

After hours computer pet retrieval



A couple of U of A students have started a company to deal with the ever-increasing problem of lost animals in the Edmonton area.

Compet Computer Pet Registry was set up so that owners can get their pets back quickly.

Blake Johnson, a science student and part-owner of the company, says "one of the best aspects about Compet is that it is in operation 24 hours per day, 365 days a year, whereas both the SPCA and the City Pound are not.

"This is important because most animals are lost in the evening, and an owner has to wait until the next day to check both facilities," says Johnson.

Owners must register their pet with Compet and are issued a numbered tag. If the pet is lost, the tag gives vital information to the finder so that he or she can telephone Compet.

Non-members can also use Compet's services to register lost pets.

If Compet returns non-registered pets, a fee of \$10.00 is charged, of which \$5.00 is applicable to a new membership. Memberships are \$10.00 annually for one pet and \$5.00 for each additional one. There are no extra charges for members who use the services to find their lost pet.

"If your pet is picked up in the City and taken out to the pound it will cost anywhere from \$60 to \$70 to bail it out. How many people, let alone students can afford such exorbitant fines?" asked Johnson.

"Cat owners should especially consider this service, for the City does not license cats and thus has no records on them," says Blake. "We have almost as many cats on our files as dogs."

Blake and his other student partner Scott Magee said other students should consider starting their own business if they have a feasible idea.

With approximately 125,000 dogs and cats in and around Edmonton, it appears Blake Johnson and his partners will likely be busy in their one-year old enterprise.

To register your pet with Compet or to find out more about this company call 432-PETS.

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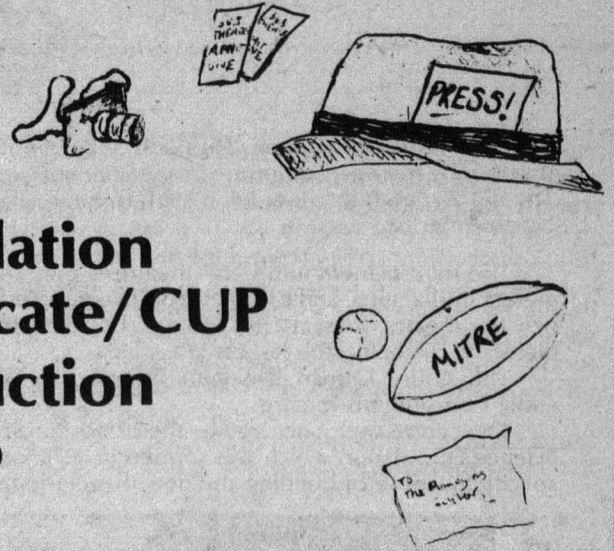
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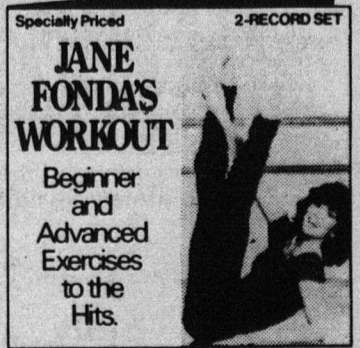
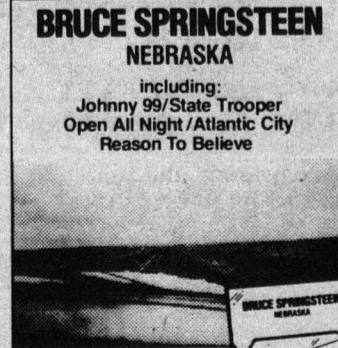
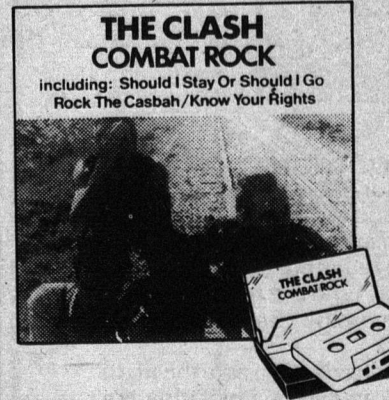
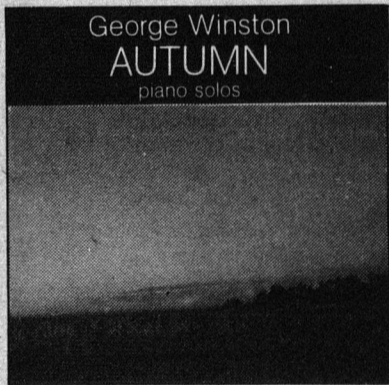
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