

Program set to preregister handicapped

Texas A&M University students who are temporarily handicapped or have some type of mobility problem can take advantage of a special preregistration program offered for the spring semester.

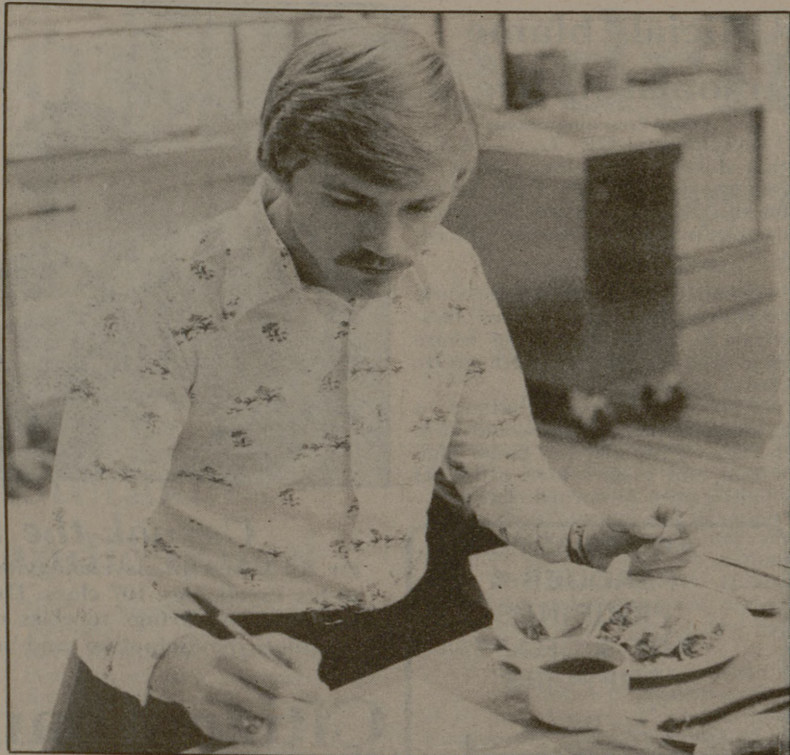
Sponsored by the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, in coordination with the Office of Student Activities, the program is open to handicapped students, and to those persons who will be temporarily handicapped.

The preregistration, to be held Nov. 16 through 17, will allow students the special schedule they need.

For example, a student with a special problem may be one in a cast for a long period of time and who needs his classes scheduled in buildings close together. Or students with diabetes need to have three eating periods a day, therefore open areas may be arranged.

Handicapped students or those temporarily handicapped need to contact Donnie Albrecht, assistant director of student activities, at 45-1134, by Nov. 1, if interested in the preregistration.

The program will be conducted Nov. 16 through 17, in room 140A of the MSC. For more information about the program, students may call Don Gardner, counselor for the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, at 45-1134, or persons may stop by his office in room 146 of the MSC.



Battalion photo by Ken Herrera

Jim Calle takes notes while tasting taco shells for Sbsia Dining Hall's menu board. Sbsia's currently-used taco shell was rejected by three students.

Japan has enough strength to balance power in East

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Israel has become so strong it might be able to threaten U.S. strategic interests in the Middle East by crushing Arab enemies before the West could intervene, says a former intelligence officer.

"Israeli military power grew from the 'David' to a 'Goliath' between 1948 and 1977," said Anthony Cordesman in the latest edition of Armed Forces Journal, an unofficial monthly publication on military affairs.

Cordesman, who has served as a secretary of the Defense Intelligence Board and as assistant deputy defense secretary, said in order to protect its own interests, the United States should consider new limits on arms deliveries to Israel.

But he said the administration and Congress are intimidated by the Israeli lobby and American Jews who seem to put Israel before U.S. interests and "use anti-Semitism and a new holocaust as a moral club" against criticism.

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Taco, coffee for breakfast

By CAROLYN KEMMERER

The group assembled at the usual hour — shortly before 7 a.m. They sat down to a breakfast of tacos and coffee and doughnuts, and after the meal they cast their ballots.

The three present student members of the Sbsia Hall Menu Board voted against a taco shell currently being consumed by Sbsia diners. But they managed to agree on three other brands of the shells.

In the past, boards have vetoed such delicacies as barbecued lamb, broccoli casserole and eggplant. Members don't take their jobs lightly — after all, they represent the taste buds of every student on the board plan at Texas A&M University.

"Because we are students here and we do pay for the meal plan, there is no greater right than to have direct say over what goes on," said Jim Calle, a student menu board representative.

Each of the campus' three major dining halls, Sbsia, Duncan and the Commons, has a board made up of six students and members of the food services staff. Members arrange a time when they can all attend the monthly meetings, usually held in the early morning. All 18 members meet monthly at 6:30 a.m.

for a joint menu board meeting.

During these joint meetings the board tastes certain foods to decide whether they should be retained or removed from the menu.

It takes a majority of the members present at the joint meetings to get a certain food rejected and replaced. And because all dining halls serve basically the same foods, food is tasted at these joint meetings. An individual dining hall's menu board cannot reject a certain food without the majority of members from the other dining halls agreeing with their decision.

The Sbsia menu board met at Peniston cafeteria one recent morning to discuss whether the brand of taco shells used at Sbsia should be replaced. Although most of the menu board members arrived by 7 o'clock, some stumbled in after 7. The atmosphere between the staff and students was friendly, and business was not conducted until everyone had a chance to get a cup of coffee and something to eat.

The menu board sat at long cafeteria table beside a movable serving table. Four different brands of taco shells were arranged in the serving table. The shells were identified only by number so the brand names would not bias the students when they made their final decision.

Hamburger meat, lettuce and tomato slices accompanied the tacos.

The Sbsia group was the only one to make this decision, because they are the only dining hall that serves tacos.

The student representatives simply voted on whether the taco shells were "acceptable" or unacceptable. After the testing the names were revealed. Sbsia's current brand of taco shells was found unacceptable.

If a student has a complaint to make about any aspect of his dining hall he can talk to his dining hall's menu board representative. These complaints are brought before the joint or individual menu board meetings.

"If we see something on the menu that the students aren't liking, or isn't turning out very well, we try to substitute another item or get them (food services) to cook it another way," said Calle.

Fred W. Dollar, director of food services, said that Texas A&M is one of the few schools that allows students to review certain foods and decide what is and isn't acceptable on a dining hall menu.

Dollar said that food services is not state-funded, but gets its money from student board fees. He also said that food services will "try anything it can afford to try" concerning different types of foods.

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