# Duncan bakery now more efficient

By CONNIE BURKE

Yum, do you remember the delights of homemade bread?

Duncan bakery recently started providing dormitory cafeterias (the Commons, Sbisa, and Duncan) with bread on a daily basis.

Students were able to sink their teeth into the bakery's homemade raisin, rye and wheat breads.

The bakery makes pastry products for the entire University. Most of the rolls, cookies, pies, cakes and cobbler you eat on campus come from Duncan bakery.

Improvements completed in January have changed operation methods at the bakery. With its new machinery, *the bakery can now* make its own bread.

"The 'bread shop,' one of the bakery's new additions, will enable the bakery to produce its own bread at 19 cents a loaf, a savings of 7 cents a loaf, that will be passed on to the consumer," Lloyd Smith, the project coordinator, said.

Not only have the improvements increased the variety of foods the bakery offers, but they have also enabled the bakery to cut production time while increasing production.

The bakery was also enlarged so the bakers would have more work area. Now that the bakers can all work at the same time, the bakery operates only one shift, yet it produces more food than it did when operating under two shifts, James Buchan, manager of Duncan bakery, said.

"The bakery addition cost $529,993," Smith said.

"*This cost includes building expenses* for enlarging the bakery room, and purchasing costs for new equipment.

"Several mixing steam kettles, an oven that has one and a half times the capacity of the two older ovens, a sweet goods production table and bread-making equipment were added to enable the bakery to keep up with the growing food production demands of Texas A&M University.

"Even though the new machinery has decreased the amount of manual labor needed, the same number of workers are needed to handle the increased production of pastries," Smith added.

"Pastry for 30,000 meals is produced daily," Buchan said. "Each food department on campus estimates the demand for an item. For example, we usually produce 600 to 1,000 pies and 350 to 600 dozen doughnuts daily."

Every morning before the products are sent out for delivery, the bakers sample and rate them from one to ten. If they think the product is faulty, the item will be replaced by an item that can be made quickly. For example, a cake might be made to replace the faulty item. Later, the bakers would decide how they could avoid waste by combining the faulty item with another. A pie filling that has too much sugar might be used for a cobbler filling, Buchan said.

"It takes 12 to 14 people to operate the bakery," Buchan said. "New machinery has decreased production time by six hours daily. Now workers can devote more time to improving the quality of our products."

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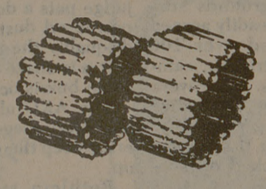
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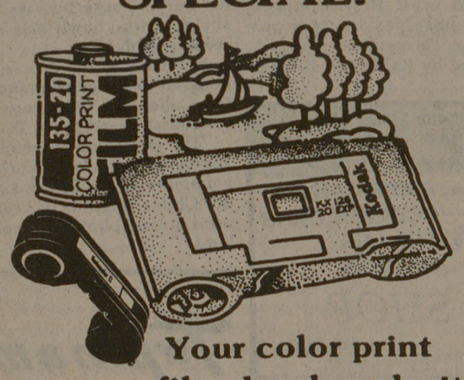

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