Haircuts were simple and cheap

Before 1963, the year the Corps was made non-compulsory at A&M, barbers in the Bryan-College Station area led a simpler life.

Haircuts were all pretty much the same, shaped to conform with Corps

Twenty years ago, a regular haircut cost \$1.25." Jesse Medina, of the

But with more civilians on campus and with the advent of long hair, the

haircut industry had to change.

At first, business slacked off,
Medina said, because people weren't getting haircuts. Then styled hair became fashionable, he said,

the Corps, especially during footbal season when they get a haircut every week.

"We establish our regular clients when they are sophomores,"

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Men can arrange for a vasectomy at a cost of about \$150. Rusty Pippin, become too active and usually strain

Nunns said. She said that the

baby is never seen by the real

a counselor for men, has had a vasec-

Aggieland Barber Shop, said. "Flat tops cost \$1.50. Flat tops were very popular back then," he added.

and barbers had to learn new styles. For some shops, like the Aggieland Barber Shop, change has been minimal. Medina says he still gets at least 50 per cent of his clientele from the Corps, especially during football season when they get a haircut every

week.
"We establish our regular clients

There is some discomfort for

about five days after the operation,

he said, "but the biggest mistake

Medina said. "A freshman will get his hair cut anywhere — there's really not that much to do to it. With a second year man, you have to please him or he won't come back.

"Regular" or short haircuts, now cost \$3 in Medina's shop. He charges \$4 for the new shorter, fuller hair-

Bill's Barber and Style Shop also cuts hair for both Corps members and civilians. Owner Billy Harper says he goes to a hair styling seminar every year to keep up with current

A&M's MSC Barber Shop does 50 per cent Corps, 50 per cent civilian business with cadet haircuts costing \$3 and layered cuts \$5.

Other shops, such as the Varsity Shop, have changed with the times. The Varsity Shop, once named the Varsity Barber Shop, where cadets went for 22 years to have their heads shorn, bears little resemblance to a barber shop, and the clientele is strictly civilian.

Owner Susan Mathis says most of her clients prefer cut and blow-dry haircuts. She charges \$5 for a haircut and \$8 for a cut, wash, and blow-dry. There are 17 barber shops (some of these prefer to be called style shops) and 50 hourts called style

shops) and 52 beauty salons in the Bryan-College Station area, but it's getting more and more difficult to separate the two. Many beauty salons advertise services for men and women; barber shops are beginning to aquire female clientele.

The Varsity Shop clientele is now 60 per cent men and 40 per cent women. Bill's Barber and Style Shop also cuts hair for women.

Varsity Shop's Susan Mathis says that cosmetology and barbering licenses require different training. A barber is authorized to cut hair. A cosmetologist can also give permanant waves, color or bleach hair, ad-

minister facials, and manicure.

Mathis says that new laws being enacted will probably equalize barbering and cosmetology

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Unplanned pregnancies have alternative solutions

"My breasts became tender, I started having morning sickness, and I missed my period."

At the Planned Parenthood Clinic in College Station, a 20-year-old Texas A&M University student described the signs of pregnancy that

appeared last year.

Her A&M boyfriend wanted her
to have the child, but she said, There was just no way for us to have a baby and stay in school.

She had an abortion and remained in school. The abortion of the seven week pregnancy was performed in Houston and cost about \$150. She said there were no physical side effects, but that certain emotional reactions lingered.

"I felt depressed because I didn't have an opportunity to go ahead and have the child," she said.

More than 30 A&M students are referred to doctors for abortions every month at the clinic, located at 301 Patricia St. More than 200 students from A&M use the clinic every month and most of them believe they are pregnant. A three minute test of the patient's urine can determine pregnancy. A majority of the tests are negative.

Mrs. Elaine Taylor, director of the clinic, said that just missing a period

is not a sure sign of pregnancy.
"Most women between the ages of 18 and 25 are simply having trouble with their menstrual cycles and are not necessarily pregnant," she said. There is no reason for anyone to become pregnant if they don't want to, unless of course there is some-thing wrong and they can't take the pill, or other birth control methods are ineffective.

Patients can obtain pills, foam, diaphragms, intrauterine devices and condoms at the clinic. The rhythm method is also explained.

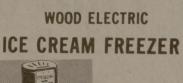
If a more permanent means of birth control is desired, two methods are advised. One is a hysterectomy, which is an operation that removes the uterus. The other is the laporoscopic tubal ligation, where the fallopian tubes are cut and tied. This prevents movement of the egg toward the sperm. The operation costs about \$450, and hospitalization is not usually required. The hysterectomy costs about \$750, and requires from seven to 10 days in the hospital.

There are other alternatives available for the woman who doesn't want an abortion but doesn't want to keep the child. Melinda Nunns, a counselor at the clinic, can arrange for an adoption. The Methodist Home for Unwed Mothers in San Antonio also

The cost of the childbirth is usu-



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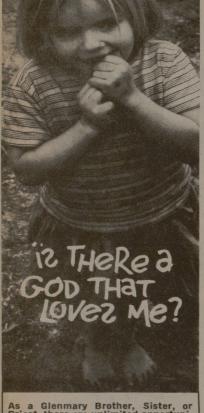
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