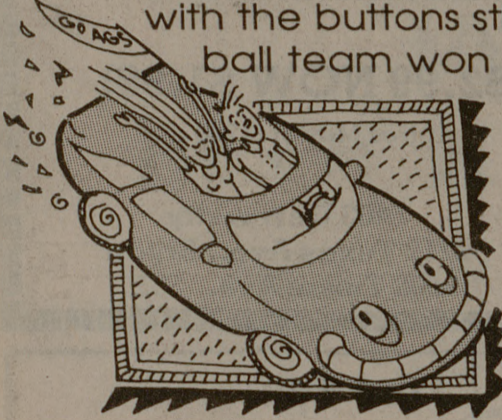


A FISH STORY

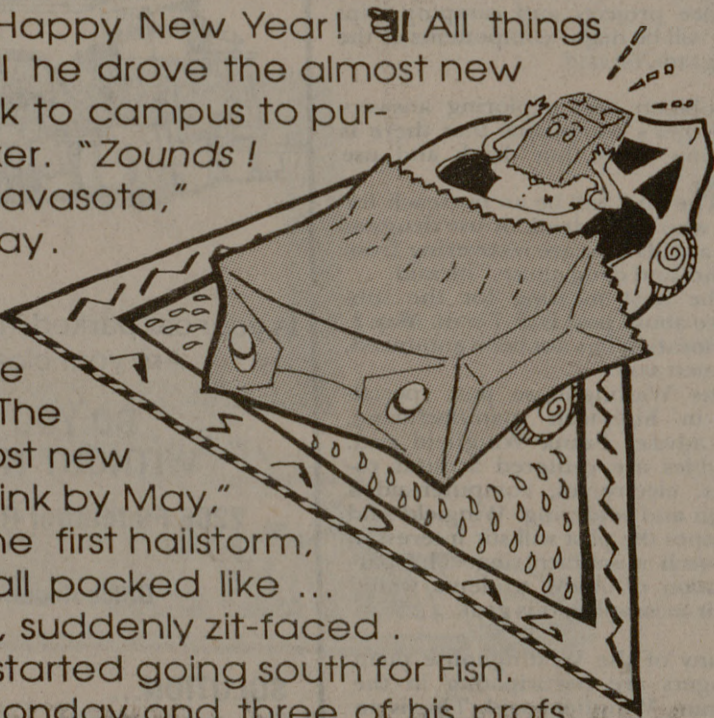
Once upon a time in the Land of Ags, there came a new Fish. For a time all things went well for Fish. He liked his roomie, especially when he discovered roomie's beautiful sister. His parents included money in every letter from home. His profs never, ever assigned exams on the same day. All his shirts came back from the laundry



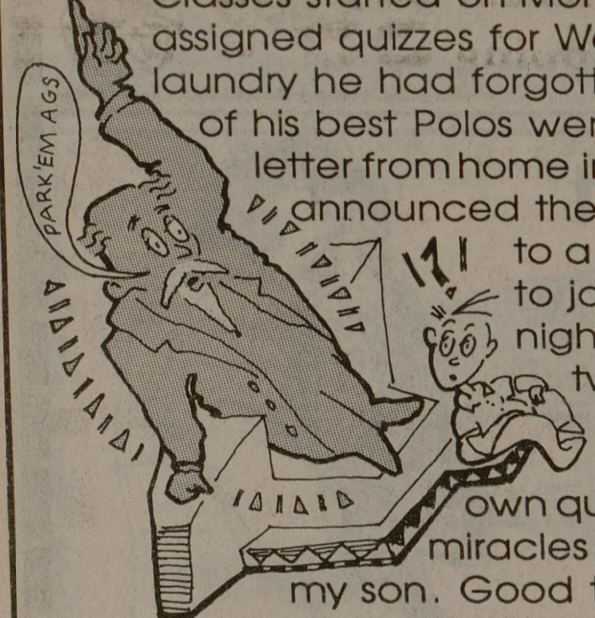
with the buttons still attached. Fish's intramural football team won the Class A championship — Fish was very happy. When his grades arrived, Fish aced a straight 4.0. His parents were very happy too — they gave him an almost new maroon Porsche for Christmas. Merry Christmas! Then the Ags won the Cotton Bowl by a high score ... he discovered he liked his



