keep your desk so cluttered, of course you can never find anything; but you and I know the real reason. It must be the desk that's at fault, not the owner of the desk. Using this hypothesis a study was conducted recently by some of my friends and the following interesting results discovered.

It appears that papers on a

desktop have a characteristic half life similar to a sample of radioactive material. Half life, as you may know, is the time it takes for half of a radioactive sample to decay or, in the case of desks, for half of your important papers to disappear from the desk, never to be found again. Of course the papers don't disappear, they just transmute into things you aren't looking for. Usually they decay into several unimportant things. This accounts for the often observed fact that a messy desk usually gets that way spontaneously.

Using the decay equation

$N/N_0 = Aexp(-kt)$ where k is the characteristic decay constant and $t =$ time, I was able to calculate a chart relating the half life of a desktop to the time when the probability of finding a given piece of paper is less than .0001. This table may be of use in calibrating your own desk, as well as telling you how long you can safely procrastinate:

half life	.0001 probability level
4.5 seconds	1 minute
273 seconds	1 hour
109 minutes	1 day
12.7 hours	1 week
2.3 days	1 month

SAC Chosen

BY DEBBIE BAIN

The SAC, Student Affairs Council, is a committee composed of six students and several faculty advisors such as; Ken Schwab, and Frank Keegan. The committee itself is based upon two different parts; it advises and appeals. Recently new members have been added to the board through a carefully designed process.

Ken Schwab, the Dean of Students, aids in sorting out any problems a student may be having. The problems may range anywhere from academic discomforts to personal relationships among certain people. After each case has been thoroughly discussed and some sort of resolution has been accomplished, the chairman, Frank Keegan, makes the final decision. He is appointed by Guilford College's President, Grimsley Hobbs. All of the information is kept in strict confidence by each member of SAC.

How does one go about choosing the members of this particular committee? First of all each student submits a list of qualifications pertaining to himself. Next the characteristics of each individual wishing

to become an active member is reviewed by the Senate and SAC faculty. Finally the students are given a questionnaire which concerns various pertinent statements such as: What they thought it did? What the honor code of Guilford College was? and How they would respond to certain hypothetical cases. After giving the questionnaire careful consideration and time, the student waits patiently for the final decision.

On November 1, 1977 each student was notified "through the mailboxes" as to whether or not he/she had made it. The chosen members were Jane Griffis, junior; Bill Damm, junior; Rick Fonda, junior; Beth Bernard, sophomore; Paula Teague, senior; and of course Nickey McLemore, treasurer of the Community Senate, junior.

The first meeting will be this Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in King room 103.

One new SAC member implies that serving on SAC was a way she could cease all the trivial complaints which are communicated to her through various "conversations."

Hope For Hobbs Cafeteria

BY BECKY SENSEMAN

"Our purpose is to offer support and counsel as requested by the women living in the dorm; to promote the ideas of cooperative living; fellowship and concern for one another, the work sharing experience; and to carry continuity from the past, to the present and the future."

from Mary Hobbs' Constitution

Traditionally one of the means of promoting this cooperative spirit has been through Mary Hobbs' kitchen and dining room. Tradition has been temporarily changed during this semester because a new kitchen and dining room is being built in the basement. Mary Hobbs' women have been eating in the cafeteria just as all the other students living on campus.

The feelings generated by the old timers in the cafeteria are to the tune of, "It's been O.K. but I can't wait to get back." People living in the dorm for the first time aren't sure what to expect but the old timers make it sound appealing with their tales of fresh bread every day, blue-

berry muffins in the morning, eating breakfast in your pajamas, and the overall relaxed atmosphere.

There is more work involved with your own preparing food compared to giving your plate to one of the servers, yet most of the people feel that the extra work is well worth it. An employed cook prepares the lunches and dinners; one of the supervisors, who is someone living in the dorm, fixes breakfast, prepares the salads for lunch, and puts the food out and makes sure everything is O.K. for dinner; the other women have rotating work shifts involving washing the dishes, vacuuming, and setting the tables.

The Kitchen probably won't be finished before Thanksgiving. Everyone is hoping that it will be finished by the end of the first semester, in time for the big Christmas dinner, after the carpet is laid, machines hooked up, and decisions made about getting new appliances or not, the Hobbs' women can come home again to the co-op.