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of the cute, blue Izzy, the mascot would be a sweaty redneck cowboy named Tex wearing rhinestone-studded chaps, cooking a pot of chili over the Olympic torch, and knocking back a bottle of Wild Turkey big enough to fill an Olympic-sized swimming pool.

It would be patriotic and sickening at the same time. Olympic visitors to College Station would certainly aim their scrutiny and cameras at A&M. But they wouldn't be interested in hearing how A&M is recently becoming more committed to increasing diversity and getting away from its traditional mostly-Anglo, agriculture-and-engineering stereotype. They'd want to see the traditions, the way it was back in Ol' Army. They'd focus on the

Corps and the Chicken — not on the big picture that also includes neat stuff like risqué-yet-artistic photos in the Forsythe Gallery and Brown Bag sitar concerts.

You could show visitors the statistics everybody here knows, the ones that say A&M ranks fifth in National Merit Scholars and first in undergraduate enrollment. But tourists would be too busy snapping pictures of Sully, Rudder, Kyle Field and the MSC grass to listen.

This Texas Olympics idea is a long way from actually being implemented; Texas hasn't been chosen yet, of course.

But before we think about clamoring for the Olympics ourselves, we might want to think about the short- and long-term effects the Olympics would have on Texas. The Olympics are great to watch, but the best seat to watch them from might be the one in front of the TV.

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Justice department settles case with Nasdaq dealers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two dozen Wall Street firms agreed to settle a price fixing investigation on the Nasdaq Stock Market that requires them to install expensive monitoring systems to ensure brokers aren't stifling competition or padding trading profits.

Attorney General Janet Reno said Wednesday that the Justice Department's antitrust investigators found Nasdaq

dealers engaged in a widespread practice of quoting stocks in a manner that resulted in "many millions of dollars manipulated from the pockets of consumers."

Reno referred to a longstanding custom on Nasdaq to quote stocks by rounding off prices to the nearest quarter of a dollar. "Dealers increased their profits at the expense of investors," Reno said.

Class

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maps or plans on the walls," Velasco said.

Faculty members from Mexico and Texas will also communicate through a two-hour broadcast meeting via video. During this video meeting, they will change research and expertise with one another, according to a press release from the Department of Architecture.

Velasco said the class will prepare students for the future of technological communication.

"This class gets students to think about the future — about telecommunication," Velasco said. "A student might later work in New York and be able to talk to someone far away (via video)."

Anthony Stanton, a senior environmental design major who may assist with English-Spanish translating in the class, said this will be the first time many students will have access to this type of interaction.

"It's something we couldn't think of doing before," Stanton said. "But with the technology we have now, we can communicate ideas graphically. It's so much more we can add to the educational sphere, and students may even get friends out of it."

The Texas-Mexico Student Exchange Program will be offered as a regular honors class in Spring 1997. Students interested should contact Guillermo Vasquez de Velasco in the Department of Architecture.

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Birds

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the Physical Plant.

Liza Gonzalez, a senior management major, said although the Physical Plant tries to help, she still finds the problem "really annoying, because it smells so bad." She has to wait at the bus stop at the intersection of Spence and Ross streets for the Rudder bus.

"It's just reeks. It's really nauseating," Gonzalez said. The birds return to some of the same locations every year but sometimes they roost randomly. Ross Street is one of those areas.

Arnold said they return to the Red Lobster area at 700 Texas Avenue each year. Arnold and area owners have been working together to relocate the birds.

Goldwater said they never know from year to year where the birds will decide to roost. Wherever there are trees, the birds may roost. If there are not enough trees to accommodate all the birds they relocate to an area with more trees. They roost together to create warmth.

Although many A&M students may disagree, Arnold said "It's really not bad at all right now. Wait until you get a couple of million birds here."

Teaching

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Cooner said. "It's not just for a project for a class."

She said A&M students learn by doing; for example, they learn how to use assessment tools like the rubric, a tool teachers use to check students' writing progress.

"They read about something and immediately do it," Cooner said.

Leanne South, communications coordinator for the College of Education, said in a press release A&M student interns were trained to score writing samples, which gave them experience and took some of the workload off the teachers.

Cooner said A&M students appreciate the student intern program at South Knoll.

"We had 45 applicants last year and we can only accept 20," Cooner said.

The program is currently funded by a grant from the Department of Education.

"We hope to restructure funding for schools like this," Cooner said.

Cooner said she hopes research will provide supportive evidence showing the program is a better way to prepare teachers.

"When the grant runs out, we will need money," Cooner said. "We want to show people it's worth their money."

The next student intern program begins in Spring 1997.

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