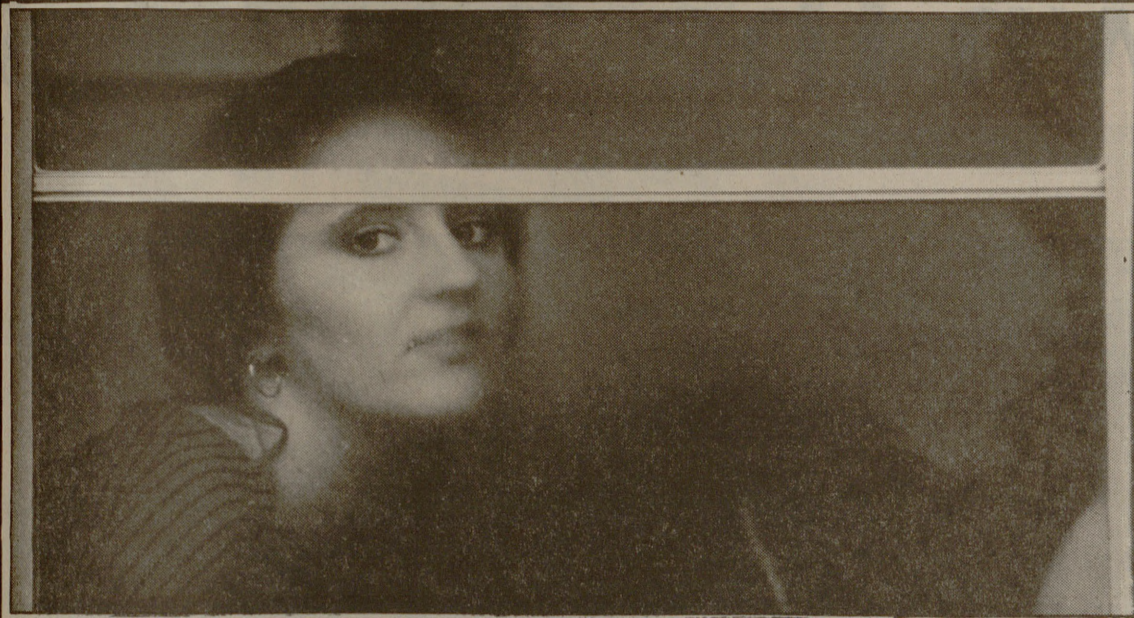


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### Raindrops keep falling



An A&M student looks out the wet, blurred window of the Gig 'Em bus. The heavy rain over Bryan-College Station is expected to continue through Thursday and break up on Friday. Photo by Mike C. Mulvey

## Students help fight drugs Fraternity targets elementary school students

By KATHERINE COFFEY  
Of The Battalion Staff

One elementary school student who says he wants to know how he or a friend can stop drug use is the measure of success for Sigma Phi Epsilon's anti-drug program, a fraternity member said.

The "Just Say No" program within the elementary schools in Bryan and College Station is the brainchild of Texas A&M junior Robert Russell, who came up with the idea at a fraternity meeting.

Russell said the program is aimed at kids who most likely have not been introduced to drug peer pressure yet.

"Parents here are aware of the drug problem in Bryan and College Station and are worried about drug abuse," he said.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon-sponsored program had a trial day last week at Carver Elementary School in Bryan to see if the program could be successful. About five members of the fraternity spoke to the class, he said.

Fraternity members plan to speak at schools in Bryan and College Station after spring break, he said.

Sophomore Morty Mandal, fraternity public rela-

tions chairman, said about five or six speakers signed up to speak to various elementary school classes from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday starting March 19.

Each group will talk to a class of about 30 elementary students.

Mandal said other fraternities, campus organizations and sororities also are involved with the program.

Russell, who was officially trained by the Texas "Just Say No" program and has previous experience with the campaign, said other speakers are leaders at A&M or those with a strong interest in the program.

Speakers include Matt Poling, Corps Commander; Kevin Fitzgerald, junior yell leader; Patty Lopicolo, president of SMART (Students Making Awareness a Real Topic) and Student Body President Kevin Buchman, who is also a Sigma Phi Epsilon member.

Russell said the objective is to have about 50 diversified speakers who are students.

