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FISH

BY R. DELUNA
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I'M SORRY I SAID YOU LOOKED FATTER THAN THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU...
I APOLOGIZE FOR SAYING YOU WERE "LITTLE IN THE MIDDLE, BUT YOU GOT MUCH BACK."
AND FOR MAKING SUCH COMMENTS AS "J.L.O BOOTY" AND "JUNK IN THE TRUNK."
SEE, KITTY? HE TOOK BACK ALL THOSE MEAN THINGS HE SAID.
ONLY BECAUSE DEPRESSING HER WOULD ONLY MAKE HER EAT MORE...
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BY JOSH DARWIN
HI AXL, WELCOME TO ECCENTRIC ROCK STARS ANONYMOUS. I'M ELTON JOHN.
SINCE I FOUNDED THIS GROUP TWENTY YEARS AGO, WE'VE HAD GREAT SUCCESS HELPING ECCENTRIC MUSICIANS CHANGE.
THERE'S ONLY BEEN ONE WE JUST COULDN'T HELP.
WHO?
WELL, I DON'T WANNA MENTION NAMES. LET'S JUST CALL HIM "MICHAEL J."
TRAGIC.

Crazy Jake

By M. Mouse
So, Chase, are you having a good time tonight?
Chase?
What?
I've never before been found less entertaining than me...
Sigh

PUM BOYZ

BY: WILL LLOYD
I DID THEE LORD OF FRANKS!
YEA! HOT DOGS!
THIS COMIC IS ABOUT UNIVERSITY SPENDING, REPRESENTED BY WELLS AND MCMAN.
FREEZE, ALIEN SCUM!
PROX LINKS PROXMA
FUNDING IS VERY CHALLENGING NOWADAYS. SHORTFALLS HAVE LED TO RESTRICTIONS AND SUCH.
WE MUST TAKE THAT HILL, GENERAL LONGSTREET!
WELL, DUB!
BUT DON'T WOODY. THE UNIVERSITY IS RAISING ITS TUITION TO BETTER ACCOMMODATE THE CLOSING OF DEPARTMENTS!
WHY DID I GET THIS OUTFIT?
GODDAM!
NOT TO FEAR ATHLETES! WE'RE SENDIN' OVER BACKWARDS TO GET YOU A NEW LOCKER ROOM! NO MORE SWEATY JESSEYS!

Turf

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inexpensive, totaling \$700,000.
The new field was built similar to a 100,000 square foot golf green under the U.S. Golf Association system, incorporating the same tile drainage system as professional golf courses, Duple said. Over the tiles lay four inches of gravel and 12 inches of organic sand.
"This sandwich effect allows for a drainage system that prevents standing water from collecting on the field," Duple said. "The secret behind its success, however, is that the field is mowed daily to maintain density and quality of turf."
Goertz said former A&M football coach R.C. Slocum requested the new field for recruiting purposes.
"Because of the heat factor of artificial turf, sand-based turf is preferred by football players," Goertz said.
Artificial turf is 15 to 20 degrees hotter than sand-based, which can make a considerable difference, especially when playing a football game in the middle of a hot Texas afternoon.
Another factor that comes into play with recruiting, Goertz said, is that most high school stadiums have natural grass. When a high school senior considers which university to play football for, he is most likely going to prefer a

stadium with turf similar to what he played on in high school.
Sand-based turf also causes fewer injuries because the dense soil below the grass creates padding, Goertz said.
A&M head soccer coach Phil Stephenson said the soccer team incorporated this new grass and irrigation system into its field two summers ago, when the field's clay subsurface was removed and replaced by sand. The field can drain 39 inches of rain in one hour, he said.
"This has helped out the soccer team in that the sand-based turf has taken rain out of the equation," Goertz said.
Stephenson said the team performs better because it is a consistent surface with no "lakes" on the field.
No games have been canceled since the field renovations, and on Aug. 31, the women's soccer team was able to defeat Southern Methodist University despite a deluge from a tropical storm.
Never having to cancel practice because of drainage problems gives the team a leg up on the competition, Stephenson said.
"The field renovation was a paramount need of the athletics department because too many games and practices were postponed or canceled due to rain," Stephenson said. "We now have one of the best soccer fields in the country."

Faculty

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capabilities."
Along with the enhancement of the learning environment, A&M will be given the chance to track intellectual capital from across the country, said Mary Jo Richardson, interim dean of the College of Geosciences.
"The audacity of the program will resonate through academia, and allow us to attract colleagues to A&M who might not otherwise have considered our University," Richardson said. "Whereas others are dealing with cutbacks, A&M is making a visionary move forward."
The junior faculty who will be hired will be built around the senior nationally-known faculty hired for specific programs, Gates said.
He said Vision 2020 contains 12 key elements needed to create the "culture of excellence" it aims for.
"The first imperative of Vision 2020 is elevating the faculty, a hiring plan that will strengthen the undergraduate studies, graduate studies, arts and sciences and stress diversity," Gates said.
Jane Conoley, dean of the College of Education and Human Development, said new faculty will be used to teach more honors courses. An application to prepare teachers for high need areas of Texas focusing on bilingual

Children

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second-generation firefighter. "It's heartbreaking and heartwarming when you hear them say, 'My father, my mother, my aunt,'" said Betsy Park Bayonne, N.J., whose brother Robert was killed. "What's amazing is the strength and resilience."
Some family members of the victims have taken their hands to scoop up dirt from the site as a keepsake, slipping into bags and empty water bottles. For many, it may provide the link to their lost relatives; authorities estimate the remains of many as 1,000 victims may never be identified.
The crowd of thousands observed a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m., the time the first plane slammed into the North Tower.
At sunset, two light beams pointing skyward were switched on, evoking the image of the Twin Towers.
The remembrance extended far beyond lower Manhattan. Firefighters in Chicago joined the moment of silence, while he tolled in Milwaukee.

Panel

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Gov. David Dewhurst after the rule was used to stymie redistricting during the first special session.
They seemed wary of Smith's arguments in light of ruling last month by the Justice Department that the Voting Rights Act provision on getting prior approval of changes that may impact minority voters does not apply in this case.
The panel also seemed comfortable with an argument by state Solicitor General Paul Cruz, representing Republican officials, that the Democrats were in court too soon because no redistricting has taken place. "There has been no clear action. Nothing has been done yet," Cruz said.

education, English as a second language, special education and strong math and science programs will also be implemented, she said.
The College of Science, which is set to gain 70 new faculty members within the next five years, is a major recipient of the planned hires.
Newton said the hiring solved the problem within the department of enrollment increasing as faculty numbers decline.
College of Architecture Dean J. Thomas Regan said five of the 16 new faculty members will begin in the fall of 2004.
"They will not only increase the influence of these specialized areas, but they will also improve our faculty-to-student ratio," he said.
The Bush School of Government & Public Service was authorized eight new positions over the next three years, a move which will help establish two signature programs.
"The programs dealing with the advancement of international affairs, public service and administration will help the school to top tier status," said Richard Chilcoat, dean of the Bush School.
Adams calls the plan to hire a forward-thinking approach for A&M.
"This will only happen once in two or three lifetimes," Adams said. "which is very exciting for us."

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