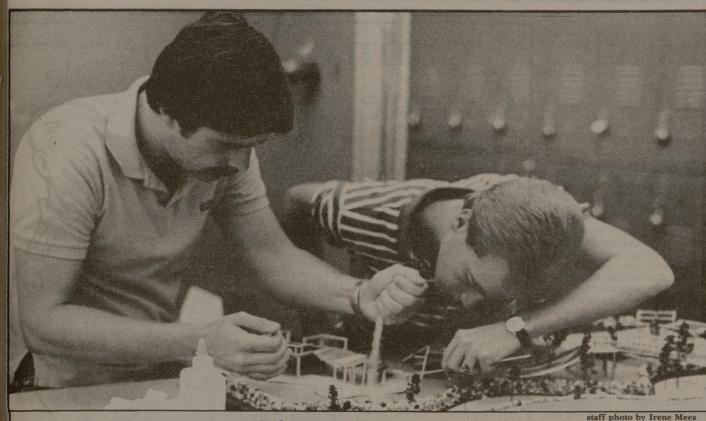
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The smallest park

Craig Steinbring, left, a building construction major, and Lee Shaw, an environmental design major, put the final touches on a park they have

designed for churches in Bryan and Houston. Steinbring is a sophomore; Shaw is a freshman. Both are from Dallas

## Rudder hosts show of 'Golden Age' art

#### by Kordell Reid

Battalion Reporter The distinct outlines of painted characters and the bold shades of green, brown and gray seem to tell a story that goes back to the 16th and 17th centuries.

"The Golden Age of Paint-ing" in the Rudder Exhibit Hall includes works by such masters as Sir Anthony Van Dyck, Ael-bert Cuyp, Lucas Cranach and Sir Peter Paul Rubens.

The display, which runs through Nov. 10, was made possible by the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Foundation in Houston. Their charter was designed to bring well-known art collections to universities and towns across the state, said Joe Arredondo Jr., coordinator of University

Art Exhibits. Arredondo said the exhibit has only been on display one week, but has been a great suc-

"People are crazy about this exhibit. We are getting about 25 to 50 people an hour," he said. This is amazing because the exhibit hall is sometimes a little out of the way and many people

don't know about it." "The Golden Age of Paint-ing" is one of three Blaffer collections traveling around the

state

"The American Abstract Expressionist" was on display in 1979 and "The Disasters of War," a series of etchings by

Francisco Goya, was displayed during the summer. The Blaffer Foundation pays

for most of the exhibit, including hiring professionals to move and install the works, he said. University Art Exhibits pays only for promotion and some security, Arredondo said.

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### Gas stations fight slump

#### by Lynn Falco

Battalion Reporter The success of conservation campaigns has put oil companies back into the business of luring customers to their sta-tions. In Bryan-College Station the battle is best seen at Exxon and Shell stations.

Exxon is offering discounts for the use of cash. Across the street, Shell is urging the use of credit cards — not only Shell cards, but any oil company credit card

At both stations dealers report that business has improved, but not exactly the way they had

expected. Newsweek magazine re-ported that a recent decline in the demand for gasoline has prompted oil companies to take steps towards drawing people to their stations. It also said demand has dropped and cars are becoming more fuel-efficient, forcing oil companies to fight for customers.

Motorists tend to look for the gas station with the lowest prices when it's time to buy gasoline, said Edwin Pilger, manager of the Exxon station at Texas Aveue and Highway 30. Exxon offers a 4 cent rebate for cash sales to attract the attention of motorists.

said. He views the discount on gasoline, which began Aug. 17, as just a promotional item to help boost sales and offset the 3 percent monthly charge for cre-

dit card use. Pilger said that his gasoline is not any cheaper than that of his competitors and cash sales have not increased. In fact, credit card use has increased by about 2 percent at his station, despite the 4-cent · rebate advertisements, he said.

Credit cards are costing sta-tions too much money because the local dealers have to absorb credit card charges, Pilger said. Customers who pay cash are actually paying a little more than they should because they help to indirectly absorb the cost of credit cards, he said.

While Exxon is discouraging the use of credit cards, Shell is trying to promote their use by honoring all cards while maintaining competitive prices. Anthony Drymalla, manager of the Shell station at Redmond and Texas, said his business has increased — but his increase has come from cash sales. He said that with each credit card purchase other than Shell, he hands

"It's just a gimmick," Pilger out a credit card application. gas companies will be charging 3 id. Shell will continue the offer percent on their credit cards through Nov. 30. Pilger predicted that all major competitive level.

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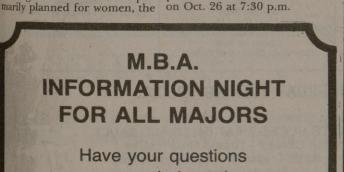
### Ada Family lecture set for tonight

tion, will speak at 7:30 tonight in them as well. the A-1 Lounge, located between Fowler and Hughes halls.

Jan Sielken of Planned Pa- A-1 lounge - the location of all renthood, a national organiza- the lectures - seats 100 people tion involved in pregnacy coun- and men should feel free to seling and birth control educa- attend since the issues pertain to

The third lecture, on The lecture is the second in a women's and students' legal series of five sponsored by rights, is set for Tuesday at 7 Keathley Hall. It will focus on p.m. Dan Usiak, Texas A&M's questions students have about student legal adviser, will lecture planned parenthood and will in- on such topics as credit laws facclude information and discus- ing students, womens' legal sion on the various types of con-rights after marriage, sexual women.'

Karen Crotty, Keathley's later in October include one on program director, said that women's careers on Oct. 12 at 7 although the lectures were pri- p.m. and one on birth education



answered about the M.B.A. program

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