"Our ultimate goal is to reach as many kids as possible and show them that they too can be successful without drugs," he said.

He said the group plans to speak to every elementary

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## Former student provides insight into interviews

By TIMM DOOLEN  
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There is more to getting a job than just being an Aggie, the head recruiter of Houston-based Andersen Consulting said Wednesday.

"You all want to wear the Aggie ring when you graduate, but it won't necessarily get you a job," Randi Mays Knapp, Class of '79, said at "A Survival Workshop on Interviewing," sponsored by the Texas A&M Memorial Student Center MBA/Law Committee.

Knapp stressed the importance of good interviewing skills when trying to attain a job, and said students should not rely on a good grade-point average or being an A&M graduate.

She said if a student thinks he will get a job because of his alma mater, the employer will probably say, "I'm glad you're an Aggie, but send us your resume."

Knapp said interview skills are im-

portant because many firms do not use professional interviewers. Knapp said students should be ready for anything, from a highly structured interview to one in which they simply talk for 30 minutes.

Knapp gave these hints to job seekers:

- Before an interview, do your homework on the corporation so you can talk intelligently about the company.

- Prepare early for the interview; get your clothes ready the night before.

- Dress conservatively — usually wear a navy blue or gray suit.

- Make a good first impression; give the interviewers a good, firm handshake and show enthusiasm.

- Tell them about yourself in the interview; talk about your goals and what you've learned from your experiences.

- Try to relate things you say to

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## Zoo director voices concern about gorillas

By ANDY KEHOE  
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Jack Hanna certainly likes his animals.

In last night's presentation, "Monkey Business is Serious Business", Hanna, executive director of the Columbus Zoological Park, spoke about the decline in number of the world's gorillas and the need for conservation of the animals.

"There is an undeniable need for conservation," Hanna said. "Today, there are only 247 lowland gorillas left in the United States. It will be a very, very sad day when we let the gorillas go extinct."

Hanna has made a couple of trips into the jungles of Kwanda in Africa to study the declining mountain gorillas. His studies were done in the same region as those by the late gorilla activist, Dian Fossey.

"There are also only 290 to 300 mountain gorillas left," Hanna said. "They are such fascinating animals; they are rapidly losing their territory because of the intense land destruction over there."

Hanna has planned another trip to Africa sometime early next year to follow up on his studies.

He is probably best known for his numerous appearances on "Late Night with David Letterman," "The Tonight Show" and "Good Morning America."

"I try to educate through entertainment," Hanna said. "Conservation is an important issue right now, and I'm able to teach it through these television appearances. Also, it's a lot of fun to bring my animals on Letterman."

Hanna is scheduled to appear on Friday night's "Late Night with David Letterman" show.

"I'll be bringing some snakes on the show," he said. "Dave will probably never let me come back after Friday night."

For last night's presentation, Hanna brought a mini-zoo of his own.

Asking for participation from the audience, he displayed several of his unusual animals. Included were a buzzard, a ferret, a Brahman bull and a Madagascar hissing cockroach.

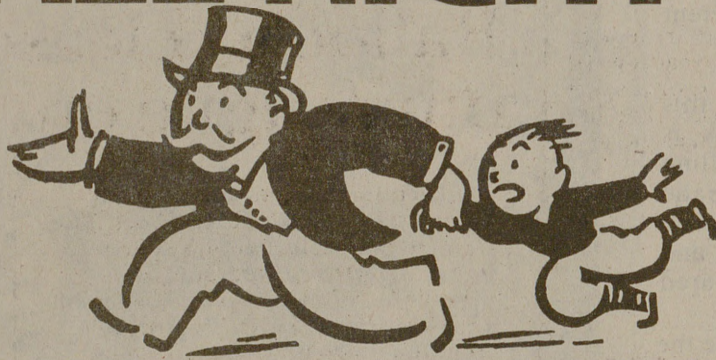
Hanna has served as executive director at the Columbus Zoo since 1978. In that time, he has carried out a \$4.6 million capital improvements program in the zoo that has resulted in the construction of a new herbivore-

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One of Jack Hanna's assistants shows the audience a scarlet parrot. Photo by Mike C. Mulvey

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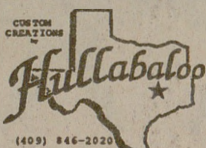
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