

# A&M Dining Halls Affected By Rising Food Prices

Rising food prices often are cited by housewives, but other costs of large-scale food preparation have risen proportionately. This is the experience of J. G. Peniston, veteran supervisor of the A&M dining halls.

Peniston pointed out actual food costs require about the same percentage of the total expenditure as they did 19 years ago. He has headed the department responsible for feeding several thousand Aggies for 19 years.

The A&M dining hall operation, described as the largest of its type in the world, is financed completely by what students pay for board. As Peniston says, "We don't get a dime from any source except what the student pays."

Peniston said that approximately 60 per cent of each dollar goes for foodstuffs, 30 per cent goes for the cost of preparing and serving

the meals and 10 per cent is for such expenses as building costs, utilities and maintenance. Duncan Dining Hall, for example, still is being paid out.

The dining hall operation currently is feeding more than 4,700 Aggies three meals a day.

The department spent \$933,000 for foodstuffs during the year ended this past Aug. 31. Nearly 50 per cent of this sum was paid for meats, 11 per cent for milk,

10 per cent for vegetables and the balance for other foods, such as fruits and bakery products.

"Everything possible is bought on the basis of three or more competitive bids," he emphasized.

The dining hall staff consists of approximately 200 full-time employees and 225 students who work part-time, mainly as waiters.

"More than 100 of the employees have been here 10 years or longer," Peniston said.

## Mestanza Returns From Washington, Chicago Trips

Dr. Walter F. Mestanza, assistant professor of veterinary pathology, recently returned from meetings in Washington and Chicago.

He was in the capitol city for a short course held by the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Sept. 24-28.

Mestanza said, "The course was intended to interpret natural diseases of animals used in research."

The faculty for the short course was composed of invited lecturers from all over the nation. Mestanza said that there were people attending from each of the 50 states.

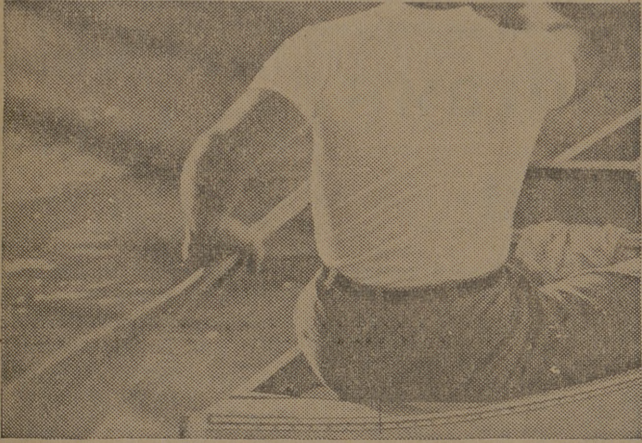
Mestanza said that he was sent to the short course by the Department of Radiation Biology. He explained that he works part-time for this organization and that much of its research involves laboratory animals.



**Livestock Judging Winners**

The A&M livestock judging team displays its plaques and ribbons after being declared winner of the American Royal Intercollegiate livestock judging contest Sunday. From left, front: Bryan Stuckey, Larry Osbourn, John Kuykendall. left, rear: Roy Smith, L. D. Wythe (coach), Layton Black.

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## Dallas Employees To Attend Management Seminar Here

A management seminar for 30 employees of the Dallas Power & Light Co. will be held here next week. The Division of Business Administration is conducting the seminar.

Visitors are expected to arrive on campus Sunday for an informal meeting and buffet that evening. The seminar at the Memorial Student Center will open Monday morning and will end Saturday.

President Earl Rudder will welcome the visitors.

C. A. Tatum, President of Dallas Power & Light Co., will speak at the seminar. Other speakers will come from industry, the academic world and the field of industrial consultants.

The seminar planned for Dallas Power & Light Co. personnel is similar to the annual executive development program. That course attracts management personnel from regional and national firms.

## PART OF U. S. TRIP

# Brazilian Students, Profs Tour A&M

Fourteen Brazilian senior veterinary medicine students and two of their professors are touring the campus as part of a United States trip which began Sept. 24 and will end Oct. 24.

The students are making the tour as a part of their senior year curriculum, to make professional contacts and to pick up information which can be adapted to their future professions in Brazil.

They are participants in a program of the U. S. State Department arranged by the National Social Welfare Assembly and a State Department group.

So far, they have visited Miami, Florida; Washington, D.C.; Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Texas, where they saw veterinary schools, dairy product companies, dairy farms, ranches and agricultural schools.

ANTHONY STARCEVIC, U. S. Department of State escort officer who is accompanying the group, said the students have especially been impressed by the fine condition of cattle and veterinary technology and equipment in this country.

Cattle are a major agricultural industry in Brazil.

One of the professors, Gustavo Rodenburg de Medeiros Netto, said much progress is being made in the quality of Brazilian cattle but many serious problems still re-

main.

Others in the group are Milton Lourenco dos Santos, Adilson Roberto Franco Barreto, Mauro Peixoto Almeida, Jose Vieira dos Santos, Daniel Carneiro Assis, Gerardo Antonio Sampaio Cerejo, Joao Francisco de Souza, Djalma Contreiras Lima, Sergio Soares de Oliveira Filho, Pedro Augusto Da Costa Pereira, Manoel Da Purificacao Almeida, Antonio Carlos Barbosa Lacerda, Antonio Pedro dos Santos, Joao Batista Cruz and Manoel Francisco Da Silva.

The group will leave A&M Thursday and arrive at the King Ranch at Kingsville that night for a three-day stay.

Arrangements for their visit here were co-ordinated by Bennie A. Zinn, director of the student affairs department and Robert L. Melcher, foreign student advisor.

## Newman Club Attends Meeting In Galveston

Twelve members of the Newman Club represented A&M at the Newman Club Provincial Leadership Conference in Galveston last weekend.

The conference, held in the Galvez Hotel, featured Dr. Gastor V. Rimplinger, associate professor from Rice University, as the keynote speaker. His address dealt with Catholic views on current national economic problems.

Galveston's Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Albright delivered the welcoming address Saturday morning. Other speakers were Dr. Joe A. Bass, faculty advisor from the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston; Rev. Joe Crosthwait, Newman Club Chaplain; and Charles O'Halloran, who spoke on Catholic action which can be applied to the secular campus.

The Rev. William Pickard, J.C.D., Diocesan Director, spoke on "Catholics and the Missions" at a panel discussion Saturday afternoon.

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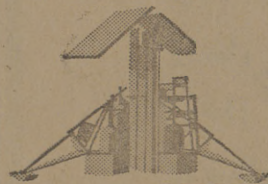
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