

Record number of out-patients

Long waits at Health Center

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Dr. Claude B. Goswick, director of the A.P. Beutel Health Center, says the health center has set a record for the number of out-patients handled the past few weeks.

Under these crowded conditions, long wait is the major problem, Goswick said.

Brenda Zimpher, a sophomore, said that "having to wait" is the

worst part of going to the health center. She said that to occupy the time, she either reads or re-copies notes.

Goswick said that medical treatment is less personal with the record number of patients. In August the health center handled 5,623 out-patients, and 92 in-patients. So far this year the health center has handled 81,352 clinic patients, and 1,375 in-patients.

Goswick said that upper respiratory infections have been the most common ailment the past few weeks. Bronchitis, tonsillitis, colds and ear infections are other common ailments of Texas A&M University students, Goswick said.

"It's crowded conditions crowded apartment complexes, and crowded classrooms," that have caused the number of sick people at the clinic, Goswick said.

"All these students have been at home all summer. They have been out of contact with each other. They're bringing all their viruses

that they carry, and bacteria," Goswick said.

Goswick said that there is "a lot of poison ivy nowadays." This is due to people partying on the river banks, he said. He added that there will be an increase in the number of people coming in with poison ivy when wood is being cut for bonfire.

Goswick stresses that preventive medicine is very important. He tells the patient how to care for his illness, and also whether he should attend class. Goswick said he tells people with fever that they shouldn't go to class, but said that they probably go anyway.

Food Services needs workers

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Students interested in working at any of the five cafeterias on campus should consult the manager of the particular cafeteria, said Col. Fred Dollar, director of food services for Texas A&M University.

There are approximately 100 jobs available for students. At Sbsa, there is a shortage of 50 workers; at Duncean, 19; at the Commons, 18; at the Memorial Student Center, 10; and the Rudder Tower dining room, 4.

The salary is \$2.50 an hour. The student starts out as a helper and within a week will know all the jobs, Dollar said. These jobs consist of cooking, serving, cleaning, mixing beverages, washing dishes, working the cash register and checking ID cards.

Dollar said many students have changed their majors to food technology after working for Food Services and realizing the opportunities and benefits in the field.

"I've had four or five phone calls in three weeks from large to national companies asking for graduate students who have worked for us with a starting salary of \$1,000 a month and fringe benefits," Dollar said.

Dollar said a shortage of student employees has become a problem recently and that the percentage of students working for Food Services has decreased by an undetermined amount over the years. He said approximately one-third of the employees are students.

Dollar added that a working student gets a discount for his meals at any of the cafeterias. Students who work and do not board pay \$1.50 for breakfast, \$1.90 for lunch and \$2.30 for supper.

Research team seeks cure for cow disease

An 11-member team of top scientific talent at Texas A&M University has been assigned responsibility to come up with a control of brucellosis.

This bacterial disease (brucella abortus) of a cow's reproductive system, the major damage being the abortion of calves, has been labeled "a scourge" of the cattle industry which has been "cussed and discussed" for generations as a psychological, economic and political nightmare.

Director Neville P. Clarke of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station said that the team's task is the first formal research in Texas on brucellosis in recent years.

Brucellosis is referred to as bang's disease in cattle, and as undulant

fever in humans. However, death from it is almost unheard of.

The team from Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine will explore every facet of brucellosis ranging from infected coyotes and quarantined commercial cattle herds, to the use of powerful microscopes and electronic computers.

"We must know more about how the organism lives within a cow, reaction to the cow, and really why a calf is aborted," explained Dr. Garry Adams, head of the team. "We will work on a combination of long-term fundamentals, and short-term application to provide immediate relief for cattle producers."

Adams added that individual ranchers want a more simplified, economical, practical, and reliable control than is available at present.

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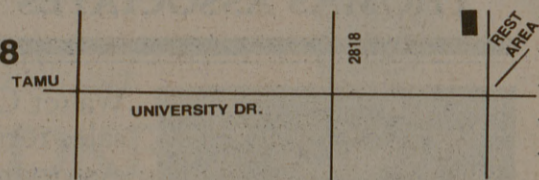
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