



# Phry'no'so'ma'tics

noun, 1. people enthusiastically dedicated to reversing the decline and supporting the conservation of horned lizards. From the genus Phrynosoma-the horned lizards

December 1990

## Enthusiasm Runs High at First Group Meeting!

November 6, 1990 was an historic day for Texas! On that day some 200 dedicated people met at the Austin Nature Center and enthusiastically organized to help reverse the decline of the horny toad. **Bart Cox** called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM after distributing mailing list enrollment forms. Cox introduced **Dr.**

**Jerry Lieberman**, president of the Pride of Texas Conservation Fund, headquartered in Ft. Worth, who presented a brief slide show of Texas endangered species. Cox suggested that the assembled group vote to affiliate with Pride of Texas, using POT's section 501 (c) 3 status with the IRS as an umbrella for the group. Lieberman promised that money collected by our group would be used exclusively for purposes decided by the group and that we could adopt our own name and mission statement.

The group had several questions for Dr. Lieberman and discovered that the POT is quite new (they received their 501 (c) 3 status this past April) and small (having approximately 300 Texas regular contributors). A motion was made, seconded and passed that we postpone the decision to affiliate until the question could be studied. Cox asked **Dr. Hal Irby** to introduce himself to the group. Irby said that he was a retired zoologist of the Texas A&M faculty and past president of the Texas Wildlife Society. Cox asked Irby if he would chair a committee to study the options for affiliation and/or separate application for 501 (c) 3 status. Irby agreed and was elected to chair the organizational study committee. Cox said there might be a problem concerning the collection of money without 501 (c) 3 status, i.e. collecting the approxi-

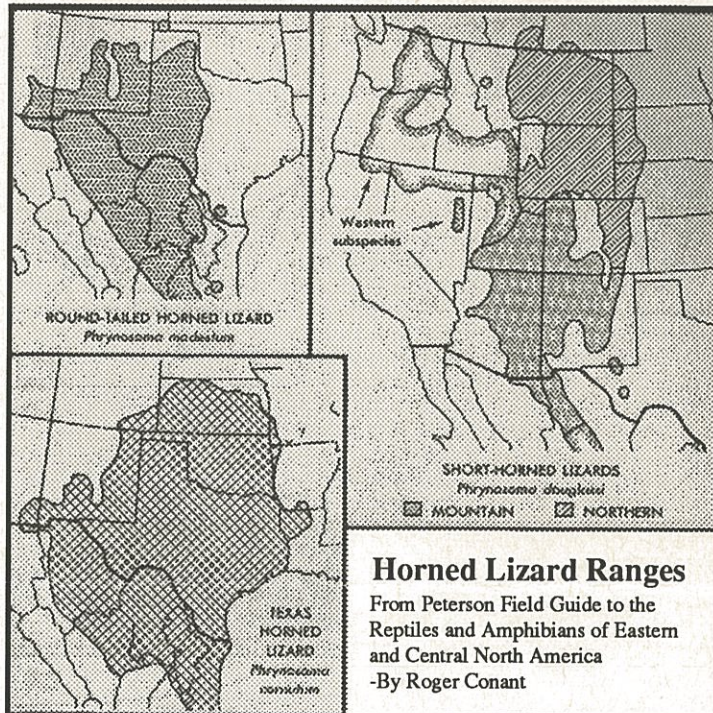
mately \$80 needed to mail out this newsletter. A motion was passed to the effect that Dr. Lieberman hold money for use by our group and that such a money-holding status be maintained until we decide on our own status.

A question was raised as to whether our group would focus only on the Texas horned lizard or include the mountain horned lizard and round-tailed horned lizard. It was decided that our primary focus would be the Texas horned lizard but that we would not exclude the other two species of horned lizards found in Texas. The question was raised as to what name we ought to use and there was no quick agreement (Horny Toad Lovers seemed popular). Another committee was formed, chaired by **April Carey** (452-8942 or 452-5010) to come up with names for our next meeting.

At this point the enrollment forms were polled and a strong consensus for the first Tuesday of the month emerged. It was pointed out, however, that this time would conflict with the regular meeting of the Sierra Club. It was moved, seconded and passed

that we meet at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month at the Austin Nature Center.

Cox asked for a volunteer to take the enrollment form and compile an automated mailing list. **Ann Cummings** (441-7620 hm, 343-8227 x228 wk) volunteered for this job. Thanks Ann!



### Horned Lizard Ranges

From Peterson Field Guide to the Reptiles and Amphibians of Eastern and Central North America  
-By Roger Conant

**NEXT MEETING:  
DECEMBER 11, 7PM  
Austin Nature Center**