Area

B.K. the cat haunts his tormentors

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Five University of Michigan fraternity brothers acquiesced to a charge that they killed Alpha Delta Phi's untidy housecat in December. Society has been teaching them a lesson ever since.

"Believe me, it's been a real education and I'm learning every day," said one of the five, who recently agreed to talk about the killing's aftermath, reluctantly and anonymously.

The fraternity's unwanted pet, nicknamed B.K. for "Bad Kat," was strung up, burned and depawed in a Dec. 6 incident which brought demands for justice from hundreds of outraged animal

The convicts - Michiganders Douglas Hamlin of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michael Anderson of L'Anse, Brian Dunstan of Ludington, Jeffrey Abrahamson of Escanaba, and David Froikin of Akron, Ohio - pleaded no contest to cruelty to animal charges. Each was sentenced March 13 to a \$360 fine and 200 hours community service work.

JUDGE S.J. ELDEN of Ann Arbor's district court could have sentenced them to a fine less than \$100 which could have been suspended under a city ordinance, assistant city attorney John Van-Loon said Monday.

Instead, "the judge, an elected official, was being pressured by all these cat lovers to throw the book at us, and since he has to be re-elected, he tripled the fine and the service hours," complained one of the five.

Ann Arbor probation supervisor Ron Rinker said the five must work four hours weekly with a non-profit, animal-oriented agencv. Hamlin will work with the National Fund for Animals, said Ann Arbor director Doris Dixon.

Abrahamson is seeking an agency near the University of Wisconsin, where Rinker said he transferred because of the harassment following B.K.'s death. The others have made no formal choice but probably will work off their sentences throughout the summer in their home towns, Rinker said.

DEATH THREATS, public humiliation and a \$300,000 civil lawsuit by a police informer still plague the cat-killers, he said. Current ADP members complain of scrawls dotting the Ann Arbor campus: "Join a frat, burn a cat," and a dismal spring membership rush.

"In our efforts to recruit people the incident came up frequently in conversations," one fraternity member said.

"The way we feel about it, we really paid, and we really learned our lesson." the talkative convict said. "I do feel bad about the death of the animal."

Police say they are investigating one written death threat submitted to them out of hundreds allegedly received by the five and the fraternity.

"I've got a notebook of hate letters 2 inches thick," said a fraterremain anonymous. "We get calls in the middle of the night saying there's a bomb under the house all kinds of threats from all kinds of nuts."

THE CONVICTED fraternity house member says B.K. was brought to the house in violation of fraternity rules and infested it with bugs and feces.

"I want to be as kind as I can to the fraternity because I've been a member a long time," and because the alumni - whose ranks included both the Presidents Roosevelt - were outraged, he said.

"We dealt with it in our own way. It happened late Thursday night, and by the next Tuesday the other three (actual killers) were voted out of the house. We got it because we went to bed knowing they were going to kill it, and we should have stopped it and we didn't."

Donna Allevato, who directs the Humane Society of Huron Valley, paid a \$500 reward to ADP's former cook, Earl Carl, for informa-

Carl's \$300,000 civil suit against the five and ADP, pending in Washtenaw County Circuit Court, cites "emotional distress" and breach of contract. Carl was fired last year; his contract extended through May.

"Cruelty laws are not easy to prosecute, so we went to the papers. We were out to generate the kind of community outrage that would guarantee prosecution," Ms. Allevato said.

'The convict said reaction to the killing puzzles him.

"It's beyond me how a person will call and say 'I'm going to blow your legs, or something else off,' and treasure an animal's life more than a human's.

"We all accepted our guilt, and I'm not trying to justify it but ... the American public knew people were getting napalmed in Vietnam and no one said much. The TV news showed a film on the Detroit Humane Society with piles of dog and cat carcasses about the same time. Let's be fair."

Good for You!

National Merit scholars listed

WINNERS OF \$1,000 National Merit Scholarships for 1980 have been announced. They include six Ann Arbor high school winners: Andrew G. Berg, (Pioneer), John S. Caldwell, (Huron), Daniel M. Goldberg, (Community), Peter C. Johnson, (Pioneer) Lee Gino, (Greenhills), and Matthew J. Mendel (Community). There were 1,125 winners of the one year scholarships nationwide. Most of these awards are underwritten by corporations, company foundations and business organizations.

