

# Prof goes ape for Tarzan

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Annette Bristol spent much of her childhood running barefoot and swinging from tree to tree. She spoke Mangani to her friends and family. And when "Tarzan of the Apes" was featured at the Friday night movie, she was first in line.

"Tarzan has always been a part of my life," the 36-year-old linguistics graduate student said.

Bristol grew up in Bryan where her parents taught at Allen Academy. She first knew Tarzan through comic books and movies, but her love for him stemmed from the character created by Edgar Rice Burroughs.

"I was scrounging around in the library at Allen Academy when I discovered the first Tarzan books," she said.

"I was fascinated with Tarzan because he was entirely free. He also had a special relationship with the animals of the jungle.

"I wanted to be Tarzan. No one could tell him what to do."

The 1968 modern language graduate said she was also intrigued with

the Mangani language Burroughs created in his books.

"Both Tarzan and the animals could speak Mangani," she said. "I made all the kids where I lived learn to speak it." She once taught the jungle language to students in a graduate class.

A chart of the Mangani alphabet is conveniently stashed behind her desk "just in case anyone wants to learn how to speak it."

Bristol's collection of Tarzan relics consists of comic books, hardback and paperback books, posters and a few Tarzan movie previews. Bristol entered titles from her Tarzan book collection in 1979 and won the Edith Gott White Award in the Texas A&M University Library Student Book Collector's Contest.

"Tarzan and the Lost Safari" with Gordon Scott was Bristol's favorite movie.

"Scott was more like Burroughs' Tarzan," she said. "He brachiated from limb to limb, which was the way Tarzan did it in the book. It's much more realistic than swinging on a vine."

She seldom misses a Tarzan movie, but she admits her preference for Burroughs' books.

"The only thing the books and the movies have in common is that they are both called Tarzan," she said.

In the book, Bristol said, Tarzan was an English lord named John Clayton. He was raised by the jungle

apes but returned to England for his education. He eventually went back to the jungle and lived in a large house, not a tree, with his wife, Jane.

"I despise Johnny Weissmuller because he portrayed Tarzan as an idiot," she said. "Tarzan was a well-educated man who could speak several different languages.

There was never a boy in Burroughs' book either," Bristol said. "Tarzan had a monkey called Niki-ma, but a chimp was probably used in the movies because it was easier to train."

Although Tarzan is Bristol's favorite character, she enjoys any kind of science fiction and was a founder of Cepheid Variable, Texas A&M's fiction club.

Bristol teaches English 103 to foreign students while she continues her graduate work here. When her students study literature, she introduces them to science fiction.

Bristol, who has seen "Star Wars" 22 times, also attends science fiction conventions whenever she can. She owns copies of 13 "Star Trek" episodes and still gets a thrill from watching "The Twilight Zone" and "Outer Limits."

"There's always been a part of me that can go back and enjoy a children's book or a fantasy movie," Bristol said. "I guess if you never completely grow up, you can never be old."



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Texas A&M graduate student Annette Bristol collects Tarzan books, posters and other Edgar Rice Burroughs writings. She is working on her doctorate in linguistics and has stressed the completeness of Burroughs' Tarzan by teaching ape talk.

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## AMOCO awards grant

Texas A&M University's Petroleum Engineering Department has received a \$7,500 Amoco Foundation Inc. grant for a doctoral fellowship.

Mark Berman, research supervisor for Amoco Production Co., presented the foundation check to department head Dr. Douglas Von Gonten and Dr. Robert Walker, vice

president for development at Texas A&M University.

The petroleum engineering fellowship from Amoco is held by Steve Neuse, a doctoral candidate from New Braunfels.

"We presently have three graduate fellowships in the department but need more," Von Gonten said. "We are happy to receive this support from the Amoco Foundation."

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## Alligator devours prized duck dog

PORT ARTHUR — Jimmy Borel wants to open season on southern Texas alligators. And no wonder: his prized duck dog was eaten by a 14-foot alligator that surfaced in a canal off his Bolivar Peninsula beach cabin.

"I picked up a brick and hit that 'gator square in the head," Borel said. "The dog never fazed him," said Borel in recalling the death of his Labrador retriever that had jumped into the canal to cool off.

The Port Arthur resident has an ally in his campaign to open alligator season — Bob LeBlanc, Port Arthur's Pleasure Island commissioner.

During the early teal duck season in September, LeBlanc was climbing hunting between High Island and Sabine Pass when his dog was ambushed by a large alligator within 30 yards of LeBlanc's duck blind. Fortunately, however, the elderly dog's skin was loose enough for the alligator to tear free from the alligator.

With duck season opening Saturday in most of Texas, hunters fear an increase in confrontations between alligators and hunting dogs in coastal counties.

Although the alligator is an endangered species officially, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says the reptile is anything but endangered, at least along the upper Texas coast. Department officials are preparing a petition to have the U.S. Parks and Wildlife Department declassify the gators endangered status.

"Our studies since 1977 show that Orange, Jefferson and Chambers counties may have an alligator population exceeding 100 gators per square mile," says Bill Brownlee, TP&W program director for endangered species.

"At least half of the state's alligator population is located south Interstate 10 in that three-county area and that's a conservative estimate. The figure could possibly go as high as 70 percent," Brownlee reports.

Last year's TP&W census revealed 35,000 to 38,000 alligators in Jefferson, Orange and Chambers counties.

Since Jefferson County has the most prime marshland habitat, Brownlee said it contains the highest alligator population in Texas, although densities in Orange and Chambers counties may be just as high.

The J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area, virtually within Port Arthur city limits, is home to as many as 2,000 adult alligators, possibly an equal number of juvenile gators in the 8,400-acre peat waterfowl hunting area.

## Gun deal for drugs uncovered

BATON ROUGE, La. — A federal investigation that uncovered a scheme to trade thousands of Quaalude pills for machine gun hand grenades and explosives in Louisiana is continuing in Central America.

The charges were of conspiracy to possess unregistered firearms, to spy to distribute the drug quaalone and possession of the drug.

The five were accused of trading 265,000 Quaalude pills for federal agents in exchange for market weapons that included machine guns, 200 pounds of explosives and six hand grenades along with \$350,000 cash.

Pleading guilty Monday Charles McDonald, 27, a Baton Rouge, La., land developer; Edward G. 31, a Grosse Tete, La., land developer; Joseph Krohn, 33, of Hattiesburg, Miss.; Virginia Kimes, 42, of Baton Rouge, La.; and Sharon Magee, 25, of Baton Rouge.

The defendants were freed on bond.

Lloyd Grafton, an agent of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in New Orleans, told District Judge John Parker that he acted on a tip and phoned McDonald last June to ask if she would be interested in buying weapons on the black market.

Grafton said Kimes said she was interested in buying weapons on the black market. Grafton said he met McDonald and Magee in a hotel in Baton Rouge to arrange the transaction.