

Sbisa's remodeling still goes on and on

By DANA GARDINA
The motto, "Sbisa, home of perpetual construction," has come about during the past two years because of the time it has taken to remodel.
Sbisa is a two-story dining hall that serves the north area dorms at Texas A&M University. The upstairs section is currently being remodeled.
Remodeling was scheduled to be finished in December 1976, said Lloyd Smith, assistant director of food services.
Frank Larvin, general contractor, started remodeling around March 1976, but because of a subcontractor's delay in equipment delivery he has not completed the project. Larvin has had extensions on the contract since December 1976.
"Sbisa is near completion," Larvin said. "We have finished all but the pot and pan phase."
The majority of the work is

finished, but contractors need to put the tile in the ceiling of the pot and pan section, Smith said.
It has been speculated that the remodeling will be completed by fall, 1978, almost two years past the scheduled completion date. However, Smith said it should be finished "prior to the fall." He said he couldn't give a more specific date.
"There have been equipment breakdowns, contractor delays, and equipment delivery delays," said John Merchant, manager of construction at the physical plant. "They are way over the time limits of the contract."
Smith said they are having "fits" with the contractors. "The contractor is far behind schedule."
Smith said that it would be difficult to switch contractors. A required performance bond stipulates that unless the company fails to perform their duties or goes bankrupt,

the contract can't be broken. He said he doesn't have a right to change contractors.
The plan was to have the lower section, Peniston, as a temporary cafeteria while remodeling the second floor of Sbisa. When the new section is finished, Peniston will return to a cash cafeteria. It will then be closed to board students.
The new section will have five cafeteria lines. The number of open sections will depend on the number of people being served.
Smith said that when the section is completed, it will cost less to operate Sbisa because the new system will reduce work. Employees now take dishes and food upstairs and down again because the present equipment in Peniston can't accommodate board students. Each section will have equipment in proportion to the number of people being served.

Smith said Food Services will not need to fire anyone because they will use employees in the cash facilities.
The new section will seat the same number of people as Peniston and offer the same choice of foods, Smith said.

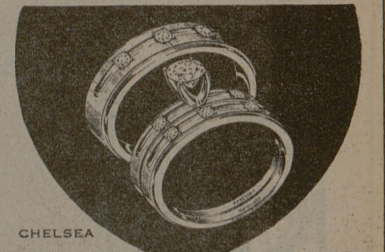
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Silver Taps are scheduled next Tuesday (Feb. 21) for 27-year-old graduate student Conrad P. Schweichler who was killed Monday evening when a car struck him on U.S. 290 just west of Brenham.
Services for the Williamsville, N.Y. native are pending there. He resided at 1601 Holleman in College Station.
According to investigators, Schweichler was hit about 7:15 p.m. as he walked in the lane of traffic. He had been traveling through Brenham earlier in the day when his car ran out of gas, although police could give no immediate reason why the student was west of town since his auto had been towed to the sheriff's office hours earlier.
No charges will be filed in the incident, said a Department of Public Safety spokesman.
Schweichler, who enrolled at Texas A&M in January, was the seventh student fatality of the current academic year.
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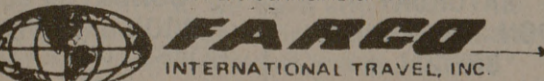
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