

# Food development cotton pickin' good

By ELLIE LAPORTE  
When most people hear the word "cotton", they probably think of boll weevils, Dixie, clothes or a football game on New Year's Day. Few people think of food.

# Aggies sing blues, again

By GARY WELCH  
The first days of school have come and gone and for the most part, the long lines in the Texas A&M bookstore are gone. But memories, both good and bad, remain.

"We didn't have any major problems other than the usual," said Gloria Swain, a bookstore employee. Some people were confused by the new location of the cash registers (against the south wall), she added, but that difficulty was soon overcome.

Students were concerned over matters other than the bookstore's setup, though. "Just about everybody was aware was really expensive," said Arla Campbell, also a bookstore employee. She said the largest single purchase she saw was about \$125. "Most freshmen spent an average of \$80," she said.

Many students agree that books are more expensive this year. "I paid \$110 for books this year," said Grant Holmes, a senior nuclear engineering student. "Three years ago I would have paid no more than \$50 for the same books. And I still don't have one book I need," he added.

Of course, there are feasible methods that would save when buying books. Dr. Henry Ander, a former statistics professor at A&M, has suggested a system to reduce book costs.

"When I was in graduate school," Ander said, "each professor would organize his notes for the courses he was teaching. He would submit them to the university's printing facilities, which would print them and make them available to students at much less than the cost of textbooks."

Ander pointed out that this method would do more than just save students money. It would enable students to fully use the materials they were required to purchase because each set of notes would be designed for a certain professor's course, he said.

"This way," he added, "the students could save money, and maybe the university could make a little from the printing."

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# Six (weekend) ways to keep from studying

As the homework stacks higher and higher, you must think of more and more excuses to keep from doing it. Here we come again to the rescue with six more ways to avoid reading that boring Lit. story for Monday's 3 o'clock class.

\* The mad, fast world of wheels is waiting for you at **Pooh's Park**. Jump into the seat of a go-cart and dream your way into the Indy (just don't go outside the fence). Or, if you like even smaller wheels, try out the skating rink. It's plenty big to allow for the inexperienced roller jockey to land gracefully on his padded side. It's located on South Texas

Ave. just south of Hwy. 30.  
\* For those of us with perfect taste in new homes (!) touring the work of area builders on Sunday afternoon can be entertaining. Many new subdivisions have open houses on Sundays which provides good opportunity to critique what's on the market.

\* For a true dining treat for Sunday lunch, mosey on down to the **Brazos Belle**, a reconstructed authentic saloon in Burton, with the best down-home soul food you ever tasted. Drive to Somerville, take a left on Hwy. 36 and then a right at Hwy. 390 to Burton.

\* Last semester's undefeated Texas A&M University polo club will be challenged Saturday, weather permitting, at 10 a.m. on the polo field across the from the golf course at Eastgate. The opposing team will be made up of former students who will try to defy old age and upset the champions.

\* If you were lucky enough to get tickets inside the stadium, you can bring your binoculars and watch the Ags fry the Jayhawks.

\* And then after the celebrating and the bars close, head for Rudder Theatre for the midnight special, "The Longest Yard" brought to you by Aggie Cinema.

# Horse course offered

By MARSHA MOULDER  
Graduate course work geared to benefit the horse industry is offered at Texas A&M University.

A student can earn his M.S. degree or Ph.D. in Animal Science by doing specialized work with horses. There are three options open to the student working towards his M.S.

The first is the degree with the thesis option. This plan requires a student to complete 32 hours of course work, a research project, plus a thesis. The research projects are in the areas of nutrition; psychology, searching for better training methods; exercise physiology, striving for more complete physical fitness in the horse; and reproduction and management. The area of exercise physiology is a unique research problem, according to Dr. Gary D. Potter, Associate Professor in Charge of Horses.

A Master of Agriculture degree program is also offered for students who are mainly interested in preparing for work in a managerial position for a farm, stable, stallion station, or some other horse operation. To earn this degree the student must complete 36 hours of course work, including academic work outside the agriculture department, such as

financing. An internship consisting of four months' work on a horse operation is also required. The student is critiqued by his employer.

The third option enables a student to receive an M.S. without writing a thesis. This is a generalized degree, including work not only with horses, but with various other livestock as well.

Requirements for earning a Ph.D. are such that the ability to define problems and conduct research are essential. The student must complete approximately 96 hours of course work above the hours required for a B.S. degree. The student working within this de-

gree plan must conduct an original research project.

A&M is the only school in Texas to offer such a horse research program. There are only about nine schools in the nation with an active program of this nature. However, there are several schools that offer a limited amount of study in this area. Presently, there are 15 students at A&M working towards an M.S. degree and five trying to fulfill the Ph.D. requirements.

According to Dr. Potter, most of the students involved in this program are interested in college teaching, continuing their research or doing extension work.

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