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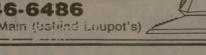
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Outreach program begins fourth term

Prof works to improve writing skills

By DAWN BUTZ Reporter

When Dr. Gwendolyn Gong took over as di-rector of Freshman English Studies in the fall of 1984, she set the goal of helping Texas A&M students and faculty and local community members improve their writing skills.

"I felt there was a need in the community," Gong says. "I had heard people ask where they could find help, and it was one way to reach out to the people. It was something I really felt was

In October of the same semester she was granted an Incentive Grant from the Center for Teaching Excellence, allowing her to implement a series of free, non-credit mini-courses, designed to help those people who were interested in improving their writing. The grant — \$1,000

per year — pays for supplies and publicity.
Writing Outreach is now beginning its fourth semester, offering 29 one-hour and two-hour courses in subjects ranging from punctuation to essay writing.

The courses are taught by English department faculty and staff.

Rick Evans, assistant to Gong, says all the teaching is done on a voluntary basis.

"All the instructors have to be dedicated to

teaching excellence, and to helping people achieve a confidence in their writing," he says.

The one-hour courses, referred to as special help sessions, focus on specific problems. They

are designed to offer practical advice in developing certain writing skills.

The two-hour workshops are aimed at a more intensive look at writing problems. These courses include presentations, discussions and "hands-on" practice, for which students are asked to bring their own materials.

While offering the local community an opportunity to strengthen their writing abilities, the courses also serve many purposes within the En-

The courses provide the department with a growing file of teaching materials, and at the same time allow the faculty and staff to experiment with new approaches to presenting the

Evans says the courses give instructors a chance to reach out to groups other than their university students. The Writing Outreach students are different from those found in basic English classes, he says.

Writing Outreach offers classes in writing coherently, logically, creatively, descriptively, persuasively and technically, as well as classes in editing, in using the library and in reading

Noel Sandlin, a sophomore history major, says the course he attended on writing essays definitely helped.

"I had taken an essay test prior to that (the writing course) and made a low C," he says. "I came back and took another exam and made a B." Sandlin says the course showed him how

organize his writing.
"They showed me a step-by-step procedum on how to attack the problem without waster

Sandlin also attended the course on pund

"The class was okay," he says. "What help me the most was the handout they gave me (the instructor) breezed over it in the class by brought it home and going over it was w

Sandlin says he wished the classes were a peated more each semester.

There were others I wanted to go to bu

had class or prior commitments," he says. Tedi Zalesky, the scholastic supervisor Women's Athletics, attended the course on sume writing.

"I thought it was excellent - really good a informative," she says. "I got a lot of good a outs and was able to come back and sharethe formation with our seniors.

Courses this semester are being offered in the evenings in hopes of minimizing conflic Gong says.

Spring classes run through April 30 a classes start at 6:30 p.m. and no pre-registrate is necessary.

Cat's exploits get permit revoked

EL PASO — An elusive stray cat tripped off the burglar alarm at a store so often that the City Council revoked the company's permit to have police answer the calls.

"He had one yellow eye, one blue eye and was all white - the ugliest thing you ever saw," company man-Noel Wheeler said of the cat, alarm at The Tire Co. 45-60 times a

Wheeler told the City Council Tuesday that he and his workers tried everything they could think of to catch the cat — without results. On the advice of Police Chief Bill Rodriguez and his deputy, Joe Messer, the City Council told Wheeler that he will have to purchase a new permit at the penalty price of \$100.

The city code calls for the revocation of a burglar alarm permit after seven false alarms. When police had received 14 false alarms from The Tire Co. in December, the company's permit was revoked, Messer

On New Year's Eve, Wheeler finally found the lure that got the cat — anchovy pizza. The cat was caught and released by the Rio Grande.

Arsonist's conviction upheld

Associated Press

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AUSTIN - The 3rd Court Appeals on Wednesday affi the arson conviction of a charged with starting fires

three churches in Milam Cour According to the appeals of Norris Moss admitted setting of the fires but said he was: under God's will and that the reincarnation of the Holy R man emperor and that his reas for burning the church was too

Attention to that fact."

He pleaded not guilty by a son of insanity, but was four guilty with starting three chur fires in July 1983. Punishment each case is confinement in s prison for seven years, with sentences to run concurrently.

which set off the motion-sensitive Texas' high court rules against Ford firm

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court, in a split decision, ruled Wednesday a lower appeals court misapplied the law in a \$5.48 million product liability case against Ford Motor Co.

Further review was ordered. A Rusk County jury awarded damages to Ronnie and Nita Pool af-

Pool's pickup truck was defective, causing the truck to run off the road. The truck collided with a tree, and Pool sustained serious head in-

The Texarkana Court of Appeals reversed the trial judgment and sent the case back for a new trial, but the Pools appealed to the Supreme

A majority of the nine-member court said the appeals court misap-plied Texas' drunken driving statue and also erred in "treating the statutory violation of the speed limit as negligence per se.'

The high court also ruled against Ford on other points, but sent the case back to the Texarkana appeals



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