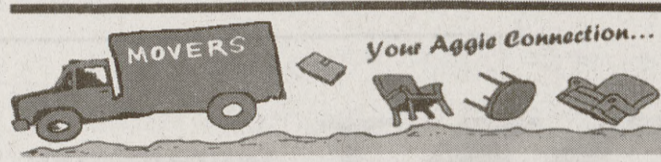


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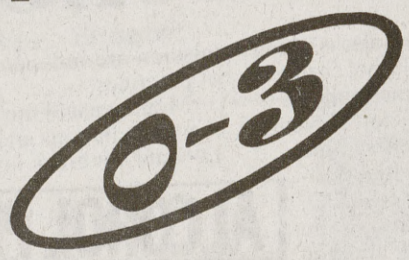
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A&M System appoints faculty to academy

By NATHAN ROGERS
The Battalion

Nine of Texas A&M University System's affiliate schools have appointed faculty members to the Academy for Educator Development. The new academy, a major component of the A&M System's Regents' Initiative for Excellence in Education, provides a forum for university professors to learn more about kindergarten-through-12th-grade issues to better prepare future Texas teachers. Faculty were chosen from a variety of departments within the A&M system, not solely the College of Education.

"We are thrilled to see faculty members so enthusiastic about their role in the preparation of teachers,"

said Dr. Bill Reaves, A&M System assistant vice chancellor for public education. "This only goes to show that many university faculty in academic fields other than education care very deeply about the preparation of teachers for Texas public schools."

The Academy for Educator Development's professional development sequence, organized through the A&M System's Institute for School-University Partnerships, is offered to members of the academy. The goal of the sequence is to allow professors, many of whom have been teaching and researching at the university level for years, to refamiliarize themselves with state-mandated education guidelines. It also gives the faculty partici-

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— Dr. Leo Sayavedra
A&M System's vice chancellor for academic and student affairs

pants an opportunity to become acquainted with public education policy and related issues that will impact their participation in hands-on preparation programs.

Some of the facets of the professional development program include evaluation and studies of curriculum and demographic trends in communities and public schools.

"This Academy for Educator Development places the A&M System at the forefront of higher education institutions in creating a dynamic structure with which to prepare quality teachers for our state," said Leo Sayavedra, the A&M System vice chancellor for academic and student affairs.

Bush library to host exhibit featuring bird paintings

By KRISTIN ROSTRAN
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In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Texas Audubon Society, the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum will host "Of Birds and Texas," an exhibit featuring 22 original watercolor paintings from the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History's Gentling Collection.

The collection includes paintings of birds that inhabit Texas for all or part of the year and of most of Texas' geographical regions.

The collection comes from Fort Worth artists Scott and Stewart Gentling, twin brothers who spent eight years creating the paintings for their book, also titled *Of Birds and Texas*. Scott Gentling attended

the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, and, while Stewart Gentling went to the University of Texas Law School, he followed his interest in art and also went to the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

The Gentling brothers said the collection and book were inspired by a book on John James Audubon's paintings they found in the library of the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. Audubon was an American naturalist and wildlife painter, and the Audubon Society was named after him. The Gentling collection focuses more on style than accurate realism, similar to Audubon's style.

"The artists are nationally and internationally known, and the brothers work in a unique style,

where both will switch off on a single painting," said Larry Griffing, president of the Rio Brazos Audubon Society. "Their paintings allow us to look at Texas birds that are rare to this area."

However, birds are not their main focus, which is landscapes, portraits and still lifes.

On Sept. 2, the local Rio Brazos Audubon Society will celebrate the exhibit and anniversary with dinner and special tour of the exhibit after museum hours, which are Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Museum admission is \$5 for adults \$4 for students, and \$3.50 for senior citizens.

FISH

by R.DeLuna AOC

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SCOTT, THIS IS MY LITTLE SISTER LISA... SHE'S A FRESHMAN THIS YEAR

ARE YOU GOING TO BE ABLE TO NOT BE "BIG BROTHERLY" WITH ALL THESE COLLEGE GUYS PREYING ON THE SWEET, INNOCENT FRESHMEN GIRLS??

WELL, SHE'S OLD ENOUGH TO HOLD ON A SEC...

GET AWAY FROM MY LITTLE SISTER!!

WHERE MIGHT ONE PURCHASE A STUN GUN?

OH, WHY DO I SEE THE PHRASE "ACCESSORY TO MURDER" IN MY FUTURE??

NON MIA CULPA

by B-Hippie



UM... HI MICHELLE. SO YOU ARE ROBO'S NEW GIRLFRIEND?

SHE'S A TOASTER DUDE. SHE DOESN'T TALK.

ROBO, WE NEED TO TALK.

DON'T YOU, TOASTY-WOASTY.

UM... I WOULDN'T SIT THERE IF...

EW!! CRUMBS... EVERYWHERE!

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BY J. GOLDFLUTE



DETERMINED TO DISPROVE ONE OF THE THEORIES, BARNEY STRAPS A PIECE OF BREAD, BUTTERED SIDE UP, TO SERGEANT WHISKERS AND LETS HER FLY.

Frank Ashley, associate dean of the College of Education, said that the groups of students with whom he has the most academic problems are athletes and cadets. With the support of other AOC deans, Ashley seeks Corps leadership to consider implementing an academic program for cadets similar to the one athletes follow under NCAA regulations.

"We will look at the ideas (the AOC deans) proposed, and if we see a feasible way to implement some changes, we will..."

— Justin Betzen
Corps of Cadets
Scholastic Sergeant

In its simplest form, the program would require cadets to complete a certain percent of their degree plan by the end of their freshman year to be promoted to sophomore status in the Corps of Cadets.

Corps Scholastics Sergeant Justin Betzen said the forum was a step toward improving cadets' grades because it opened up communication between the Corps and the deans.

"We will look at the ideas (AOC deans) proposed, and if we see a feasible way to implement changes, we will," he said.

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