

Budge creates ornament for White House tree

The ceramic artwork of Assistant Professor Susan I. Budge, in the Visual Arts & Technology Department at San Antonio College, was unveiled this week in an unusual setting - as an ornament on a White House Christmas tree. Hers was a unique figure, a sandpiper with a detachable longhorn "BEVO" mask.

"I received a letter from Governor Rick Perry inviting me to create an ornament for the White House tree," said Budge, who explained that the Director of the Texas Commission on the Arts recommended her for the White House Christmas Tree Ornament Project 2002.

Budge was one of 400 American artists selected to create birds native to the U.S. for the White House tree, an 18-foot Noble fir. The tree is the centerpiece to this year's White House theme "All Creatures, Great and Small," celebrating the history of pets at the White House, their role in Americans' lives, and animals of the wild.

Budge selected the sandpiper, but she grew



Budge holds "BEVO Bird" ornament she created for the White House tree.

bored with the result and decided to add a detachable BEVO mask, with the resulting "BEVO Bird." It is finished with a gold metallic luster, which Budge says is the most expensive glaze.

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Data gathered for Performance Review

A Performance Review of the ACCD is being conducted by State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander and her team.

At this college, David Mrizek, director of planning and budget, is spearheading the effort to collect requested materials, with assistance from Sonia Valdez, senior research specialist, and Web Master Lana Myers. The data must be submitted by December 12.

The Performance Review team will host public forums for the public to make comments informally on important issues regarding the ACCD. The forums will be held from 3 - 7 p.m. according to the following schedule:

Monday, January 13:
Southwest Campus, Building 3020,
Cafeteria

Norhwest Vista College, College Commons
Banquet Room

Tuesday, January 14:
San Antonio College, Visual Arts & Technology Center, Room 120
St. Philip's College, Campus Center, Heritage Room Foyer

Wednesday, January 15:
ACCD, Community Education Service Center, Building E, Rooms 108-109
Palo Alto College, Performing Arts Building, Room 113
Northeast Campus, Welcome Center, Front Entrance

People are also invited to email the Comptroller at tspr@cpa.state.tx.us or to participate in a focus group session by calling 1-800-531-5441, ext. 5-3676.

Datebook

www.accd.edu/sac/pubrel/calendar.htm

Friday, Dec. 6

Choral Concert
Cindy Barbier, director
7:30 pm, McAllister Auditorium

Saturday-Tuesday, Dec. 7-10

San Antonio to host Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS/COC) Annual Meeting
"Promoting Educational Excellence: Best Practices, Best Results"
Marriott Rivercenter and Riverwalk.
For more information, visit www.sacsoc.org/aamain.asp

Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 12-14

"Christmas Under the Bridge" project to benefit the homeless in downtown San Antonio. Donations accepted at the Methodist Student Center. To volunteer, call Mario at 733-0326.

Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 21-Jan. 5

Christmas/New Year Holiday Break - College Closed

Friday, Dec. 27

Second Annual "Rock to Fight Cancer" sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa
8:30 p.m., Sam's Burger Joint at 330 E. Grayson St. \$5 suggested donation with all proceeds to the American Cancer Society.

Monday, Jan. 6

College Re-opens

Monday, Jan. 13

Spring Classes Begin

Monday, Jan. 20

Martin Luther King Day - College Closed

Staff Council is collecting canned goods through Dec. 18 to benefit the San Antonio Food Bank. Donations may be dropped off at the mailroom in FAC 205.

White House ornament

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First Lady Laura Bush invited Budge and the other artists to a Christmas Reception and the unveiling of the tree in the Blue Room on Dec. 4. National television networks broadcasted the unveiling live.

The tradition of a decorated White House tree began with President Benjamin Harrison in 1889, and First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy started the tradition of Christmas tree themes in 1961. Last year, First Lady Laura Bush selected the theme "Home for the Holidays," which featured replicas by American artisans of the nation's Presidents' family homes.

