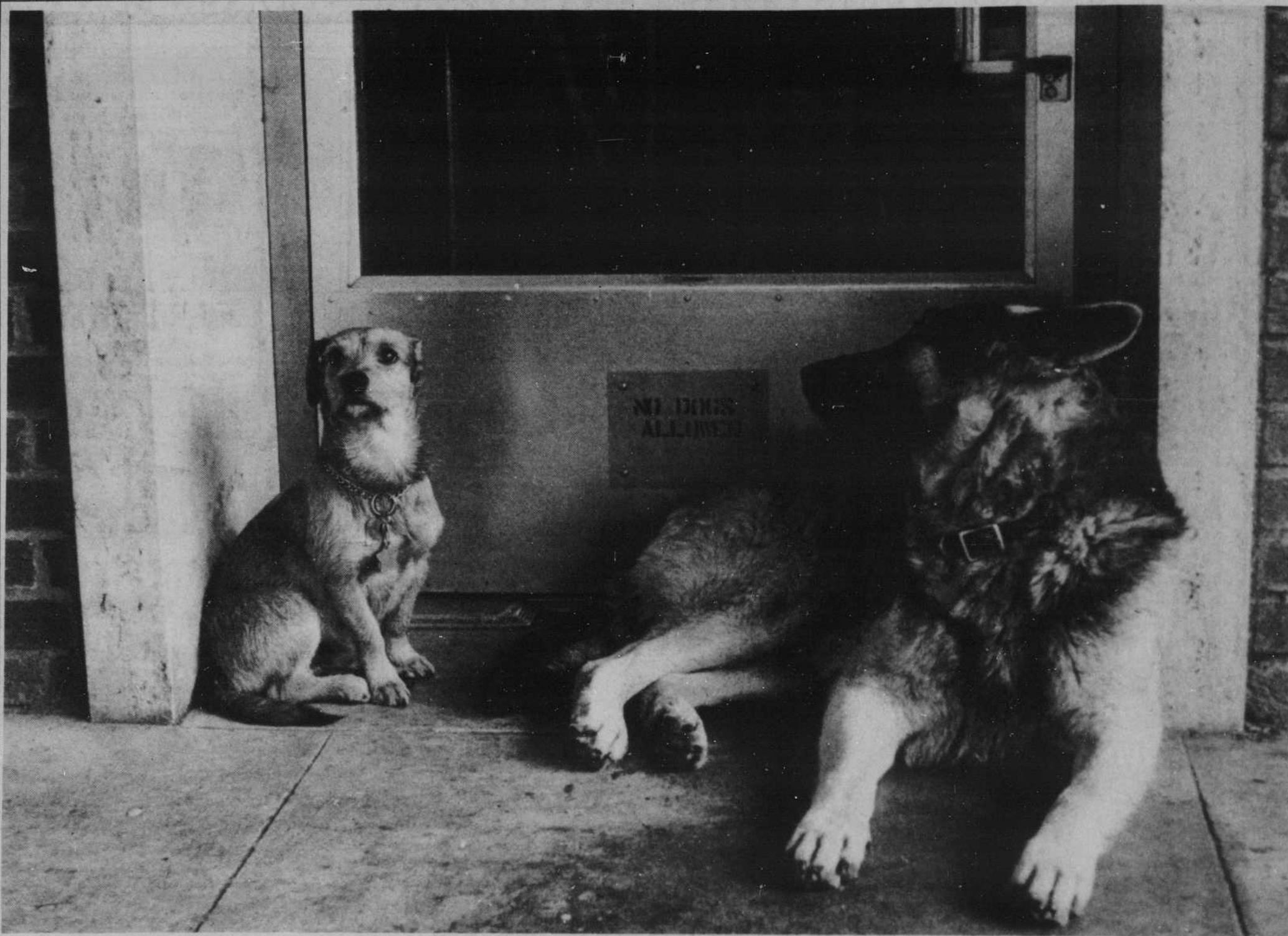




Campus criminals: they won't stay home



Leave Bjorn home? "No way," says Jeff Skillman, "He likes it here too much. And besides, we're friends."

I'm gonna buy me a dog. Why? Cause I need a friend now.

By the number of dogs on campus, it's obvious that many students find it hard to separate themselves from their dogs.

"It's no problem if the dogs have a leash but the rules clearly state that no dogs should be on campus without one," says Dick Tanner, assistant director of Campus Security.

Yet, in lieu of the law, people still bring their unleashed canines to campus. Why?

With Jeff Skillman and his dog Bjorn, it's a question of who brings whom. "Bjorn likes to run so I come here with him," Skillman explains.

Skillman shares his rocky road ice cream with Bjorn and the dog laps it up with an enormous tongue. "Bjorn is a well-mannered dog. He doesn't bother anyone," Skillman says. And he's only been busted once—a \$24 fine," he adds.

Ila (the name means birthmark

in Hawaiian) traveled over 3000 miles across the ocean to be with his owner Tim Chinn.

"Ila's a well traveled dog," Chinn brags, "He's done it all—jumped out of moving cars, had lots of fights and he'll put on a show in the EMU courtyard with the female dog of your choice."

Chinn brings Ila to the campus to lighten things up. "People like to see dogs around," he says.

Boston, a white shepherd puppy, was rescued by Rachel Gilday when his owner failed to claim him at the Bush Animal Hospital. "He was hit by a car and I just had to bring him home," Gilday, an employee of the hospital, says.

Why does she bring Boston to campus? "He's just a puppy and you don't leave a baby alone," she answers.

Dogs can be a problem, according to Tanner. "We don't have trouble very often. But when we do get complaints about barking dogs or other nuisances, we have to call animal control to take care of it," he says.

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