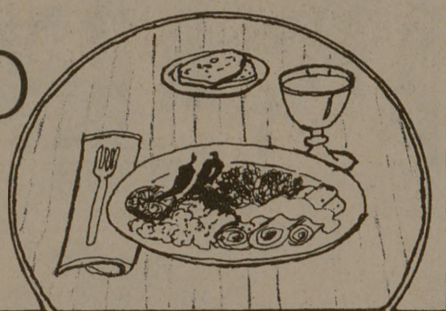


# GUSTO

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If you are a typical Aggie, there are times when you want to get out of your dorm room or apartment and have a good meal out on the town.

Sometimes this turns out to be a pleasurable experience; other times it can be a disaster. To aid the average student in his selection of a place to eat, this column will try to give a good idea of the restaurants, cafeterias, snack bars and fast food places in the community. The things to keep in mind are convenience, service, atmosphere, and quality of food for the price paid.

The area familiar to most students is the strip of businesses known as Northgate on University Drive.

The on-campus student depends on Northgate for books, records, clothing, entertainment, food and other essentials. Surprisingly, this area offers a good selection of eating places.

**WE SHALL START** with "Handyburger". This is one of the favorite spots to get the Sunday evening meal not provided by the board plan. The place is short on atmosphere and the food varies in quality but it is convenient, quick, inexpensive and reasonably good.

I find that the best feature of Handyburger is their onion rings. These are absolutely the best you can find in town. They are crisp, hot, fresh and not frozen like at most burger places. is also one of the few places that has hot dogs which are good, also.

"The Pizza Gallery" has undergone some changes for the better in the past year. Formerly part of the Ralph's chain, it has been boosted into a really good pizza place. The atmosphere is pleasant and there is a game room in the back. The pizza is good and is cheaper than most of the other places' pizza. They offer an evening smorgasbord that is a fine deal. You get all the pizza and salad you can eat for \$1.49 from 5 to 7. Beer is available.

An interesting and new spot in the lineup is "Henrici's". This is a German restaurant, offering a good selection of authentic German food. At first glance the prices seem high, but you should consider that this is not a common, run-of-the-mill menu. The sausage plates are the best bet with generous portions of sausage, German potato salad, pickles, and other trimmings. My favorite is the smoked bratwurst. For desert you can try some Black Forest chocolate cake.

"The Burger Hut" is a different story. This is obviously an old establishment but not a very popular one. If you walk by you may notice a lack of dining customers and for good reason. The burgers and steaks are extremely greasy and are served in skimpy portions. A hamburger selling for almost a dollar is about four inches in diameter and comes on a cold bun with very little trimming. A better attraction here is the game tables and beer.

**PATTERNED AFTER NORTHERN** delicatessens, "The Kesami Sandwich Shop" is a different kind of place to eat. The wide selection of sandwiches makes a welcome break from hamburgers. There are sandwiches, heroes and submarines available, cold or hot. The meats and cheeses used are good and the bread and rolls are very fresh. You might try a pizza sub as a change of pace. This is a sub roll topped with pizza sauce and ingredients served hot. It's different but delicious. Cheesecake is the dessert here. The prices are a bit high but the food is good and there is a lot of it. Kesami is closed at this time for remodeling, but it should be open again before summer is over.

In contrast to the Yankee-inspired Kesami, the just-opened "Dixie Chicken" is a "down-home" type of place. No, they don't serve chicken. Instead they offer fairly good tamales, cheddar cheese and handdown. If you're wondering what handdown is, it is slices of summer sausage, so-called because it hangs on a large hook. The food is served on butcher paper and comes with all the crackers you want. Actually it is intended as more snack than meal, something to eat while drinking and listening to the country music or playing games in the back. The atmosphere is like someone's back porch, and it has a comfortable feel.

Not quite ready to open but getting there is "The House of Shish Kebab" located behind Handyburger and across from the old city hall. They plan to serve Eastern and Indian dishes and specialize in shish kebab. A review of their food will come when they open.

**GUSTO's Choice for Northgate:** Henrici's. Next week we will look at the University Square area. Good appetite.

## Toxic metal effect on sea life studied

The effects of three metals toxic to life in the ocean are getting a close look from A&M marine scientists.

The Environmental Protection Agency has funded Dr. W. B. Wilson of the College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources to study the toxicity of metals to marine phytoplankton which are mostly single cell marine algae. The amount of phytoplankton in a body of water dictates the amount of marine life there. Few phytoplankton means few fish.

"The current area of investigation is the toxic effect of three metals;

mercury, nickel and chromium on two marine phytoplankton organisms, 'Blenodinium halli', a dinoflagellate and 'Isochrysis galviana', a haptophyte," Wilson noted. "They will be tested in continuous-flow culture devices that will keep the metal pollution constant while the temperature and salinity conditions are varied."

