

## Seniors receive audition grant

by Tracey Taylor  
Battalion Reporter

The Texas A&M Theatre Arts Program has been awarded \$10,000 by the Ann Bradshaw Stokes Foundation to help six graduating seniors cover expenses of auditioning and interviewing for jobs.

"It was a real surprise to us," said Richard Sodders, head of the Theatre Arts Program. "They kind of found us."

Sodders explained that searching for a job in theatre arts is not like looking for a job in other disciplines. He said there is no recruiting on campus and each student is responsible for going to major auditions in places like Chicago or New York City. The grant is to help defray the costs of attending these auditions.

Jill Moore, Jay Meador, Pat Martine and John Redman were selected to receive \$2,000 (\$1,000 per semester) each to cover travel expenses while looking for auditions and interviews. Chip Washbaugh and Michelle Bone will graduate in December and will receive \$1,000 each.

Sodders said this is only the sixth year that the Theatre Arts Program — which is actually a "mini-department" in the English department — has been offering a bachelor of arts degree. He said the department now has 45 theatre arts majors.

The Theatre Arts Program also sponsors five major productions a year, as well as 12 to 20 one-act plays. Auditions for the major productions are open to all students, but tend to favor theatre majors, Sodders said.

## Students teach others English

by Mark Coppock  
Battalion Reporter

A program to help Spanish-speaking students become better acquainted with English by practicing their language skills with English-speaking students is in its fifth year at Texas A&M University.

The English-speaking students are enrolled in Spanish classes, so a mutual benefit is involved.

Dr. Stephen Miller, assistant professor of modern languages and coordinator of the program, said many of the Spanish-speaking students at Texas A&M are not able to take some classes because of their difficulties with English, even though they have already been admitted to the University.

Although the students may have some background in English (the English Language In-

stitute on campus helps international students with English as a second language), the purpose of this program is to acquaint the student "from passive to active use of the language," Miller said.

Typically, two students will get together at lunch or after class, and spend half their free time speaking Spanish and the other half English.

Anne Marie Elmquist, head of the Department of Modern Languages, said the program was initiated by students. Neither Miller nor Elmquist are aware of such a program at any other university.

There are about 25 Spanish-speaking students in the program now, Miller said. He said there are not enough students to have such a program for any other language.

## Movie will show real Texas A&M

by Patti Schwierzke  
Battalion Reporter

An eight-minute color film and slide show depicting life at Texas A&M and featuring music of the Aggie Band and the Singing Cadets should be available for viewing in Rudder Tower by mid-November.

"The purpose of the presentation is to try to give people a feel of what Texas A&M is really like through words, music and pictures," said Edwin H. Cooper, dean of admissions and records.

He said the presentation will give an overview of academic programs, student programs and the admissions process.

The multi-media presentation, called "The Spirit Runs Deep," is designed to tell prospective students and their parents the Texas A&M story. Ideally, he said, the student will get a complete view of Texas A&M and realize it is a place to be serious about education.

Two representatives from Baxter and Korge, Inc., a public relations firm in Houston, came to the University to get a feeling for Texas A&M, Cooper said. He said they spent time talking and listening to students, faculty members and administrators and even spent an entire evening at the Dixie Chicken talking to students.

With the addition of pictures, Cooper said, the messages of Aggie spirit and education come through strongly.

The funds for the film were donated by Les Appelt, a Houston real estate dealer. Appelt also was instrumental in selling the idea to the University for the need of a recruiting presentation, Cooper said.

The film will be shown on request in the Rudder Center Information Center. Individual showings can be arranged, but group presentations are preferable, Cooper said.

# Dorms adopt off-campus fish

by Patrice Koranek  
Battalion Reporter

The Texas A&M Residence Hall Association has established an adopt-a-fish program to give off-campus students a chance to become adopted members of dormitories.

Through the program, freshmen and first-semester transfer students living off campus soon will have an opportunity to ex-

perience dorm life.

Claire Mommessin, chairman of the RHA committee that proposed the program, said the purpose of the program is to get off-campus students a chance to interact with dorm residents. She said the program will help

freshmen to become more aware of and active in campus activities.

Although RHA initiated the

program and is compiling a list of interested students, it is not responsible for carrying out the program, Mommessin said. The students need to express interest in being "adopted" and should approach a particular dorm for sponsorship, she said.

As members of a residence hall, the adopted students will be expected to pay dorm activity fees — usually about \$10 per

semester — Mommessin said. She said it will be up to the dorms whether or not to charge a full or reduced rate.

Paying dorm fees makes the students members of RHA and allows them to participate in dorm events including formals, mixers, as well as floor, wing or ramp activities, hall yell practices, fund raisers and service projects. A dorm may adopt as many students as they think they

can serve, Mommessin said.

The program has advantages for the residence halls, too, Mommessin said. With more people paying dorm fees, dorm income will increase and the halls will be able to sponsor more activities, she said.

Mommessin said Off-Campus Aggies is in favor of the Adopt-A-Fish Program as long as it is done in cooperation with OCA.

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