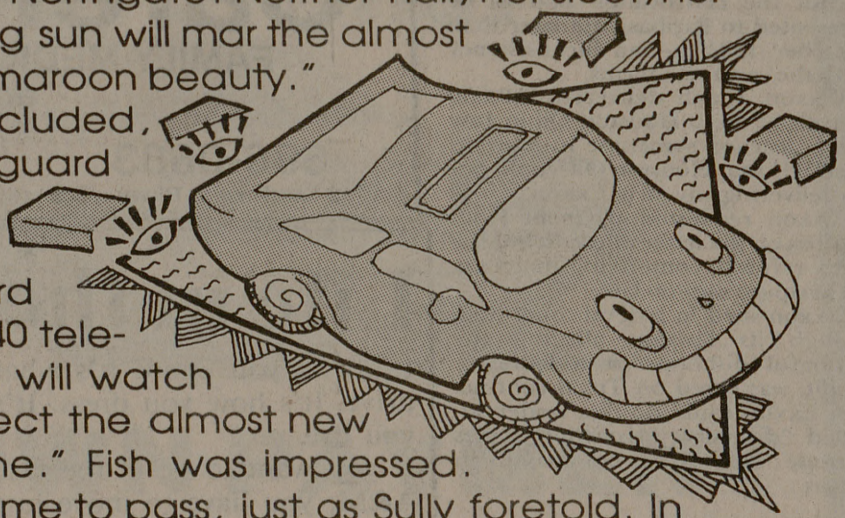
roomie's sister a lot. Happy New Year! All things went well for Fish until he drove the almost new maroon Porsche back to campus to purchase a parking sticker. "Zounds! That parking lot is in Navasota," Fish cried out in dismay. "My Reeboks won't last a week walking back to my northside dorm," he wailed. "The sun will fade my almost new maroon Porsche to pink by May," he moaned. "After the first hailstorm, my Porsche will be all pocked like ... like me," he sobbed, suddenly zit-faced.



Soon, everything started going south for Fish. Classes started on Monday and three of his profs assigned quizzes for Wednesday. He picked up the laundry he had forgotten before Christmas and two of his best Polos were missing. There was not one letter from home in his mailbox. And, his roomie announced the beautiful sister's engagement to a teasip! Fish wasn't even asked to join an intramural team. One night, as the Albritton clock struck twelve, Fish stood in front of Sully and poured out his troubles. Sully listened carefully in his own quiet way. And then, miracle of miracles, Sully spoke to Fish. "Be patient, my son. Good things are in store for you." Sully proclaimed. "In the Spring of '89, I will open my new Parking Garage. You can park the almost new maroon Porsche in its own numbered space," Sully continued. "You will be near your dorm, your classes, and even near Northgate. Neither hail, nor sleet, nor even the glaring sun will mar the almost new Porsche's maroon beauty." And Sully concluded, "I will provide a guard for this Parking Garage, and should the guard turn his head, 40 television cameras will watch over and protect the almost new maroon Porsche." Fish was impressed.



And so it came to pass, just as Sully foretold. In January '89, the roomie's beautiful sister broke her engagement. His parents remembered how to sign checks. The laundry found his shirts. Even Jackie called to invite Fish to join the 12th Man Team. And the still almost new maroon Porsche was safe and sound in its very own parking space, protected from all harm. Fish was happy ever after. Sully had spoken.



WATCH YOUR SUMMER MAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION



Texas A&M horticulturist Tom Longbrake shows some seedlings that will grow to produce seedless watermelons. Longbrake is working to evaluate several lines of seedless watermelons.