Budge's artistry will get additional public exposure with her selection by corporate sponsor Mission Pharmacal Co. to paint its cow for the San Antonio Cow Parade, which is raising funds to fight cancer. For more information, contact Susan Budge at 733-2900 or sbudge@accd.edu.

Presidential Reading



President Robert Zeigler and his wife Mary recently spent time reading to children in the Child Development Program.

CORRECTION: The Nov. 22 issue of *Update* incorrectly named the location of the conference attended by Liz Ann Baez Aguilar. She attended the Association of Female Hispanic Literature Conference in Santo Domingo where she presented her paper entitled, "The Mexican-American Assimilation in 'Caballero' by Eve Raleigh and Jovita González."

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COLLEGE NOTES

The following notes of interest come from the December 5 Administrators' meeting with President Robert Zeigler. We will report future developments in *Update* as more information becomes available.

On-Line Applications:

By April 2003, it should be possible for prospective employees to apply for positions on-line, also providing scanned reference letters. Employers would have on-line access to review the applications.

Definition of "At-Risk" Students:

One of the purposes of a "Data Warehouse," a Title V initiative, is to identify and intervene to help at-risk students. Intellisolve, the consultant working on this project, needs a definition of "at-risk" students in order to extract the data and make available reports on these students. College administrators have developed the following operating definition: a student who is on scholastic or progress probation or who has a cumulative 2.0 GPA is "at risk."

Employee Evaluations:

Human Resources will hire a consultant to develop an employee evaluation system for classified and professional employees. The faculty already receive evaluations. An employee evaluation system is one of the requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

PAR Deadline:

To be paid in January, part-time or temporary employees must have current Personnel Action Request paperwork approved by Human Resources by January 17.

The deadline for the 2002-03 ACCD Employees' Annual Charitable Campaign has been extended through Dec. 12. If you need a pledge form, please contact

Nina Lopez at 785-6158 or stop by FAC 317.

To date, donations and pledges from SAC employees to the 2002 Combined Campaign have reached \$37,644.



The *Ranger*, SAC's student newspaper, was one of six finalists in the national Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) Pacemaker competition. Although three other newspapers received the award, *The Ranger* has received nine Pacemaker awards in years past and has been a finalist four times. *The Ranger* was admitted to the ACP Hall of Fame in 1996 "in recognition of sustained excellence in national competitions."

On Oct. 12, Child Development Chair **Cathy Castillo** and faculty member **Ellen Marshall** presented a session at the Directors' Symposium sponsored by The San Antonio Association for the Education of Young Children (SAAEYC) and The City of San Antonio Children's Resources Division. The session was entitled "How Managers Can Become Leaders." It focused on using the constructivist theory of learning as a basis for interacting with both staff and parents in the child care setting. On Oct. 29, Child Development faculty and staff members **Sandy Enders, Earlene Gonzales, Rosemary Anderson, Patty Barinque, Elva Dougan, Kay Osborn, Regina Castillo, and Al Ortiz** presented four sessions at the Project Approach Institute at the University of Illinois. More than 175 people attended the training sessions sponsored by the SAAEYC, making it one of the best-attended training sessions in recent years.

Campus ministry leader Miller is mourned

Rev. Jim Miller, a retired Methodist minister, recently died after suffering a heart attack. Miller had organized and led many student and faculty seminars and discussion groups at the United Methodist Student Center and also served on the Center's Foundation and Program Boards. He had led several discussion groups at the Center the week of his heart attack. A story in the Nov. 22 issue of *The Ranger* featured a photo of Miller and his recent discussion about the human conscience.

Center Director Rev. David Semrad joined Rev. Bert Clayton and Rev. Lon Speer in honoring Miller at a Dec. 2 service at Travis Park United Methodist Church, attended by San Antonio College students, faculty and staff. They noted his curiosity, breadth of knowledge, compassion, energy, political concerns, and openness to new ideas, among other characteristics.