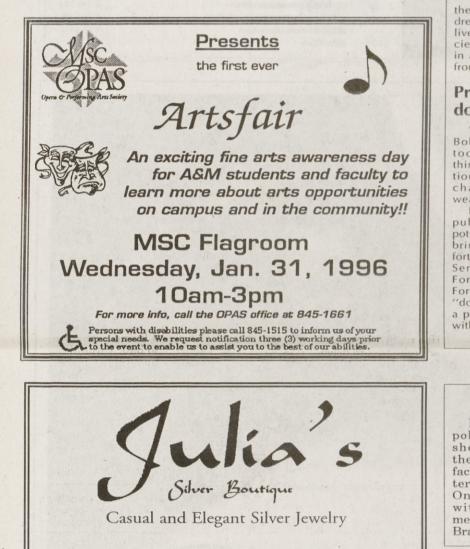


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Cohen appointed to state space board

Aaron Cohen, Zachry Professor of Engineering at Texas A&M, was recently appointed chairman of the board of the Texas Space Grant Consortium.

Part of the National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program, the consortium seeks to expand Texas' role in the space program. Cohen's experience includes 31

years at NASA and service as the director of the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Sesame Street takes on a Russian twist

MOSCOW (AP) - Bert and

Ernie are learning Russian. Soon to be known as Vlas and Enik, they and other Sesame Street characters will help teach a new generation of Russian children to live in a free, democratic society

Producers revealed their plans Tuesday for a Russian version of the popular American children's program, which they said would hit TV screens by fall.

The producers said one of their main goals is to help children understand what it means to live in a democratic, diverse society and give them confidence in a world that is vastly different from the one their parents knew.

Presidential candidate doles out cheap shots

WASHINGTON (AP) - For Bob Dole, it is a scenario all too familiar: Just when he thinks the presidential nomina-tion is within reach, a preppy challenger with inherited wealth threatens his grip.

Dole isn't the only 1996 Republican candidate to take potshots at Forbes' privileged up-bringing and publishing family fortune. "Richie Rich," is Texas Sen. Phil Gramm's label for Forbes. Pat Buchanan talks of Forbes crafting his flat tax plan 'down at the yacht basin'' and of a palatial Forbes estate complete with polo ponies.

Correction:

In Tuesday's Battalion, a political diversity graphic should have reported that there are 8 members of the faculty senate who are registered with no party listing. One member is registered with both parties and 19 members are not registered in Brazos County.

Men @ 2:00 p.m.

University computer system safeguarded against break-ins

□ Students who tamper with A&M software could be suspended from the University.

By Kendra S. Rasmussen THE BATTALION

Texas A&M students with ambitions of breaking into the University's computer system and changing their 1.85 grade-point ratios to 3.78 with a swift stroke of the delete key will most likely find their efforts thwarted.

Dr. John Dinkel, associate provost for Computing and Information Services, said A&M's computer system is safeguarded against grade changes.

"You don't just access a student's record and change the grades," he said. "It's not that easy."

He also said that unauthorized grade changes rarely, if ever, occur.

There are several layers of security that would have to be violated for that to happen," he said, "and we have no reports of any such violation.

But he said A&M's system is susceptible to intrusions of other sorts, since it is accessible from numerous locations.

"Any computer system that allows remote access has the potential for security violations," he said. "But we have in place sophisticated software that monitors and prevents break-ins."

A&M's system uses protective measures to restrict access from off-campus computers. "Within the administrative computing system, there are several additional layers of security to assure that only authorized users get access to the system, Dinkel said.

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The software monitors all activity taking placed the system and immediately reports illegal activit Dinkel said he is unaware of any serious tempts to gain unauthorized access to the admin trative system.

Though administrative invasions are not a ma jor problem at A&M, minor computer violation are detected almost daily.

These violations include unauthorized use computer accounts and software piracy.

George Kemper, project director for Compu ing and Information Services, said many st dents are intrigued by the challenge of comm ting computer violations.

"They do it for the thrill and glory of ... being able to brag about it," he said. But it is not mere mischief, he said. It is criminal

activity, and violators are sent to Student Judici Services and the University Police Department.

Kim Walter, coordinator of Student Judicial S vices, said punishments for computer violation range from probation to suspension from the Ur versity, depending on the student's criminal histo and the crime's severity

Walters said that though most students learn their lesson after one trip to her office, some students are repeat offenders

'I would say we have had one, if not two, case of students that have been given warnings bu tewe continued to violate (University policy)," she said, 'and they were suspended from the University."

Walter said the number of computer violation is increasing as more students are becoming com puter literate and as the Internet gains popularit

A&M prof to make dreams come true with new local playground

Whittaker said he wants A&M students to get involved with the "miniature Epcot Center" he is designing for **Bryan-College Station.**

By Danielle Pontiff THE BATTALION

A Texas A&M professor's dream of creating an educational playground for Bryan-College Station children is about to come true.

Dale Whittaker, an associate professor of agricultural engineering, was awarded a \$35,000 grant last week by the Kellogg National Fellowship Program to build a children's museum.

The children's museum, he said, will combine education and entertainment.

"Children learn best when they are having fun," Whittaker said. "A children's museum is a safe place where children can play while learning more about the world and their own heritage. "There are surprises everywhere, and in each surprise there is something educational."

Whittaker described his vision for the museum as a "miniature Epcot Center" with play areas representing several global cultures.

"We have a really rich her-itage in the Brazos Valley," Whittaker said. "There are Indians, Italians, Japanese. People of different cultures are everywhere, and we will use their influence to create playscapes at

the children's museum. The playscapes will include street scenes from cities around the world, where children can try on clothes, listen to music and shop in foreign markets.

Leslie Borski, a senior Russian major and kindergarten teacher, said the children in her classes would benefit from the cultural education that will be offered at the museum.

"The children's museum sounds like a good idea because it seems hard to find cultural things to do in the Brazos Valley area," Borski said.

Hilary Jessup, a professiona counselor in the College of Business, has been helping Whittakse for lazi er finalize the museum concept.

"Children from ages 1 to 13 he car and o ack of gum. will enjoy it," Jessup said. "Parents will enjoy it too. I have vis-And we w ited children's museums all over ining weig Take care the country with my family and have had to drag my kids out. and College when it's time to leave because be the perfe they were having so much fun." own. We a

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As the project gets underway, Whittaker said he hopes A&M students will take an interest in the museum "The children's museum will

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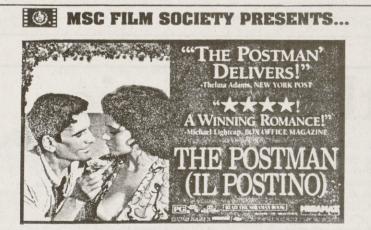
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