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 Program. 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 cam-pus 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 audi-

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 Washa-baugh 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 has defined by the said the department has defined by the said the department. partment 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. Sodto favor theatre majors, Sodders said.

Students teach others English

by Mark Coppock

A program to help Spanishspeaking students become bet-ter acquainted with English by practicing their language skills tive use of the language," Miller said.

With English-speaking students is in its fifth year at Texas A&M University.

Typically, two students will get together at lunch or after

Dr. Stephen Miller, assistant pefully and coordinator of the prog-pefully and coordinator of the prog-ram, said many of the Spanish-peaking students at Texas nto the A&M are not able to take some classes because of their difficularticular, ties with English, even though where you they have already been admitted in and to the University.

Although the students may ligame, have some background in En-it right, glish (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 ac-

University.

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

Take Texas A&M

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 Spanishspeaking students in the program now, Miller said. He said there are not enough students to have such a program for any

w more Movie will show real Texas A&M

by Patti Schwierzke

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

"The purpose of the presen-A is filled tation is to try to give people a ese trad feel of what Texas A&M is really hey are; like through words, music and above" pictures," said Edwin H. Coope changer, dean of admissions and ressary procords.

He said the presentation will hay loses the said the present academic programs gain so programs, student programs ot all by and the admissions process.

The multi-media presentarage, no ton, called "The Spirit Runs at true" Deep," is designed to tell prosquit true pectuse students and their pabecause tents the Texas A&M story. ich othe get a complete view of Texas A&M and realize it is a place to e 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

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 presenta-

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.

Seniors receive 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 activities. 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

program and is compiling a list semester of interested students, it is not She said it 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 tivities. expected to pay dorm activity fees — usually about \$10 per

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

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

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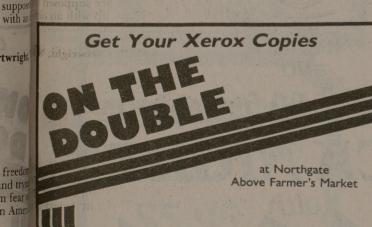
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