A&M professor works on seedless watermelon

By Karen Kroesche
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Spitting watermelon seeds is as indigenous to summertime picnics as roasted hot dogs, checked tableclothes, Frisbees and ants. But a Texas A&M horticulturist says that could change. Extension horticulturist Tom Longbrake is working with commercial seed companies to evaluate several lines of seedless watermelons, which he touts as "all heart." The melons are the result of a three-way cross and are considered tetraploids, rather than the typical diploid types. "Tetraploid fruits are barren or

sterile of seed resulting in watermelons with juicy red flesh which are all heart," Longbrake says. The only disadvantage of the seedless melons — besides the loss of seed-spitting excitement — is that they will cost about 50 percent more, since more complex growing techniques must be used to produce them, Longbrake says. Since the seedless melons cannot reproduce, new seed must be generated through the three-way cross technique for each new crop. "It's taking some real refinement in the production process to get them to grow," Longbrake says. The seedless melons should hit

grocery store shelves in 1989 and Longbrake expects them to be popular with consumers, although he says they probably will not replace the current variety. An attempt was made in 1987 to market a variety of seedless watermelon, but it failed due to a lack of consumer interest, Longbrake says. But Longbrake expects the new melons to be more receptive to the high-priced exotic fruits that consumers are purchasing. Texas currently leads the nation in watermelon production, with the 1987 harvest valued at \$38 million.

Doctor remains at medical school during bad, good


DALLAS (AP) — Dr. Donald Seldin remembers when the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center had leaky roofs, frequently frozen plumbing and crumbling wooden walls in its Army barracks home. "If you looked, you might say this was a disaster area: no permanent buildings, a meager budget, no faculty," Seldin, professor of internal medicine, recalled. "But you also might see a certain potential." That was 40 years ago. Today the university is home to two Nobel Prize winners and has joined the ranks as one of the nation's best medical schools. School officials credit Seldin with much of the transformation work. "He brought a vision for the future, a standard of excellence even when, in most people's minds, resources might not have justified it," Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of Southwestern, said of Seldin. The school recently awarded Seldin the University of Texas System Professor of Internal Medicine — only the second such professorship awarded in the natural sciences. Seldin also will be honored next

month with a three-day celebration at the university that is expected to attract 8,000 colleagues and former and current students. And \$600,000 has been collected for what is expected to be a \$2 million academic chair in Seldin's name. Southwestern, now considered one of the smallest of the nation's top medical schools with enrollment at about 800, has produced 5,093 doctors since it opened in 1944. Since 1979, eight of its faculty members have been accepted to the National Academy of Sciences — a prestigious feat topped only by Washington University in St. Louis. But early on, the school faced oblivion. In 1952, Southwestern had only 340 students and was on academic probation because of its rundown facilities and absence of a faculty — except for Seldin, who held the posts of chairman of every department the school had left. Refusing job offers from Ivy League schools, Seldin, a Yale-trained medical professor, stayed at Southwestern for 35 years. He stepped down from the 137-member department of internal medicine last winter.

Strong wind hurls trailer onto highway

Two men remained hospitalized Monday after their home was flipped and hurled onto a highway by a North wind storm. Meanwhile, bad weather West Texas tore the roof off a barn outside of Coleman, nearly destroyed by a storm in Edin. No injuries were reported. William Russell, 69, of Edin, was listed in serious condition Monday afternoon in the intensive care unit of Harris Hospital in Fort Worth, where he was transported by air ambulance after an accident Sunday. His brother, 72-year-old Russell, was in stable condition at Campbell Memorial Hospital in Weatherford. "We're pretty sure it was a tornado," Parker County Sheriff Mark Maffei said. "We're saying it was a line winds — an up-draft storm — that did it." Parker County authorities closed Farm-to-Market Road about 4 1/2 miles south of Weatherford after the Russell's trailer was thrown onto the highway last evening. Other property damage reported to mobile homes.

The MSC Visual Arts Committee cordially invites you to attend a reception for artist Joan Maffei, Thursday, April 28, 7:00-8:00 p.m., MSC Gallery



Ms. Maffei's work will be on exhibit in the MSC Gallery, April 25-May 20, 1988, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. daily. For information call 845-1515.