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1988 Fish Camp director demonstrates leadership abilities in activities at A&M

By Mike Walters
Reporter

She has been described by her mother as "the girl who was left out the rain and rusted." But the rain about the only thing this redhead has been left out of.

Angela Funk, the director of Fish Camp '88, has been a leader all of her life and is a living example of the spirit in action.

Funk is a petite, fair-complexioned accounting major whose boundless energy and enthusiasm have helped her become a leader in almost everything she's become involved with.

Funk now eats, drinks and breathes her new responsibility of Fish Camp director.

This 22-year-old senior from Nederland will be responsible for getting approximately 3,200 freshmen from A&M to Palestine and back and making sure they have a good time and learn about A&M traditions along the way.

If anyone is qualified to explain to freshmen the myriad of extra-curricular opportunities at A&M, it is Funk.

Funk is involved in several clubs and activities. She belongs to Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, the MSC Council, Student Government, Freshman Aides, Cap and Gown and the senior honor society. She also has played intramural athletics at A&M.

This year Funk is concentrating on making Fish Camp '88 the best that it can be.

"I am going to be working on one main goal for an entire year: Making the transition from high school to Texas A&M as easy as possible for incoming freshmen," Funk said.

"Fish Camp can have a real impact on the time students spend at A&M," she said. "They leave Fish Camp with a positive attitude that helps them through their first week of class. Hopefully this spills over into the next four years."

"We try to help the freshmen prepare for the future and to put high school behind them and get involved in the activities that A&M offers. We not only stress academics, we stress extra-curricular activities."

One part of Fish Camp that Funk has applied to her everyday life is the aspect of setting goals.

"I think that setting your priorities and goals in list form — really



Photo by Sam B. Myers

Angela Funk is 1988 Fish Camp director.

students camping near Mexia, Texas.

Entering its 35th year, Fish Camp is an independent student organization that accommodates more than 3,200 freshmen in four different sessions. The campground is at Lakeview Methodist Assembly near Palestine.

Funk learned about the importance of Fish Camp as a freshman in the summer of 1984. She applied to be a counselor for the summer of 1985 and was chosen to be in Camp Cisneros — named for San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros, Class of '68.

In 1986 Funk rose through the jungle of qualified counselors and was picked to be a vice-chairman of Camp Monroe.

One year later, with lots of Fish Camp experience and hard work behind her, she was chosen associate director of Fish Camp '87.

As current director, Funk is in charge of an associate director, seven assistant directors, 48 co-chairmen, 650 counselors and an entire "school of fish."

Funk inherited her love of A&M from her father.

"My dad was an Aggie, so I was exposed to A&M throughout my childhood," she said. "I didn't want to attend Texas A&M just because of my father, however. The atmosphere and the friendliness — the uniqueness made me want to come here."

"I visited many different schools, but none of them seemed to have that certain something — friendliness. I really felt like I was part of the school and that I could be myself."

Funk has had to curtail interests in other activities like jogging, reading mysteries, playing the piano and swimming in order to concentrate on camp.

She already has been hard at work planning for next summer.

"We've been concentrating on administrative tasks this fall like transportation to and from camp, printing brochures and camp materials, contacting Lakeview Methodist Assembly to reserve the session times for camp and reserving rooms on campus for counselor training in the spring," Funk said.

"Fish Camp, as a whole, does not require much improvement," Funk said. "It has evolved over the years into a smooth operation. The only thing that I would like to be able to change, but can't, is the amount of freshmen that are able to attend in the summer. Lakeview lets us have as much time as they can spare, and each session is already filled to capacity."

Funk does agree that there are some necessary changes.

"One thing that I would like to do with the camp this year is work on programming and interest sessions to make them more beneficial for the freshmen, because that's what Fish Camp is all about," she said. "I would also like to see some improvement of the entire registration system to make it much more efficient."

Funk is widely respected by her mentors and peers.

"Angela is one of the finest student leaders that I have ever worked with," Jo Hudson, Fish Camp adviser, said. "She anticipates what has to happen and tends to take care of it before it presents itself as a problem."

Funk knows that Fish Camp is a responsibility that requires much time.

"I will not be able to hold down a regular job next summer," she says. "My regular job, approximately 40 hours a week, will be Fish Camp. You can probably find me upstairs in the Pavilion if you ever need to talk to me — morning, noon or night."

UT regents may raise tuition costs

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas System regents this week are to consider doubling tuition for graduate business students and making a 50 percent increase for law students at UT-Austin.

The increases would begin next fall and would be the first approved by a Texas university under a new state law giving regents authority to raise tuition for graduate and law programs above the minimum set by the Legislature.

The Legislature retains authority to set undergraduate tuition rates.

If approved by the regents at a meeting Thursday, tuition for Texas residents in the Graduate School of Business would rise from \$16 to \$32 per semester hour. Non-resident tuition would rise from \$120 to \$150 an hour. The rates would be in effect through the 1989-90 school year.

In the law school, Texas residents would pay \$75 an hour next fall, and an increase to \$90 an hour would begin in 1989-90. The minimum set by the Legislature for in-state law tuition will rise from \$48 to \$60 next fall.

Tuition for law students from outside Texas would rise from \$150 an hour to \$165 next fall, and to \$180 in the fall of 1989, under the plan to be presented to the regents.

Correction

MOSCOW (AP) — In a story Nov. 30 on Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev's interview with NBC, the Associated Press reported erroneously that the U.S. Senate had not ratified the 1972 antiballistic missile treaty with the Soviet Union. The treaty was ratified.



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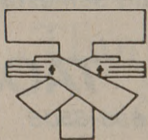
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