FIVE AREA STUDENTS are among winners of four-year corporate sponsored National Merit Scholarships. They are Ruth J. Amundsen (Pioneer), Allison A. Downing (Pioneer), Stuart F. Downing (Huron), Michael S. Flynn (Dexter) and Anne E. Vickery (Pioneer). They are among approximately 1,500 winners nationwide.

JOHN A. SCHALL, a student at the University of Michigan, is among 79 college students nationwide who has been awarded a Harry S. Truman scholarship for 1980. The scholarships are given to students pursuing careers in public service at the state, federal or local levels. Schall is from Livonia and is the only Michigan student so honored.

MUSIC STUDENTS in Ann Arbor secondary schools have been awarded honors in separate festivals sponsored by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association.

From Community High, two instrumental combos were awarded a superior rating for performance and improvisation.

Huron High: First Division-Solo Proficiency III (the highest rating): Pat Connors, Rhonda Eacker, Chris Kilbourn, Ray Lewis and Greg Thomas. Solo proficiency II: Anne Bordo, Laural Burke, Scott Cannell, Norm Cox, Jana DeGraff, Eleanor Feingold, Lori Fithian, Linda Gilbert, Lauris Kaldjian, Jean Marie Morgan, Sumit Sengupta, Matt Shevrin, Mark Steingold, Linda Vredeveld, Jim Whitwell and Laura Wyman. Solo proficiency I: Helen Cho, Ron Evers, Rene Gonder, Julie Heirlich, Robyn Hussey, Dave Kumasaka, Kevin Patterson, Miriam Schteingart, Janet Shaw, Ann Sibley, Andrea Singleton and Suzanne Strader.

Huron's first division ensemble is made up of Carol Haller, Robyn Hussey, Jeanette Jackson, Lauris Kaldjian, Paul Kenney, Miriam Schteingart, Sumit Sengupta, Linda Vredeveld, Theo Weber and Ted Wyman.

AT PIONEER, first division solo proficiency III honors went to Mary Crum, Siri Olson and Debbie Tabler. Proficiency II was awarded Tina Carras, Lita Freter, Tim Koh, Carla LaRocca,

Scott McElroy and Karen Wilkins. Ranked proficiency I was Elayna Tait.

Pioneer's first division ensemble is Robert Bertoni, Wendy Bowers. Griff Bradbury, Joan Cartter, Alice Deal, Lita Freter, Stan Hatch, Eric Hill, Tim Koh, Carla LaRocca, Tom McCormick, Scott McElroy, Rob Reed, Nancy Surratt, Dave Szczygiel, Mike VanTassel and Karen Wilkins.

ANNE CHRISTINE ANDER-SON, an art student from Ann Arbor at Iowa State University, has been named to the winter quarter Dean's List for earning better than a 3.5 grade average.

TWO TAPPAN Intermediate students. Laurel Federbush and Karin Johns, will be among those honored at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Central Michigan University May 16 and 17. The two ninth graders are among 15 other students winning top honors for a short story writing competition open to grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. There were more than 1,000 student entries from across the state.

THE DEAN'S LIST at Northwood Institute, Midland, for winter term includes two Ann Arbor students, Anthony Norman Kuhn and Susan Lorraine Wood. To achieve that honor, the individual must have earned at leat a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

DAVID M. BENEDECK, a sophomore at Huron High, has been selected to participate in this year's Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Michigan Leadership Seminar competition as an ambassador from Ann Arbor. The seminar is held at Marygrove College in Detroit.

ANDREW BERG, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Berg, 2690 Laurentide, has been named a finalist in the 1980 Presidential Scholars Program. He is one of 1,000 students nationwide now eligible for selection as a Presidential Scholar. If so selected, Berg will be honored in Washington this spring.

FIVE ANN ARBOR students attending Michigan Technological University in Houghton have been named to the winter quarter Dean's List with grade point averages of 3.5 or higher. They are: Carleton E. Britt, Laura E. Dewald, Joan M. Heil, Lorraine K. Lomatch, Mark C. Nordin, and Richard L. Selenis. Judith A. England of Manchester; Edwin N. Roeske of Pinckney; Steven D. Cadwallader and Kenneth S. Murphy of Ypsilanti also apprear on the Dean's List.





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