

Program has grants, loans

A&M financial aid available

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Across the nation many students don't take advantage of the grants, loans, jobs and scholarships available to them.

At Texas A&M University, it's the opposite, said R.M. Logan, director of student financial aid.

The Student Financial Aid Office, YMCA 303 helps students who cannot attend A&M without financial help.

In applying, a student must complete a parent's confidential statement or the student's financial statement. These forms contain questions related to the student's family including income, dependents, debts, assets and property. All are used to determine the student's actual need.

It costs the average Texas resident approximately \$2,800 per year to attend A&M. This covers tuition, fees, room, board, books, supplies and traveling expenses.

Personal costs also are included in the budget.

A California research firm reviews the student's financial report, which is used to determine the amount of money the family is able to provide toward the student's education.

A letter informs the student if he is eligible for financial aid.

Financial aid includes:

Grants-in-aid. They are gifts of money to assist deserving undergraduate and graduate students. More than 5,000 grants were awarded last year at A&M. Grants available are Basic Education Op-

portunity Grants, State Scholarship Incentive Grants, Texas Public Education Grants and a grant made up of funds generated by student deposits paid during registration.

Loans. More than 8,000 Aggies received loans last year. Students applying must have at least a 2.0 grade-point ratio. Available loans are long-term, medium-term and short-term.

Most Aggies appear to be trustworthy, according to loan repayment figures. The national average for students who do not repay their loans is approximately 18 per cent, but at A&M it is only 2.3 per cent. The state default rate is 16.6 per cent.

Part-time employment. Approximately 4,500 students are employed each day. Most of them work as clerks, typists, library researchers and graders in the department of their major field of study.

More than 10,000 Aggies ask for jobs each year. Jobs are not limited to the campus. Offers from employers in other cities are posted in the financial aid office. Students contact the employers themselves.

Few students at A&M take advantage of the financial aid made available to them. One reason may be the red tape. To apply for and receive a Hinson-Hazlewood College Student Loan (a long-term loan), the student and his parents must complete a large number of forms. If laid end to end those forms would make a twenty-foot long sheet of paper.

Some loans are refused because it is a family custom not to borrow money.

Misinformation from friends and high school counselors is found to be another reason for not taking advantage of the financial aid opportunities.

Unlike grants and loans, scholarships are given to students in recognition of some achievement. Approximately 2,000 are awarded from A&M funds and an additional 2,000 are handled by the financial aid office each year.

Scholarships available to freshmen are President's Scholar Awards, Opportunity Awards, Academic Achievement Awards and Valedictory Scholarships.

Upperclassmen are eligible to receive Spring Award Scholarships.

"Other scholarships are available through the different colleges and some departments," Logan said. "Students are encouraged to check with the offices of their departments."

All types of financial aid are administered on an individual basis, regarding the particular circumstances of each applicant.

No person is denied financial assistance because of his race, creed, color, sex or national origin.

Top of the News

Campus

TEXAS ATTY. GEN. John L. Hill leads off Political Forum spring programs Monday at Texas A&M University. Hill, who will speak at noon in 601 Rudder Tower, plans to express his views on "The Corporate Outlaw." The public is invited.

Texas

SEX EDUCATION FILMS and materials will be examined more closely by State Education Commissioner M. L. Brockette, who has been favorably recommended to the full Senate for re-nomination. Sen. Betty Andujar, R-Fort Worth, complained one film was unacceptable because it promoted extramarital sex.

RAMSEY MUNIZ, who twice ran unsuccessfully for governor on the La Raza Unida ticket, yesterday switched his plea to guilty of marijuana trafficking, an arrangement with federal prosecutors.

National

YELLOW NO. 5, a dye used in pain relievers, antihistamines, cough-cold remedies, anti-asthmatic drugs and oral nasal decongestants, was proposed to be banned today by the Food and Drug Administration. The dye is the country's most widely used food coloring and is said to be the cause of possible allergic reactions. It is proposed to be banned in certain drugs but not in food.

A PROPOSED PIPELINE, running across Canada and into the Midwest, is causing some diplomatic problems between the United States and Canada in their efforts to secure energy supplies. The system would be entirely in United States' control, David Bloom, deputy director of the Energy Resources Board said today. He said Canada is a good neighbor, but has to look out for its own interests first. The pipeline, which involves an enormous amount of money, he said, will have to be decided by Congress.

BILL TO DRAFT WOMEN will be only the first of several measures to bring Colorado state law into compliance with its Equal Rights Amendment, said first term Rep. Lee Jones, R-Boulder, who introduced the bill yesterday.

FIREPLACES may hinder, not help, energy conservation, experts say. Old-fashioned fireplaces, the kind with no independent source of fresh air to feed the flames, can pull cold air into a house and more than offset the warmth they provide. Factory-built fireplaces with glass doors and flues to draw in outside air were described as good sources of supplemental heat, but the traditional open fireplaces act like pumps that push hot air up the chimneys, creating a partial vacuum in the house, and sucking in cold outside air through cracks around windows and doors to fill that vacuum.

CHANCES OF ESCAPING an audit of your tax returns is better this year than last, according to figures presented by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Fiscal 1976 saw 2.5 million re-

turns audited — the most in eight years, but cuts in the budget have forced the IRS to trim the number of auditors on the government payroll. As a result, it's projected that 2.3 million tax returns will be audited this year.

EDITORS AND BROADCASTERS in small groups will be invited twice a month to the White House as a way to keep President Carter in touch with the people, his aides announced yesterday.

World

WORST POLITICAL CRISIS of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's career was brought on yesterday by the resignation of Agriculture Minister Jagjivan Ram from the government and the ruling Congress Party. Ram and five other influential members of the Congress Party said they had broken with Mrs. Gandhi over her refusal to lift India's 19-month state of emergency, and will run in the March national elections as a separate party.

KAMU-TV to show '60 Minutes' segment

John Henry Faulk, Madisonville folk humorist and television personality, will "replay" his recent visit to Texas A&M University next week.

CBS recorded Faulk's journalism classroom appearance last October for its "60 Minutes" Sunday evening news program. But the scheduled network showing was pre-empted by a late-running regional football game.

Faulk, who is a regular on the "See Haw" television hour, personally is delivering a videotape of the "60 Minutes" segment to

KAMU-TV, Channel 15, the campus educational television station.

The 15-minute production will be shown on closed circuit at 10:30 a.m. next Wednesday in Studio A of the educational television building one block south of Kyle Field, across the street from the floral test gardens.

The showing will be open to student members of the original audience and their friends. Others will be admitted to the limit of the studio capacity.

Faulk will be on hand for the giant-screen, full-color showing.

Benefit dance helps animals, shelter wanted as ultimate goal

The "Slim Pickin's" will be playing country-western and rock-n-roll music at the Lakeview Club on Wednesday, Feb. 9, in a benefit dance for the Humane Society of Brazos County.

The dance will have a Valentine's Day theme, and drawings will be held for free door prizes, which include a Sears toaster-oven and coffee-maker and two free dinners at the Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse.

The dance lasts from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$2 per person at the door, and table reservations can be obtained by calling 846-6960 or 846-1031. Tickets can also be purchased at Court's Western Wear and Saddlery in Culpepper Plaza, The Western Warehouse at 100 S. Main in Bryan, and Gibson's Discount Center.

All proceeds from the dance will go to the Shelter Fund of the Humane Society of Brazos County.

Neither Bryan nor College Station has facilities for the temporary housing of unwanted animals, and the establishment of an animal shelter has been adopted as the ultimate goal of the Humane Society.

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