

# Battalion Classifieds

## Spanish professor promotes journal for women writers

By Sara Mitchell  
Reporter

Letras Femeninas, a literary journal published at Texas A&M devoted to promoting the works of Hispanic women writers, has received international recognition for its academic quality.

The journal is comprised of original creative writing such as poetry, drama and short stories and critical studies of Hispanic women's literature and is in the journal of the Association of Women's Literature.

Letras Femeninas was started in 1974 by Dr. Victoria Urbano of Lamar University, who has since died. The journal has grown to a circulation of about 180 private subscriptions and 100 library subscriptions in the United States and abroad.

The association has representatives in each Latin American country who contribute and subscribe.

Dr. Adelaida Martinez, A&M associate professor of Spanish and general editor of the journal since 1985, has worked to improve the journal's academic quality and format.

"Until I took over the journal, it was mimeographed," Martinez said. "Sometimes articles that had already been published were simply photocopied. Now it comes out in print."

"I also have a core of experts who evaluate the academic quality of original manuscripts submitted."

Only women may submit original creative writing, which must be in Spanish. Martinez said men as well as women may submit literary criticisms, which may be in Spanish, English or Portuguese. All who submit

must be members of the Association of Hispanic Women's Literature.

Martinez said contributors of creative writing usually are not widely known, although critics are usually university professors who are well known in their fields.

Submissions are received from all over the Spanish-speaking world, she said, including Mexico, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Costa Rica, Spain and Chile, as well as the United States.

Although Letras Femeninas only publishes women's writings, Martinez said it is not a politically active journal.

Restricting the journal to mostly women's work hasn't caused a shortage of material, she said.

There is a large backlog of submitted work that allows Martinez to have each submission evaluated by prominent critics before publication, a change well-received by readers.

In the past, the journal was less critical of the academic standard of submissions, she said.

Martinez is responsible for the direction and management of the journal. She tries to impart a thematic unity to each issue; one was devoted to women's involvement in the Spanish Civil War.

The journal has received financial support from both the women's studies program at A&M and the College of Liberal Arts. In return the journal helps the Sterling C. Evans Library increase its holdings of women's studies and other academic journals received in an exchange program.

The journal also provides publicity for A&M's undergraduate and graduate colleges.

## What's up

### Tuesday

**COLLEGIATE FFA:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 208 Scoates.  
**PHYSICAL THERAPY CLUB:** will have a speaker at 7 p.m. in 164 Read.

**AGGIE ALLEMANDERS:** will have a square dance workshop and meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Pavilion.

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 507A-B Rudder.

**MSC CAMAC:** will have a panel discussion on the Hispanic dropout rate at 7 p.m. in 225 MSC.

**INTRAMURAL SPORTS:** Entries close for sports trivia bowl in 159 Read.

**WRITING OUTREACH:** Jack Swinder will discuss "Persuasive Essay" at 6:30 p.m. in 110 Blocker.

**DEER PARK HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in the press box at Kyle Field.

**PI SIGMA EPSILON:** Team C, the "Dotted Lines," will play volleyball at 9 p.m. in the Read Building.

**SPANISH CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 604A-B Rudder.

**AGGIES FOR JACK KEMP:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 231 MSC.

**TAMU SAILING CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

**WEST BELL COUNTY HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

**WOMEN'S STUDIES:** will present the movie "Maya Deren" at 7:30 p.m. in 150 Blocker.

**RETAIL SOCIETY:** Jack Gray will speak at 6 p.m. in 153 Blocker.

**WATER SKI CLUB:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. on the fourth floor of Rudder.

### Wednesday

**OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 102 Zachry.

**PI SIGMA EPSILON:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 114 Blocker.

**MSC POLITICAL FORUM:** will have a panel discussion on "AIDS and Ethics" at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater, a symposium on "AIDS in the Work Place" at 10 a.m. in 410 Rudder, a basic course on AIDS entitled "AIDS 101" at 11 a.m. in the MSC flag room, a symposium on AIDS research at 2 p.m. in 410 Rudder and a symposium on "Changing Morals and Behaviors due to AIDS" at noon in 410 Rudder.

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## Economist calls Texas growth slow, steady

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas will gain 65,000 new jobs, including 20,000 in the Houston area, as the state's economy continues on a slow but steady growth pattern during 1988, an economist said Monday.

"Texas and Houston are continuing to recover from last year's blows," said James L. Cochrane, senior vice president and chief economist for Texas Commerce Bancshares Inc. "We see this recovery continuing into 1988."

The new jobs, he said, "are not fantastic by Texas' historical standards, but it's positive." The jobs should be of higher quality than in past years and concentrated mainly in the manufacturing sector.

From the beginning of the oil-patch problems in January 1986, Houston shed 7,500 jobs a month, but that stopped this summer, Cochrane said. During the last several years, jobs have been growing by about 200,000 a month nationally, he said.

"We see Texas recovering at the end of the first quarter of 1988," Cochrane said. "Houston, obviously, has more to go to get back to where we were."

So far this year, there have been 39 significant start ups in Houston to help the ailing economy.

"Recent U.S. job growth has, quite frankly, been a higher quality than those of past years, in terms of incomes and secondary impacts on local areas," he said.

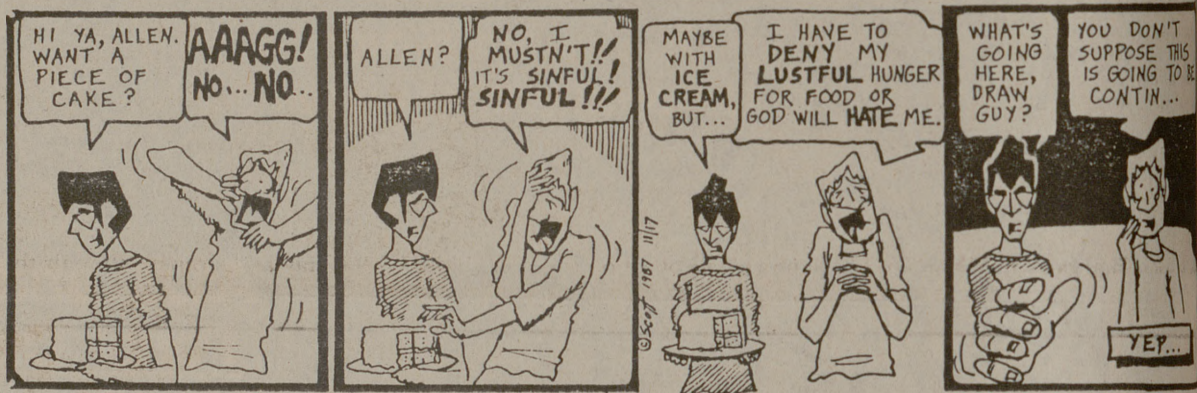
Barring a national recession, he said he expects the growth in manufacturing jobs to continue and Houston and Texas should share in that growth.

A national recession, would blunt but not stop, the progress, he said.

"If we do have a national recession, we are so well positioned in Houston and in Texas because we've gone through two periods of leaning down this decade," Cochrane said.

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