## Mess Halls Buy All, Pay Less

partment afford the services it expenses," he added. gives, on the board fees paid by students?

Can the Department mooch off the University?

"We don't get a thing free from the University," noted Joe Marek, food purchaser for the Department.

"We get most of our milk products from the A&M Creamery, and fresh eggs from the Poultry Science Plant, but we pay regular prices for these items.

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How can the Food Services De- Those facilities must meet their

"The buying of non-perishable foods usually takes place during the summer months, when we are not as busy as we are now. Then, we take competitive bids."

The Department screens all suppliers submitting bids, to get the most and the best for the students' money.

According to Marek each bidder is asked to submit two cans of his produce with each bid. We then open the cans to find the cost per ounce.

"Certain goods are canned in syrup," he continued. "The syrup is drained, and the goods washed in warm water before being inspected. In this way, a higher priced brand may be bought, if it is found to be cheaper per ounce, and a cheaper brand, if its quality is better.

"We want quality first, and price second," Marek added. "We have enlarged our list of suppliers, and try to deal directly with the packer or manufacturer, if possible. If not, we go through

Buying non-perishables by the carload, Marek is able to get lower prices for them.

"Fresh meats are bought on a weekly basis. A very small portion of the meat bought, is purchased from the University. Fresh fruits and vegetables are bought on a similar basis, in 60 to 90 day cycles."

## Conference On Humanities Utilize "Brain"

Milton Huggett, co - director, Center for Computer Research in the Humanities at Texas A&M, announced a nationwide conference on Computer Research in the Humanities Nov. 17-18 at the Ramada Inn in College Station.

The conference will open with a welcome by A & M President Earl Rudder. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Vinton Dearing of the University of California. His topic will be "Speculations on the Humanistic Potential of Computers." A panel discussion on "Opportunities and Responsibilities of Computers in Humanistic Research"

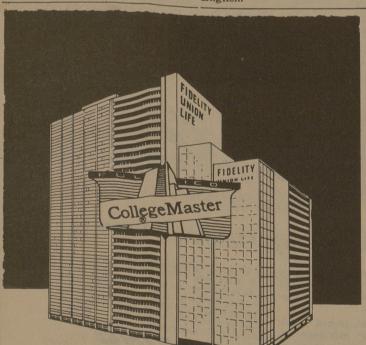
The panel will consist of Rev. W. Ellison of El Paso, chairman, Dearing, Donald H. Freeman professor of government at the University of Arizona, Dr. Claude Hall, professor of history at Texas A&M, and Robert L. Smith director Data Processing Center, Texas A&M.

M. M. Kessler, associate director of Libraries, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will speak on information retrieval by computer. He will be followed by O. R. Holsti, Associate professor of political science, Stanford University.

Nov. 18, Joseph Raben, assistant professor of English at the University of New Mexico, will speak on stylistic analysis by

computer. Allen Forte, associate professor of the theory of music at Yale University, will address the conference following Raben.

The final speaker will be Floyd Horowitz, assistant professor of



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bought frozen, are cheaper and

of higher quality. The only prob-

lem in this area is the limited

freezer space available," said

The Department utilizes no other funds than those paid in board fees.

"We make money some dayslose money others, but it all breaks even. "That we get money from the state is also a misconception," he added. "Actually, we get none. Even money for construction and change of facilities comes from students' board



CAPT. ERIC SMART

## Ag Research Vital To State Progress

Station outlined here Friday how research is vital to the good health and progress of the state's five years ago. agriculture and how it is a blue chip investment for taxpayers.

Dr. H. O. Kunkel, speaking at the final session of the three-day annual Experiment Station Conference at Texas A&M University, said tax expenditures for research are small compared to investment returns to city dwellers as well as rural citizens.

About 500 persons attended the meetings to hear talks and discussions centering on the theme "Opportunities for Progress in Texas Agriculture."

He said modern poultry and livestock production methods, uniform and full-headed rows of grain sorghum, better cotton plants, the near absence of the screwworm fly, machine harvestadapted tomatoes and weed-free crops all stem from scientific

Specific examples cited by the Experiment Station official were mostly to family, neighborhood the almost \$200 million larger and community.

Texas Agricultural Experiment as than that of a decade ago, and a \$20 to \$25 million increase in the rice crop value over that of

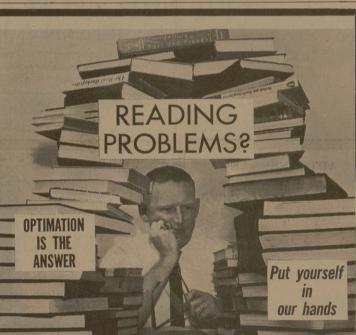
> But effectiveness of research programs is being challenged, he cautioned.

Agriculture, Kunkel pointed out, is trending toward urbanization. About 40 percent of rural Texas land is now owned by urbanites, and this is becoming the picture that agricultural research must

The speaker suggested that research "packages" be developed toward critical need areas. And such packages should be more people-oriented.

"We need more attention to the total social aspect of land rather than just the agricultural aspect,' Kunkel said.

Dr. Bardin Nelson of the A&M Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department said rural citizens are getting away from activities that have been restricted



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## Army Medal **Conferred For** Korean Effort

The Army Commendation Medal was conferred recently on Capt. Eric E. Smart at Texas A&M University for post engineer work

The green and white medal was pinned by the A&M commandant, Col. D. L. Baker.

Captain Smart, 30, was installation maintenance advisor in the Korean Logistical Base Command at Pusan two years. His recommendations and advise in use of buildings and utilities resulting in savings to Korean and U. S. Armies were cited.

A Cool Springs, N. C. high school graduate, the officer is studying for a masters degree in mechanical engineering at A&M. Smart did undergraduate work at North Carolina State where he was commissioned. He served with the First Amored Division at Fort Hood, Texas, before going to Korea. He has been in the Army five years.

Captain Smart, his wife Patricia and their seven-year-old son Terry reside at 3901 Laura Lane in Bryan.

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