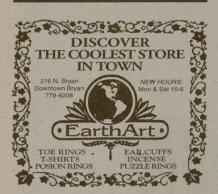
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Aqua Madre

An Aggie Spanish professor, known as a mother figure to her students, experiences true parenthood.

By Shea Wiggins THE BATTALION

hristina Gonzalez-Boles is a professor, friend and mother figure to Spanish students at Texas A&M. Now she has adopted a baby to be a mother at home.

Gonzalez-Boles, a former student and assistant lecturer of Spanish at Texas A&M, said she is ready to commit herself to raising a child.

"It is something I have wanted for so long, if by natural birth or adoption, so my commitment was already made in my mind," Boles said. "It is the same commitment I make to my students at A&M. The sacrifices were already expected.

Boles and her husband adopted John Jason Jr., or J.J., on Sept. 3, 1996, after months of waiting.

Boles said the adoption was difficult to finalize.

"It was a roller coaster," Boles said. "We first received a call from a lawyer saying a teen-age girl in Bryan wanted to give up her baby. She was weeks away from delivery, and we were able to meet with her and discuss adoption. However, she decided to keep it, and my husband and I were very disappointed. So we turned to an agency, and they helped us to get John Jr."

Boles, Class of '90, has taught Spanish courses since 1993, and this year she had a Fish Camp named after her.

Boles said the camp counselors surprised her with the

"I got a tube of Aquafresh in my box one day and I didn't understand the joke," Boles said. "I thought my husband was surprising me with something because it was my birthday.

"The next day there was a aqua-colored bandanna," Boles said. "I still didn't make the connection.'

Boles said the aqua Fish Camp brought her a Spanish piñata in the shape of a fish the next day and congratulated her.

bottle of AquaVelva, and the following an don't fully understand its value, but since Christina is an Aggie, it was very important. Rangel said students come to visit Boles

Christina Gonzalez-Boles, an A&M Spanish professor and new mothers, sits with her adopted son, John Jr. Boles is a Fish Camp namesake.

semesters later.

"She has an open door, open personality and an open relationship with them," Rangel

Spanish, works with Boles in the Spanish de-

'She was so excited about the Fish Camp recognition," Rangel said. "It means a lot to her because she did not get to go when she was a freshman here. I think some professors

Christine Rangel, an assistant lecturer in said. "Not all professors make as mu as she does for students, which is p why the students voted her name as Camp, even though she is 28.'

Boles is active in student program participates in the Spanish Honor Honors Consortium, where honors

meet one on one with before classes, and a P Profs program where stu

Tuesday • September

professors eat pizza and so Susanah Ince, one of Bole dents and a sophomore major said she sees Boles than a professor.

"Mrs. Boles comes i classroom and is one of said. "She is about 10 year so she relates to students Ince said Boles offer

information to small d effort to break the ice. "She came in every gave us news about the ba said. "It is good to hear

professor's life, to know people just like you and n Boles received her bad health education, then

sued a master's in Spanish Boles said her immed is from Cuba but now lives in

"I was born in the United but my parents raised m Cuban environment, with food," Boles said. "I consi self Cuban-American, and Iv to keep this cultural aspecti Jason Jr.'s life." Boles said the Cubanc

has many benefits in life.

"Hispanic families are tig knit than American fami Boles said. "The Spanish lang is also more expressive for than English, and the Spi people are less standoffs Americans. I think these of a culture make more floor ate, caring people."

Boles said teaching Sport helps her keep the cultural as of her family alive.

'This is why I care so mu my students learn," Boles said. "It is only eficial to be bilingual, for you can com cate and grow with twice as many peo am glad that I have taught Spanish, for can teach John Jr. my culture and my guage much easier.'



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A problem has arisen for the tenants of the house because the city of College Station has asked them to change their sign proclaiming "The Cock House" to "The Crocker House.

"They say it's vulgarity," Solis said.

Although the residents have had to deal with unexpected events such as these, Hale said living together has allowed them to strengthen their friendships and realize how important they are to The men said they are like a family and would do anything for

one another. A story that hangs on the wall in a room about a soldier with a

friend suffering from a mortal wound on the battlefield illustrates

how the men of Crocker feel about their brotherhood. The soldier asks his commander if he can go out into the line of fire and rescue his friend. The commander says, "No, I've already lost him; I can't lose you, too." He goes anyway and returns with a brutal wound. The commander asks, "Why did you go back out there? I've lost one soldier, and now you're wounded." The soldier says, "It was worth it because when I picked him up off the battlefield, he looked up at me and

said, 'Thanks, Jim, I knew you'd come.' 'That's how it is here," Travis Loy, a senior wildlife and fisheries

sciences major said. "We know that no matter where we were, were in trouble, someone from Crocker would help us."

'We'd do just about anything, even bail each other out of jail said. "We wouldn't like it, but we'd do it."



Cock House residents surround the controversial sign in their from

JOSEPH

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very involved."

The crew's professionalism helps make Joseph more energetic, he said.

Cranor said OPAS "jumped" on the chance to bring Joseph to A&M because of its energy, appeal and touring success.

"We've had several Andrew Lloyd Webber productions in the

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playing at Rudder Auditorium tonight, Wednesday and Thursday past and they've all been very successful," Cranor said.

Lloyd Webber's Jesus Christ Superstar, Evita and Requiem have toured here. Suzannah Taylor, OPAS chair

tions major, said she is dyeing her hair "technicolor" in support of "We want everyone to know

and a senior speech communica-

said. "We think the hair will!

OPAS is also handing ou nicolor balloons and candy mote the show. Taylor said she wants pt

to enjoy *Joseph* as much derotek, Inc. did the first time she sal AIM Managem musical.

'I was literally dancing aisle by the end of the that Joseph is coming here," she

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