



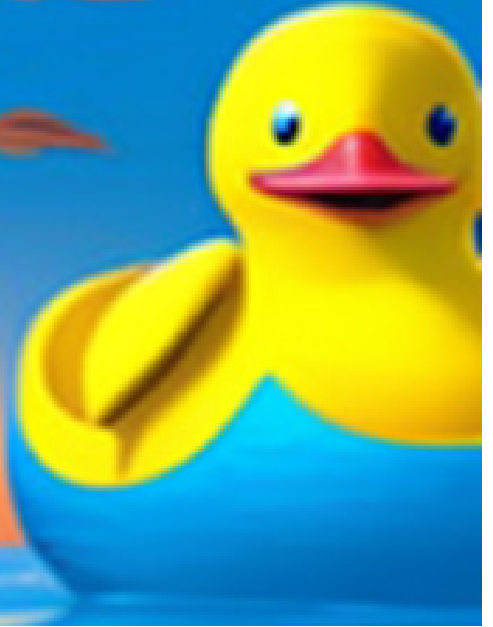
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The Rubber Ducky

An April Fool's edition
for today's news on the weird,
the absurd, and unusual



Banks spotted on campus grounds

By Gail Lonngi, '24

Since her sudden retirement in July 2023, following the botched hiring of journalist and professor Dr. Kathleen McElroy, along with numerous other tensions regarding her leadership, former president M. Katherine Banks seems to have vanished from the public eye.

That is, until now.

Eye witnesses have reported sightings of Dr. Banks on the TAMUG campus grounds in the days following spring break.

The former president is said to have been stalking the outskirts of campus, aimlessly wandering toward the marshy landscapes of Pelican Island, typically between dusk and dawn. She has also been glimpsed swimming with dolphins near Shell Beach.

All witnesses expressed shock at the former president's changed appearance since her abrupt retirement.

A group of cadets said they thought they could hear her muttering repeatedly about "recommendations," "centralization," and something that sounded like "empty Jeep."

So far, none have been able to approach the rogue administrator to inquire as to how or why she has

arrived at Pelican Island, leaving the campus community perplexed.

TAMUG Police Department commented that they are regularly patrolling the area.



Photo by April Garza, '25

2 Last-minute change to new college name

By Caleb Castro, '27

Over the last year, there has been much deliberation, hand-wringing, and anticipation about TAMUG's new name. Rather than emphasizing place, the new name, many said, should advertise the ocean-oriented programs offered exclusively at the university's marine branch. In March, the *Nautilus* reported that leadership had settled on the TAMU College of Marine Science and Maritime Studies.

But in a late-breaking surprise, campus leadership has unveiled a new, new name: Texas A&M University 2.

President Mark A. Welsh III said Friday, "It's punchy, you know? Let's not overthink this. I like it: 'A&M 2,'" he said, framing an invisible banner with his thumbs and index fingers.

Multiple faculty senators have reinforced that the name communicates the connection between the Galveston and College Station campuses, uniting both communities under one umbrella and elevating the status and reputation of the Galveston campus while keeping things simpler and easier to remember.

"This might be controversial," said Prof. Adam Haney, an instructional associate professor of political science and faculty senator, "But I've always said, *The Godfather Part II* is the superior film."

"New students already have all these different abbreviations and long names for different facilities and academics on campus," said Abigail McKenna, '25, Student Body Vice President. "It can be challenging to keep track of them all."

Continued McKenna: "A&M 2' is catchy, straightforward, and anyone could easily distinguish from other Texas universities and A&M campuses, making it the perfect choice!"

Not everyone, however, is 2 TAMU 2 Happy.

"I wish ... You know what? It's going to be fine. ... It's going to be fine," said Dr. Debbie Thomas, Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs & Chief Academic Officer, before throwing an assortment of papers into the air, sitting cross-legged on the sidewalk, sighing, and staring into the middle distance.

Representatives from Marketing & Communications said necessary changes to the website and merchandise will take place in the coming weeks.

