

#### **Out On A Limb**

most children, but for the students

at Regional School for the Deaf, tell-

ing stories requires much more physical involvement.

them tell a story . . . it's almost a form of mime," says Annette Humphreys, instructor at Egly Elementary.

Some children speak clearly and

In all, there are 93 students who

easily, depending on how well they

can hear. Others use sign language,

sounds or writing to communicate,

are involved in the Brownsville In-

dependent School District's Regional School for the Deaf, which has been

in existence since 1975. Three local

schools host the program, including

"Their form of communication is body language, facial expressions and sounds. It's nice to sit and watch

Mike McDowell, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Houston, takes a look at a tree at Big Bend National Park during spring break. McDowell was part of a group of A&M students who wanted to avoid the usual spring break spots. Their solution was a trip into the West Texas desert.

Students learn communication skills

ing to tell a story comes naturally for and Homer Hanna High School.

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Learn- Egly, Oliviera Intermediate School

mime."

### Program provides rental equipment and outdoor trips

**By Sherry Copeland** 

The Texas A&M Outdoors Program provides opportunities for students, faculty and staff to enjoy out-

The program offers equipment rental and resource information through the intramural office, as well as outdoor clinics and trips and information and suggestions about various parks, lakes and rivers.

Equipment can be reserved with full payment two weeks in advance of a trip and isn't available on a first come, first serve basis.

The program was started by Patsy Greiner, coordinator for outdoor recreation and coordinator of individual and dual sports for the intramural-recreational sports depart-

The Outdoor Clinics, Greiner says, are designed to promote confidence as well as teach a specific skill, such as rock climbing, and usually are taught through day-long ses-

Training clinics aren't required, but are strongly recommended for beginners planning to attend an out-

door trip, she says.

TAMU Outdoors sponsors about

DENTON (AP) - Police on the

trail of suspects linked to more than 20 North Texas armed robberies shot and killed two men during a

foiled restaurant holdup that resulted in injuries to two officers.

during an exchange of gunfire at a Pizza Hut restaurant, but only one remained hospitalized Sunday.

About 25 to 30 people were inside the Pizza Hut when the two men

burst in at 11:06 p.m. Saturday

for the event and learned to dance

by counting beats and responding to

Anson Coy, their instructor, says,

School offers help to deaf children

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expressions and sounds. . . . It's almost a form of

- Annette Humphreys, instructor at Egly Elementary

Two members of a Fort Worth police tactical team were wounded

2 robbery suspects killed

in foiled holdup attempt

two or three trips a month, and Greiner says they are scheduled as all-day or weekend events. However, she says, more backpacking trips are offered during cooler weather and more water trips are scheduled during the spring and summer.

age range on one trip was from 18 to 71 years old. Once, on a rock-climbwas 65 years old, go with us. It was really neat teaching him how to climb."

The distribution of students and

and-half, she says.

Before every overnight trip, she says, a pre-trip meeting is scheduled for the participants, giving them a chance to meet each other as well as the trip leaders.

participant," she says.

The organization's upcoming trips are publicized in *The Battalion* in embarking on a trip should sign up early to be assured a spot on the list.

wielding sawed-off shotguns, police

said. None of the customers was in-

two white males in their late 20s or 30s, were pronounced dead at the scene at 11:40 p.m.

Capt. Jerry L. Blaisdall and Mark Lang of the tactical unit were both shot in the left leg, police said. Blais-dall was treated at the scene and

Lang was taken to AMI Denton Re-

these children," Coy says. "Handling

the organization and short attention

spans are other problems . . . but you

have to remember we're dealing with children between 4 and 13

gional Medical Center.

The suspects, identified only as

"Trips are great," she says. "Our

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the trip leaders.
"Hopefully, this meeting will instill some confidence in the first-time

and on fliers around campus, Greiner says, and anyone interested

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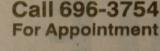
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A major project this semester was a special dance for the Charro Days Fiesta Folklorica. Sporting Brazilian outfits, the deaf students from Egly danced to the musical strains of "La

ies throughout the Valley.

A staff of eight teachers and 12

teachers' aides handle the 67 deaf

Bamba" for an appreciative crowd. They spent one month preparing

students at Egly, who travel from cit- "We've worked really hard. Two years ago, we rehearsed, costumes were purchased by the parents and Parent Teacher Association and everything was prepared, then it was cancelled due to the rain."

There was no such disappointment this year, and the children enjoyed their performance.

"It takes a lot of patience teaching

years of age."
An ordinary day in the program begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. The schedule includes breakfast, reading, spelling, science, social studies, mathematics, lunch, physical

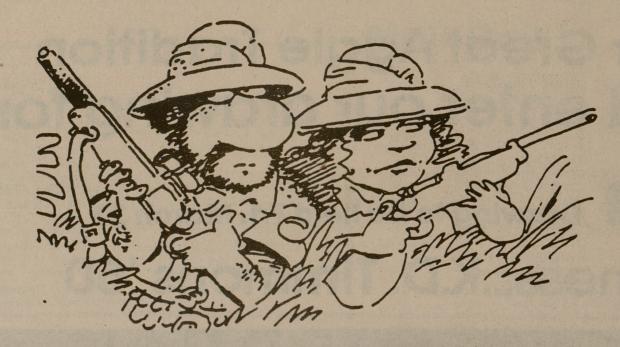
education and art. Humphreys says,"The majority of our deaf children are taking some form of speech therapy; some are mainstreamed into regular classes at Egly, and depending on the class,

theater arts and music are offered. Classroom participation outside of the school is also stressed. Children frequently take field trips to the weather station, police station, zoo, plant nurseries and farms outside

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