By EILEEN WALL

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nt ratio of 3.0, who prefer ler, in-depth classes which are

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gram here at Texas A&M Uni-

department who meets the

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Dr. B. L. Shapiro, Director of the admitted on an individual basis. versity Honors Program said the There are additional requireis a University-wide program in ments for admission, such as higher ch certain sections of some rses are designated as honors

SAT scores or tests, for some classes. To take Biology 113H, for ses. They are not limited to any example, a student must pass a sperticular curriculum, nor is there a cial biology examination. mum number of courses reired, he said. Any student from

their high school classes need a

to be eligible for honors. Those in

the lower quarters of their class

need a minimum combined SAT

score of 1200. Transfer students are

Shapiro said although a student may not initially qualify for honors,

qualifications may participate. he may be eligible later in his college career. Admission is on a he may be eligible later in his coloverall GPR. Incoming freshmen semester-by-semester basis, he who graduated in the top quarter of

rogram offers smaller classes

their high school classes need a combined SAT score of at least 1100 for admission to the honors program because enrollment in the classes occurs during registration, he said.

> One of the advantages of honors classes is size, Shapiro said. He said general motto of honors programs across the country is "every student has the right not to be bored," he said. In a lecture of 250 students, the class is so large that the professor has to teach to the average student, he said. Consequently, the

top 50 students get cheated. While small classes aren't guaran-

they are guaranteed to be smaller than non-honors sections. The average class size last fall was 24, he Not only are the classes smaller,

but they are made up of students with similar ability, thus making the classes more stimulating, he said. Instructors for honors classes are

chosen by their prospective departments. The basis for choosing them is their background and interest in teaching smaller groups, Shapiro said.

Two of the main things that worry students about entering an honors program is the workload and grades,

udgment investor's safeguard A&M teacher warns buyers

an investment hustle, whether based on diamonds, silver or n gold, said Texas A&M Univer-

y finance expert.
The first rule of thumb when inng in something unfamiliar is to less. nce department. Second, bee of an apparently sophisticated lysis offered in a sales pitch.

Nothing has been devised to take place of clear thinking, common e and sound judgment, Groth d. While common sense may help a good investment in the first it can just as quickly elimie the hustle scheme offered by a t-buck promoter.

"I've known some smart people doctors and lawyers — who have en taken," Groth said. "Some ople will actually buy high-risk estment items like diamonds

er the phone. "When someone tells you the instment is guaranteed to go up, a arning sign ought to go off in your ad. There are no guarantees in investments," Groth said. There is nothing wrong with risk,

said, as long as there is adequate

compensation for bearing it.
Still, an investor must decide if the expected returns are sufficient, compared to other risk return alternatives. Government bonds and savings accounts are considered risk-

ow your seller, says Dr. John In contrast, common stocks are oth of Texas A&M University's more risky but can have much bigger dividends. On the far end of the investment scale are the high risk items like gold where there are volatile prices and no dividends, but the chance of big money — but al-ways the chance of loss, as well.

With economic uncertainty and inflation high, Groth said people tend to seek high-risk investments.



common sense forgotten," he said. When it gets to that point, there are plenty of promoters, both reputable and less than reputable, ready to spring up and help a person in-

vest his money in a sure thing. "Beware of investments being promoted over the phone or by

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"It's sad, but sometimes these searches are frantic, and too often who is bearing what part of the risk and how are the expected returns to be divided among the participants." In some schemes, promoters bear

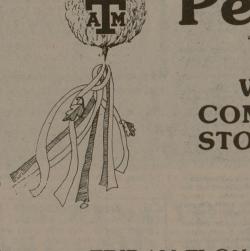
> cantly in the returns, Groth warned. He said an investor should ask, "If it is such a good deal, why are they trying to sell it to me?"

little or no risk and yet share signifi-



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work than the regular sections but

"We don't expect people to give up a normal life for the honors pro-

same grade they would in a non-honors class, he said. "No matter

what game you're playing," he said, "you always play up to the level of

Around 885 students are cur-

rently involved in the University

Honors Program, Shapiro said. The

program is expanding, and the

number of students has more than doubled in the past two years. It is

expected to double again by next

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are more interesting, he said.

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