Bubba's Bites: Captain's Landing

By Bubba Nelson, '25

The food served at Captain's Landing varies but revolves around the ideas of comfort, community, and class. When I eat there, the environment is of immense grandeur, love, and that one professor that you are trying to avoid because you turned in an essay late at 3 a.m. and they messaged you to see if you were okay.

Most importantly, they never run out of food. There is always plenty for me to return to my room with piles and piles of piping-hot food that blesses me with hugs on each and every taste bud, every single time, without fail.

The most exquisite and delectable food item of the entire menu, Captain Landing's Magnum Opus and staple, their most iconic dish of all time is, of course, Grilled Chicken Tartare.

The pink, almost translucent center has captivated me and so many others—like looking into an opal gem, the flavor nothing short of an "all-natural" or even "primal" culinary experience.

As a pairing side dish, they create bowls of leafy bounty harvested from Mother Earth just behind TAMMAH in the marshes. The plants that they harvest are washed in the nutritious waters of Galveston Bay, waters that bless the greens with various enchantments. Pollutants? Um, you mean, flavor!

And I'll always cherish the first time my taste buds were greeted with Captain's Landing's take on the humble green bean, delectably seasoned with, what is that? cinnamon? *My God.*

Captain's Landing not only gets "Bubba's All-time Great Guarantee™," but I feel it is deserving of a Michelin Star. Probably two!





Canine Wisdom

Dear Abby, I have been questioning for a while now, what's the meaning of life? You seem like someone with bountiful wisdom and knowledge to answer my question, so please tell me so that I may question my existence no more. Sincerely, Mediocrates.

Woof Woof, Woof woof woof woof woof woof bow wow

woof wof worf bark bark bark ruuf woof woof woof woof woof woof woof. Woof woof woof.

Dear Abby, I have a dog that I keep with me, but lately, I have been finding it difficult to conceal my dog. It's not like my dog is contraband or anything like that. I just need to know how I can hide my beloved pet from prying eyes (who may or may not allow dogs here). Sincerely, "ESA" Animal Owner.

Woof, WOOF Woof Woof, Woof! Woof woof woof woof wof bark bark bow wow woof fwoof woof wowo ffo

Dear Abby, I need toys, something to chew on, but my own roommate, yeah my roommate, got rid of my toys because they squeaked too loud, and now won't even let me out of the room anymore. They don't even take me out on walks! I still haven't gotten any new toys, so sometimes I like to sneak out to get away from the small space, but I have no luck finding anything interesting when I go digging around. Do you know any good spots for finding bones perhaps? Or maybe even used che- stress toys? Sincerely, Definitely NOT "ESA" Animal Owner's Inexplicably Talking Dog.

Woof Woof WOOF WOOF Woof, Woof woof bark pant pant. Bark bark awoooo woof, woof woof; woof woof arf arf! Woof woof woof bark bow wow ruuf bork bork woof woof woof woof woof arf arf ruuf!!!

Dear Abby, Ever since I started here at TAMUG, I've heard about this Aggie Tradition that has to do with the anchor in front of the library. I'm told that different classes are only allowed to touch certain parts of the anchor, and only seniors are allowed to walk under the chain, but that got me thinking, "what would happen if a non-senior were to walk under the chain?" I can't say I'm not tempted to try doing it myself, but before I attempt to do that, I would like to hear your thoughts first. Sincerely, FreSH TX Fish.

Woof WoOF WOOF Woof, Woof woof woof awooo bark bark. Grrrrrr RUFF!!! Bark bark bork bow wow woof

worf woof woof bork woof arf arf woof woof woof WOOF WOOF.

Dear Abby, As the elections are soon to start, political candidates have been preparing their speeches and campaigns to garner the support of our nation. Time and time again, the country begins to find itself in a heated battle between Party A and Party B, political stance A and political stance B, and at times, when people choose to support a side that opposes their peer, it can bring about chaos to the relationship. I guess what I am asking is this: What are your thoughts on the current state of politics in the United States of America? Sincerely, Stressed Member of SGA.

Woof.

The Dear Aggie column will answer questions on all matters of interest to students at TAMUG. Submit a query by emailing tamugnautilus@gmail.com. Names will be kept confidential.



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