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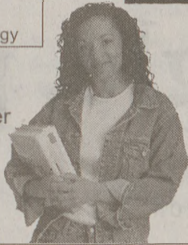
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her life to Aesop's fable of "Tortoise and the Hare," being the tortoise.

"With each day's passing the tortoise gets a little closer to the finish line," Ryan said.

Doctorate

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Department of Modern and Classical Languages, said the Hispanic Studies degree is the first of its kind in Texas.

"We are trying to do something completely different," Kallendorf said. "This is not traditional Spanish Ph.D."

Eduardo Urbina, professor of Spanish at A&M, said the degree will be comprehensive and interdisciplinary for people interested in different areas of academics.

"There will be a broader perspective than just a language and literature approach," Urbina said. "The basic philosophy will be to understand the culture, history, social problems and economic problems of Hispanic people."

Urbina said the idea for the degree started in 1997 when the Department of Modern and Classical Languages began thinking about the increasing Hispanic population in Texas. "The A&M system has a large Hispanic student population," he said. "We wanted to provide a degree that students would be interested in."

Kallendorf said there is a proposal to split the Department of Modern and Classical Languages into two separate departments by the beginning of September.

Oliver said a new Department of Hispanic Studies and Department of European and Classical Languages and Cultures is pending approval from the Texas A&M Board of Regents, A&M system chancellor and University President Robert M. Gates.

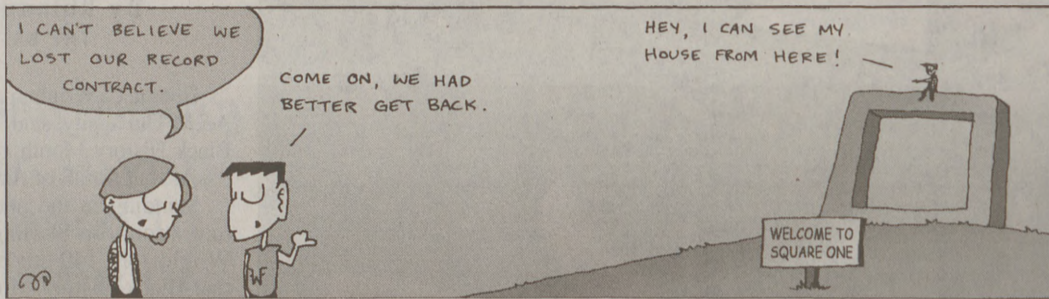
Urbina said a Ph.D. in Hispanic Studies would not limit a graduate of the program to a career in academia.

"With the degree being interdisciplinary, a student can specialize," he said. "Graduates can use the degree in a wide range of jobs in industry, government and other jobs in the private sector."

Urbina said that at least a minor in Spanish is required. However, the student must be fluent in Spanish, he said, because the core classes will be taught in Spanish.

"This is a special program in the sense that it's in cooperation with other schools," Kallendorf said.

NOISE & POLLUTION



BY JOSH DARWIN

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"It has only been two years since we were paying tuition here," Wohlgemuth said. "Raising tuition prices is very sensitive to me."

Nick Anthis, president of Texas Aggie Democrats, said he does not support Wohlgemuth because she voted in favor of tuition deregulation and has cut spending for healthcare, things that people depend on.

"She supported tuition deregulation, which is costing A&M students more and more money every day," Anthis said.

During Wohlgemuth's term in the Texas Legislature, the state faced a \$10 billion budget deficit. Instead of increasing taxes, Wohlgemuth reformed health and human services, saving the state \$1.1 billion.

If elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, Wohlgemuth said she would do everything that she could to increase the amount of money coming to A&M because the research done at A&M is economically impor-

tant to the entire state.

"Representative Wohlgemuth is a fiscal conservative who has fought for her constituents down in Austin and will continue that fight down in Washington," said Logan Renfrow, a junior business major.

As a conservative, Wohlgemuth said it is important that Texas universities increase the number of people who graduate from higher education institutions, especially in proportion to the demographics of the state.

"The goal of our education is that we should educate all people," Wohlgemuth said. "But I see the real problem is in our (kindergarten) through 12th (grade)."

Having served on the higher education committee in the Texas Legislature, Wohlgemuth said she has been a friend to Texas A&M in the past.

Five of the seven members of the Texas A&M Board of Regents have endorsed her for Congress, Wohlgemuth said.

"These people know I will be supporting Texas A&M," Wohlgemuth said.

Enrollment

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With a spring enrollment of 10,246 students, Blinn credits the increase to its proven record in success, said Gena Parsons, public information officer at Blinn.

Parsons said the close working relationship between the two schools has allowed Blinn to transfer more students to A&M than any other school in Texas.

"We've found our niche here in Bryan," Parsons said. "About 4,000 to 5,000 students per year transfer to A&M."

Parsons said that Blinn's increase in enrollment might stall because of possible tuition increases at A&M in the future.

Lane Stephenson, deputy director for University Relations, said A&M does not intend to increase enrollment at the undergraduate level.

"This year we'll try to find out why those who didn't come didn't accept," Ashley said. "Many don't realize that with those increases come more financial aid, but once again a lot of students don't understand that."

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