

Food, drinks Restaurants' pre-game warm-up

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Local restaurants and the campus cafeterias look forward to each home football game at Texas A&M University because of the tremendous increase in their business.

Each restaurant prepares for these particular weekends in advance. Business greatly increases during this period and the various dining places stock up on all their food supplies in order to suffice the crowds of hungry people.

Jesse Oceana, manager of El Chico, said he stocks up on food a week ahead of the home football games.

On regular weekends, El Chico spends approximately \$2,400, but increases its inventory \$400-600 on football weekends. It also prepares by hiring extra people. El Chico stocks up on its liquor supply, spending an extra \$150 to the approximate \$533 usually spent on liquor.

David Hardy, assistant manager of El Chico, said this first home game weekend was not quite as busy as he had anticipated it would be. He said although the restaurant had an increase in business of 75 percent over last Saturday, it still wasn't nearly as busy as last year's

first home football game weekend. However, he said El Chico expects twice as many people this coming weekend.

When asked if he experienced an increase in business, Ray Martin, manager of Country Kitchen, said, "Definitely, no question about it." He said although weekends are usually busy, Country Kitchen's inventory increases 50 percent when there is a home game. Martin said this past weekend met his expectations.

"I just wish we had 52 home football games each year instead of five," Martin said.

Greg Thorson, manager of Mr. Gatti's, said his establishment also experiences an increase in sales and usually doubles its inventory during home games. Thorson said, "We sometimes run out of food during the weekends of home football games because of the huge increase in business."

Thorson said the cooks train five weeks in advance for the first home football game in order to be prepared for the rush that occurs during this time.

Mike Paniel, manager of 3C Bar-B-Que in Culpepper Plaza Shopping Center, attributes his increase in business to his restaurant's reputa-

tion and location. He starts work a week in advance of the home football games. Paniel said his increase is about 45 percent while to-go business increases approximately 75 percent.

"We actually overspend on these weekends so we won't get stuck without," he said, adding that it is always better to have food on reserve than not any at all.

Roy Aguilar, manager of Zarape, says he stocks up on food supply a day before the home football game. Orders go in the week before but food doesn't arrive until the Friday before, in order to keep the food fresh longer.

Aguilar said, after experiencing his first home game weekend, business did not go quite as well as he thought it would. He said that previous records showed an increase of 75 percent on home game weekends. Yet they did have a better weekend than an average one, he added.

Col. Fred Dollar, director of Food Services at Texas A&M, said all campus cafeterias have an increase in business but the Memorial Student Center exceeds them all, primarily because of the nearby parking area. The opponents' band usually comes as a group to the

cafeterias, resulting in a house capacity.

"We have fed Baylor, Houston, SMU and TCU hands almost every year now and all the members have been a delightful group," Dollar said.

The campus cafeterias do not stock up on food a week before the game as other restaurants do because their stock is already ordered in large amounts at the beginning of the school year.

However, Dollar said, "We do stock up on perishable items such as fruits and vegetables usually a week prior to the game."

Although the restaurants benefit from home football games, there are a few small eating businesses who do not and the one that all Aggies are most familiar with is the Dixie Chicken.

Owners Don Gante and Donnie Anz said their business goes down on these weekends.

"Our business is 99 percent beer and during these weekends the kids will not be bringing their parents here," Gante and Anz said, "It's the weekends that nothing else is planned or going on in College Station when we have all the business."



Restaurants are usually crowded on Saturday night, and Aggie football weekends add to the lines. These people are waiting for supper in front of Pelican's Wharf in College Station. Managers and owners of food establishments

say they like the extra business on football weekends and buy extra stocks to prepare for the fans. One said he wished the Aggies played at home 52 weeks a year.

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Tenth Supreme Court term now in session

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court has agreed to consider whether the FBI must get a specific go-ahead from a judge before its agents may break into somebody's office to set up a "bug."

The wiretap authorization case was one of about 900 on which the court issued orders Monday, the first meeting of the 10th court term under Chief Justice Warren Burger. Other matters the court acted upon ran the gamut from the export of minnows to death penalties to baseball player sales.

The justices agreed to hear arguments on random checks of driver's licenses in Delaware, on the treatment in New York of federal prisoners before trial, and on access to cable television. It turned down appeals on searches of newsrooms and on an out-of-order case challenging the pardon of Richard Nixon.