"Conditions such as growth rates, chlorophyll and carbon 14 uptake, population metabolic rates and cell morphology will be examined to determine effects of the metal," he pointed out.

# A&M selected for urban studies

TAMU has been chosen as one of five universities to serve in a nation-wide experiment in applying new technology to solving urban problems.

The program is conducted by Public Technology Incorporated (PTI), a Washington D. C. non-profit organization created by local governments. Funding will be provided by the National Science Foundation.

The program calls for 27 American communities to receive a "technology agent" assigned by PTI for the purpose of finding problems in each location solvable by new technology.

Each community will be linked to one or more "technical backup institutions" which offer a spectrum of technical capabilities related to the kinds of problems each city faces.

TAMU faculty members will be on call to assist technology agents in Arlington; Little Rock, Ark. and Pueblo, Colo., when a problem is potentially solvable through new technology. Texas A&M was the only university chosen to assist two out-of-state cities as well as an in-state municipality.

"If the new task appears to be solvable in a short period of time, then we will assemble a team of researchers to offer a quick, workable

solution," Dr. Richard Thomas explained.

"If not, the problem will be forwarded to PTI. If other cities appear to have the same or similar problems, then PTI will generate a separate research program to offer a wide-range solution to the problem."

Dr. Stephen Riter, associate professor of electrical engineering and assistant director for urban technology in the Center for Urban Programs, will serve as project chairman

for the TAMU portion of the experiment.

"Dr. Riter will be responsible for making the decisions on how quickly the problems called in by the technology agents can be solved," Dr. Thomas said. "He will also be instrumental in assembling the teams to solve the problems he decides can be dealt with by TAMU people."

Problems the agents will be looking for include law enforcement, waste disposal, traffic, computer services and other areas facing most

cities of 50,000 or more population. The agents will be stationed in a variety of locations ranging from Atlanta, Ga. to Jefferson Parish, La.

The cities were chosen at random by computer from a list of several

locations that agreed to participate in the program, Dr. Thomas said. He explained that the basic requirement for a prospective location was that it offer a full line of public services to its inhabitants.

## Campus Briefs

### Free concert

The Basement Committee of the MSC will sponsor a coffee house session Friday and Saturday nights from 8:00 to midnight.

Friday will be Polka Night. Performers will include: Polka Dots,

John Sharp, Tom Dillon, Richard Moore and Bill Carsill.

Saturday will be Blue Grass Night. Performers will include: the Blue Grass Special, Kathy Sullivan, and Pat McReynolds.

### Fee slip needed

Students reporting to the University Health Center for treatment must present a current fee slip.

A student identification card is not sufficient for admission to the center.

### Campus Dining

The following dining halls will open for the July 4th holiday: Peniston—8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and

Krueger-Dunn Snack Bar—5 p.m.-11 p.m.

## Tornado trigger sought

The triggering mechanism that sets off the destructive forces of a tornado is under study by TAMU scientists, Dr. P. Das and graduate student Bert Eskridge.

"Right now we're looking at the downdraft," Eskridge said. "A heavy downpour of rain and hail will force a column of air to begin moving down. The column of air as it loses altitude will compress, bringing in air from the sides. In a generally rotating environment, the inflowing air will rotate in tighter curves and at higher speeds."

"Also as the column of air descends, it heats and overcomes the negative buoyancy of the water," Eskridge interjected. "That warm blob of air bounces upward. It goes up like a blast and leaves a void which is filled by surrounding air rushing in and adding to the updraft. This enhances the rotating motion even further and we think this might be what sets off the tornado."

Their method of testing is by numerical modeling. All the physical and dynamic processes are described by a set of differential equations. A computer allows them to lay out the physical characteristics needed for the problem on a grid and to solve the equations representing the variables of weather.

"In our preliminary tests we've developed winds of 20 miles per hour," Eskridge pointed out. "Although tornado velocities run from 40 to 300 miles per hour, we feel we're on the right track."

"Now Eskridge is going to the National Center for Atmospheric Research to run more extensive tests on a model with a larger scale," Das said. "There he will set up a two kilometer by two kilometer grid that will allow us to see more of the heating effect; the inflow will be from a larger area also so that stronger rotational motions will develop."

"If we produce speeds of 40 miles per hour, we have established the downdraft as a triggering mechanism for the tornado," Eskridge added. "This is significant when one realizes that until now the theories on the triggering device has revolved around the upward motion caused by atmospheric instability. If this were so, a tornado could develop before the clouds which obviously does not happen."

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