

# On-campus aid available for disabled

Students or faculty-staff with disability problems now have an on-campus source of information and assistance.

Vocational rehabilitation counselor Don Gardner works out of Room 309 in the YMCA.

An employe of the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, he assists more than 120 students with varying degrees of disability.

Gardner's office space is provided by TAMU through the office of Dr. John Koldus, vice

president for student services. It was opened last August. An open house is planned in February.

Though the TRC counselor works primarily with students, Gardner has responsibility for service to anyone in the TAMU System.

"Students I work with range from the obvious orthopedically disabled to students with diabetes and epilepsy problems," the 1965 Texas A&M graduate explained. A&M presently enrolls two quad-

riplegics and two paraplegics. Five wheelchair students attend spring classes.

Gardner indicated the service covers a wide range of disabilities, including mental retardation. It may involve prosthetics or assisting someone with a severe allergy to a cause other than food to retrain for another job. He works closely on referrals with admissions and registrar's offices, the Personnel Department and Counseling-Testing

Center.

Anyone seeking TRC assistance must undergo a general medical examination. At TAMU, diagnostics are handled through the University Health Center. "It generally doesn't take too long," Gardner said. Availability of medical records speeds the process.

Principal service of the TRC office is providing tuition and fees to disabled TAMU students. Over \$13,000 was paid in the fall

semester.

A student must meet three criteria to qualify. The student must have a permanent disability, and it must be a detriment to employment. After the TRC provides service, there must be a reasonable expectation the recipient will go to work.

One of the immediate projects planned by Gardner with a disabled students organization is publication of a brochure for the severely handicapped. Among other things, it will show locations of wheelchair ramps on campus streets and buildings.

TAMU has renovated entrances to several buildings to provide such access. New construction with federal or state funds must include facilities for the disabled. A survey indicates 13 most commonly used TAMU buildings are totally accessible to the handicapped. Fourteen others are partially accessible. The Physical Plant Dept. plans work on others.

Visual impairment cases are referred to Dean Wyrick of the Commission for the Blind, located in conjunction with Texas Rehabilitation Commission offices at 1706 E. 29th, Bryan. Five counselors and a supervisor there serve a 13-county area.

Gardner is one of 30 TRC counselors in the state working with universities. TAMU is one of five institutions providing on-campus facilities for the service.

"TRC rehabilitated 25,000 people last year, a figure no other state even approached," Gardner commented. "We figure we get a \$10 return on a \$1 investment."

## Restrictions on fishermen hamper profits

Fishing gear that could mean better returns on vessel equipment investments of Texas bay fishermen was tested recently in Corpus Christi Bay.

The experiment was part of an evaluation of a potential fishery that could keep the bay fishermen on the water year round. Under current laws, bay waters are closed to any kind of trawling (except for bait shrimp) for six months of the year. The restriction was designed to protect the juvenile shrimp that mature in the bays.

In the tests shrimp escaped through the wide-mesh nets, but commercially valuable finfish were caught.

Used extensively by North Atlantic fishermen, the gear is essentially the same as that used for shrimp trawling except that nets with larger webbing (four-inch) are used.

The gear evaluations are a joint effort of fishery specialists from TAMU, the University of Georgia, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Seafood Producers Association.

Drum, sheepshead, mullet, croaker, and whiting were landed during the tests. In one three-hour trawl, more than 1,000 pounds of fish worth over \$300 were caught.

Gary Graham, Texas A&M marine fisheries specialist, points out that the finfish are an underutilized resource in nearshore Texas waters.

"Markets for these fish already have been clearly established," Graham reports. "The demand for food fish is increasing rapidly, but Texas fishermen aren't able to keep up with it because of current restrictions."

The law, Graham notes, effectively eliminates overfishing of shrimp, the Gulf's most valuable seafood, but it was written before the demand for finfish reached commercially feasible levels.

Parks and Wildlife biologist Tom Heffernan took part in the tests, gathering catch data to determine the effects of the trawl on the environment. Further data will be collected before recommendations are made to legalize use of the gear in Texas Bays.

The tests were conducted onboard the 50-foot trawler "Sir John" out of Aransas Pass, Texas. Owner and Captain Jim Warren offered his boat for the evaluation because he is enthusiastic about the potential of the gear.

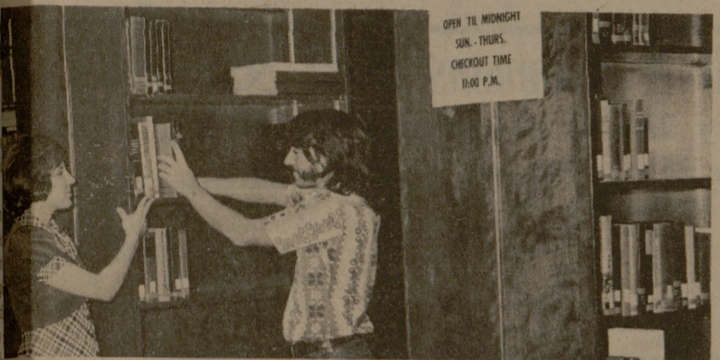
"As it is now," Capt. Warren explains, "bay shrimpers aren't getting an adequate return on their investment in their boat and equipment. If we could use this gear when shrimping is closed, it would be a real boost to the industry."

Warren also is president of the Seafood Producers Association, a group composed primarily of independent fishermen along the Texas coast.

Last week's tests were made possible by University of Georgia Sea Grant fishery specialists, who provided the gear and helped the Texas fishermen use it. David Harrington, project leader of Georgia's marine advisory program in Brunswick, and Jack Rivers, a fishing methods and gear specialist in the program, spent a week in Texas getting ready for and conducting the tests.

Rivers designed the rigging of the net. Both he and Harrington have extensive commercial fishing experience.

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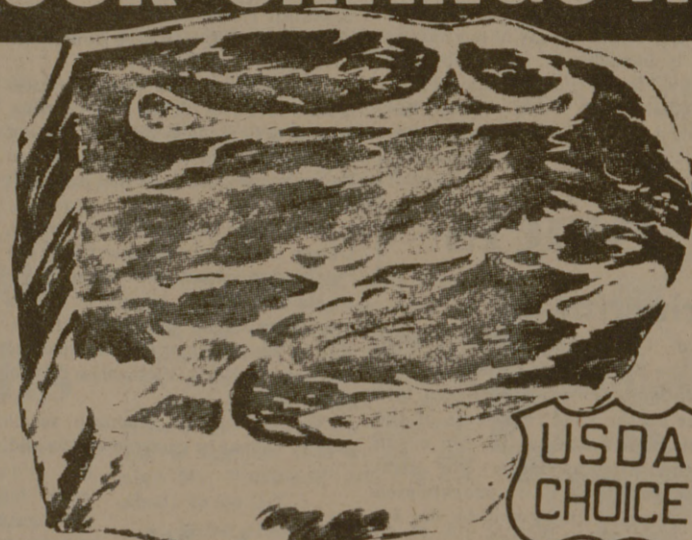
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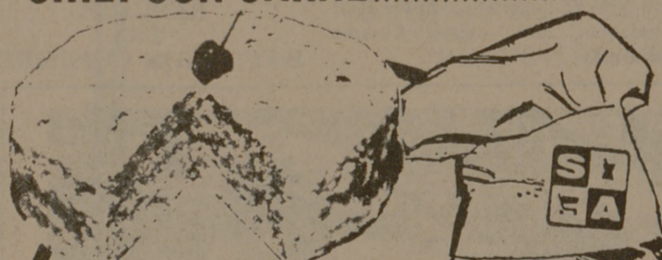
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