The wiretap case came to the court from New York. Lawrence Dalia got a five-year sentence in connection with the 1973 hijacking in Brooklyn of a \$250,000 truckload of polyester fabric.

FBI agents got some of their evidence against Dalia by a "bug," or hidden microphone. They had gotten a court order to install the microphone, but Dalia contended they also should have gotten a specific order allowing them to break in and install it.

The evidence they got that way should have been thrown out of his case, Dalia contended.

The trial and appeals courts turned down Dalia's claim and he appealed to the Supreme Court, which will hear arguments on the issue later this term.

Random checks by police in Delaware to see if drivers have their licenses and registrations will be examined by the court. The state appealed a lower court ruling that threw out the marijuana conviction of William Prouse III.

Prouse said the marijuana an officer found in his car should not have been allowed as evidence against him because it was discovered while he was illegally detained during such a random stop.

In other actions, the court:

—Turned down appeals from inmates under death sentences in Utah, Nebraska, Georgia, Arkansas and Florida.

—Agreed to hear a Texas man's appeal against Oklahoma's power to bar the export of minnows.

—Turned down an appeal by Oakland A's baseball team owner Charles Finley, challenging the baseball commissioner's cancellation of Finley's sale of three players.

—Promised to review a case concerning the conditions under which federal prisoners from New York and New Jersey are held before trial.

—Agreed to review a case involving Federal Communications Commission access rules making it easier for the public to use cable television channels in the largest systems.

—Refused to reconsider its ruling allowing police with warrants to make surprise searches of newsrooms, even when the reporters are not suspected of a crime.

—Refused to consider a challenge by some Colorado residents who bypassed one lower court to press their case against Gerald Ford's 1974 pardon of Richard Nixon.

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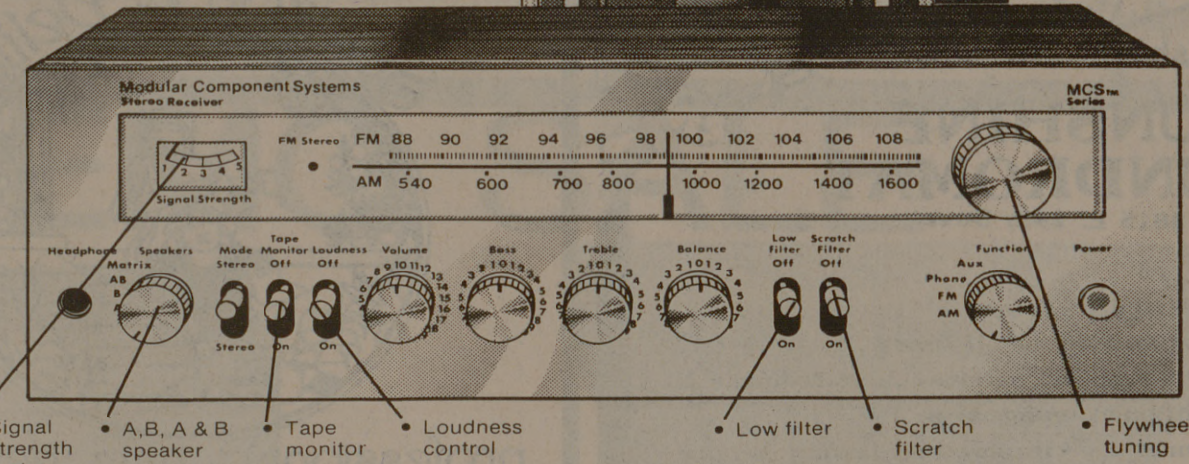
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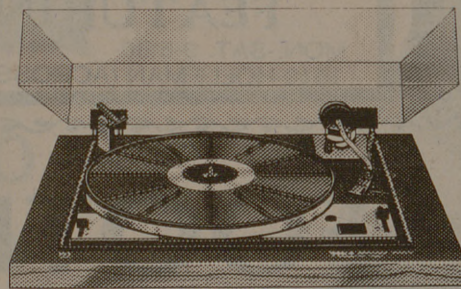
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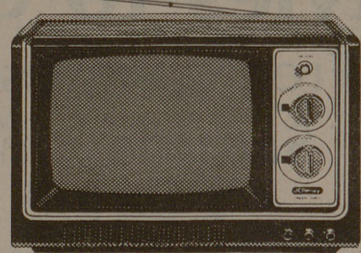
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