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

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The Newsletter of the Horned Lizard Conservation Society

First Annual Conference on Horned Lizards May 27th Austin, Texas

Preceding two major herpetology conferences in Austin, there will be the first annual conference on Horned Lizards.

Noted herpetologists from around the nation are expected to attend. Wade Sherbrooke of Arizona has agreed to be the featured speaker.

The conference will be co-sponsored by The University of Texas College of Natural Sciences and the City of Austin Parks Department.

The Thompson Conference Center at The University of Texas at Austin will be the site of this first conference.

The conference will have a general question and answer session, and then groups will break out into smaller groups concerned with education.

Education groups will be further divided into secondary and elementary levels. Emphasis will be on educating attendees as to the plight of the horned lizard and the need to conserve them.

Other topics will be land owner stewardship and a meeting of scientists to discuss recovery. The conference will also help assist researchers and scientists in networking and sharing information; along with discuss-

ing their plans for the next several years.

HLCS president Lee Stone is soliciting papers on horned lizard-related topics. Those with information on horned lizard ecology, population studies, behavior, genetics, food resources, harvester ants and related topics are greatly encouraged to submit abstracts by the end of January. Send to:

HLCS
P.O. Box 122
Austin, Texas 78767
Attention: Lee Stone

Benefit a Smashing Success!

The Waterloo Ice House was the scene of our last benefit which turned out to be a wonderful success. Over \$1,000.00 was raised for continuing the research of current horned lizard habitat.

Steve Clark, co-manager of The Waterloo Ice House wants to make this an annual event. And on New Year's Eve it will be announced that 1993 will be The Year of the Texas Horned Lizard.

Appearing at this benefit were: Bingham Creek Sisters, Champ Hood, Bill Oliver, Glen Alyn, and Butch Hancock.

A good time was had by all. Thanks to everyone who helped! ▲

New Meeting Location

For the January, February and March meetings; we will be at 501 Congress on the 15th floor in conference room A. The time is 7:00 PM. Please plan on coming. It looks like 1993 is going to be a busy year.

Petition for State Reptile

There is a petition to designate the horned lizard as the state reptile. If you would like to get one started in your area and send it to your representative, please send us a note.

Upcoming Events

GENERAL MEETING

January 12th, 7:00 PM at 501 Congress Ave. on the 15th floor in conference room A.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We hope that everyone has a very special holiday season.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Again, we hope that it's going to be an extra special 1993!!! (the year of the horny toad)

Bill's Notes

So... here's an update on the Marketing and Publicity Committee.

I've gotten lot-o-phone calls lately; it started with a call from a newspaper reporter in Waco. He wanted to know all about horny toads and our society for an article. I gave him all the info I could, and, of course, the other officers phone numbers who had info I did not. Apparently, the story went out over the AP wire service and various newspapers throughout the state (including Houston) ran the article. We received alot of inquiries from folks over the article. The Houston paper even quoted me by name along with some others unknowns like Dick Cavett and Larry Bird. Of course the quote was taken out of context but no real harm. Next, someone from the Dallas channel 4 TV. Station read the article and called me up wanting to do a news spot. "Take us out

to where the Horned Toads are!" he says. Easier said than done. First, there was 3 days of negotiating on when to go film. Finally, Steve and I met them out on Stewart Ranch. We spent about an hour talking and, of course, trying to find a horny toad. We did not. The reporter said it would air on September 5th and promised to send me a copy of the video.

Lastly, I went on a KLBJ AM radio talk show. Sheryl McLaughlin has a landscaping business and does this talk show to answer gardening questions. I met her through sales and she was kind enough to have me on. It was really Fun! The society is indebted to Sheryl and I hope she'll ask us back again. The call- ins prove there's still people out there that really care about horny toads.

Otherwise, Bart is selling horny toad stuff in Washington, and I'm restocking.

Later, Bill Davis ▲

The Twelve Days of Christmas Texas Style

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me...

- 12 bulls a snorting
- 11 tumbleweeds
- 10 politicians
- 9 horned toads
- 8 Dallas Cowboys
- 7 bucking broncos
- 6 bluebonnets
- 5 mockingbirds
- 4 prickly pears
- 3 oil wells
- 2 pairs of spurs and
an armadillo in an oak tree

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