

Deserted pets have home, but only for a week's stay

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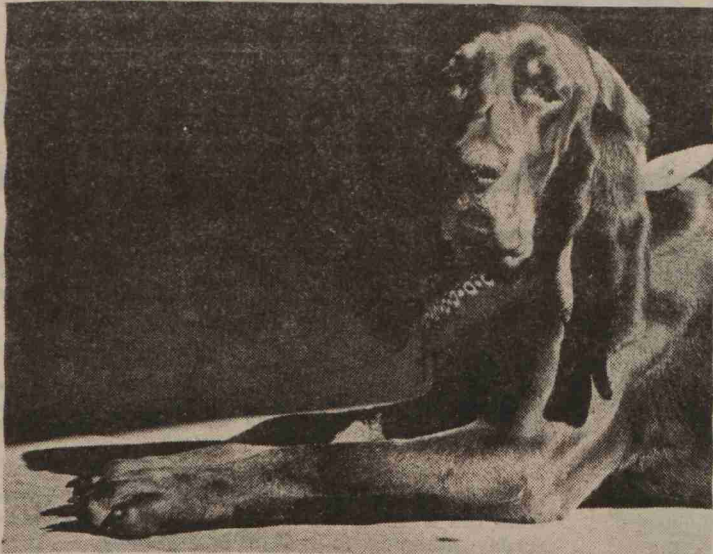
CITY — Stray, cold and hungry people and abandoned pets have one thing in common: a place where they can receive food and shelter in Pullman.

An indigent wandering the streets may receive from the Salvation Army here one free meal and a night's lodging. If he needs it, he can also receive a bus ticket to his desired destination.

Stray animals wandering the streets, if picked up by the animal control officer, receive similar treatment from the city. However, there is one catch to this seemingly good deal — if not "adopted" by someone looking for a pet or claimed by owners within a week, these animals get a ticket to death instead of a bus ride home.

State law requires stray animals, picked up by the animal control officer or brought in by owners who do not want them anymore, to be held at least 72 hours before disposing of them.

Ann Schiffman, animal con-



FIDO MAY BE on a leash, but after a week's stay at the Animal Control Center, he could experience the endless sleep of sodium pentobarbital.

control officer, said she usually holds the animals at least a week. If no one claims or adopts the animals in that time, the animal is "euthanized."

Animals waiting for homes at the animal control center at N.W. 635 Guy usually number about four to eight dogs and zero to five cats, Schiffman said.

One housing study is done—sort of

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CITY — Sponsors of a resolution passed by the ASWSU Assembly the week before Christmas break which called for a study of housing needs might be happy to know that such a study has already been completed.

However, they could be disappointed if they expect any immediate change in the housing situation here. Housing authorities have said there is no need for new housing and a current tight money situation would make construction financing difficult.

The ASWSU resolution expressed concern over a shortage of low-rent housing. It also charged that no plans have been made to compensate for the future tearing down of university low-rent housing.

Study already down

Pullman City Planner Lanny Snyder said the city completed a housing study this summer. However, the study was part of its application for a Federal Block Grant. Grant money would go primarily for construction of a road.

Snyder said some of the money would be used to hire a housing

planner for the city for one year. Although no immediate evaluation of housing needs here could come from the recent study, he said such a housing official could work toward an appraisal.

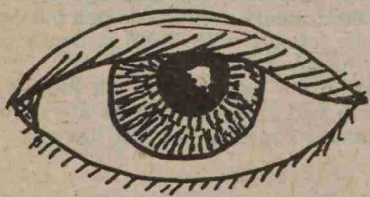
Housing will remain

There are no plans to tear down university low-rent housing in the near future, said William Bierbaum, director of Food and Housing. He said the university will try to make the housing, which includes the Washington Square and South, East and North Fairway complexes, last four or five years. However, he expressed doubts the units can last that long.

Bierbaum admitted there are no concrete plans to replace the older units. He said this is because there are too many replacement alternatives to consider. Bierbaum said university low-rent housing now is adequate.

As for a long range study of housing needs, he said any over two years old cannot be accurate. Bierbaum said existing projection of housing needs goes up to 1991. But because of the assumptions made in such a lengthy projection, he said it is only valid for one or two years.

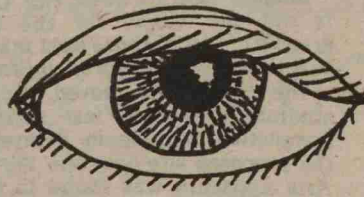
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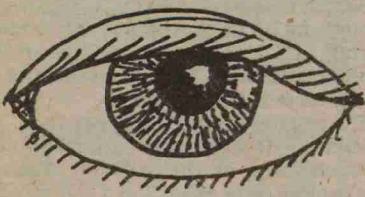
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2-month delay on gay motion

A proposed amendment to the university administrative code which would prohibit discrimination due to sexual preference will reach the WSU Board of Regents March 7 instead of Jan. 25 as previously expected.

A public hearing on the measure, required before the regents can act, was originally set for Jan. 11 but was postponed "because we were just too busy," said Lloyd Peterson, assistant attorney general here.

A new hearing date will probably be set for sometime after Jan. 18, said Richard Ott, University Senate chairman.

When the proposed amendment does reach the regents, "I see no reason why they wouldn't pass it," Ott said. "But there has to be a public hearing first, which I would guess will be poorly attended."

ASWSU President Gary Baker disagreed the hearing will be poorly attended. "I think it will be an interesting meeting with interesting comments," he said.

Baker said the amendment, if passed, will be beneficial to the Gay Awareness Committee, which lost official ASWSU committee status last spring after students voted against the gays in a campus referendum.

Joe Caruthers, spokesman for the GAC, said, "If the amendment passes, there's no question that we will reapply for committee status."

Baker said if the GAC reapplies to the assembly, a possibility for another student referendum exists. "But I think the assembly would heed last year's referendum and how students feel and not go through that process again," he added.

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