

# A&M aid to grow in Pan America

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Texas A&M University will have a great deal more to offer Pan American countries in the future as its foreign assistance program expands in new directions, says the school's president, Dr. Jarvis Miller.

In remarks before a Pan American Round Table audience on the Texas A&M campus Wednesday, Miller said a new type of linkage stressing mutual exchange of information is being established between land grant universities and similar institutions abroad.

"The growth of these institutions, particularly those in Pan America, finds them becoming more sophisticated, both vertically and horizontally," said Miller. "We see a major role for Texas A&M in this, especially as regards research."

Most of the current research provided by Texas A&M for countries abroad is carried out by the University's agriculture and engineering experiment stations.

The role of land grant universities as primary agents of research and technology transfer for countries abroad has been recognized by the U.S. Congress, said Miller.

In Title XII of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1975, Congress provided funds for federal assistance to land grant schools. The money aids the universities in strengthening their internal capacity to respond to foreign demands for technological help.

Title XII also provided for federally sponsored projects abroad that included five agricultural programs in which Texas A&M has played a major role. Miller said the extent of Texas A&M's participation is especially significant. No other school in the country is involved in more than one Title XII project.

While the role of the foreign assistance program, which began in East Pakistan in 1954, is being expanded, Miller stressed that the first responsibility of the university is to the citizens of Texas.

As the assistance program expands, Texas A&M will be coordinating its activities with those of other Texas institutions such as the



Texas A&M President Jarvis Miller tells a "Longhorn joke" before his talk to the Pan American Roundtable Thursday night.  
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University of Texas to avoid duplications. "We will attempt to increase the fund of knowledge about the rest of the world for the benefit of Texas citizens and avoiding duplications will help us to do so in the most efficient manner possible," Miller said.

# Department of Labor representative assists off-campus students with business problems

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Starting this month, students who work off campus will have a representative from the Department of Labor nearby to hear complaints and answer questions.

Robert K. Anderson, an investigator for the Department of Labor, will be in Bryan twice a month to assist in employment related problems.

He does not have jurisdiction over public employees, which includes those working for Texas A&M University.

Before this program was started, persons wanting to file complaints with the Labor Department had to go to Houston.

"Ninety percent of our work is in the area of non-payment of wages," Anderson said.

Other problems that can occur, Anderson said, include failure to be paid at least semi-monthly, failure to be paid final wages within six

calendar days, and unauthorized deductions from wages to offset theft allegedly caused by an employee.

Anderson said these problems occur most often in blue-collar jobs like construction and clerical work.

When a complaint is filed, the first thing Anderson does is send a letter to the employer citing the violation he has been charged with.

Anderson said that many times

after receiving a letter the employer sends a check immediately to the employee.

"Fifteen to 20 percent of our cases are settled very quickly," he said.

If the letter is ignored, Anderson said a full-scale investigation is started which takes about four to six weeks to complete.

Student Legal Adviser Jim Locke said that from September 1978 to January 1979 his office has received

only 14 complaints in the area of employee rights. He sees approximately 250 students a month.

However, Anderson said this is because most University students do not use their services.

"They just chalk it to experience when they don't get paid," he said.

Anderson will be in Room 511A of the Varisco Building in Bryan on the second and fourth floors Tuesdays of each month.

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# Bishop decries abortion

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AUSTIN— The Roman Catholic bishop of the Austin diocese said he may quit the influential Texas Conference of Churches because of that group's failure to pass an anti-abortion resolution at its annual meeting which ended Wednesday.

Bishop Vincent Harris, whose 150,000-member diocese covers 27 counties, said the resolution he helped draft endorsed the

concept that life begins at conception.

The conference revised the resolution, however, to avoid the organization taking a stand on when life begins. After a sharp floor debate, the conference tabled both resolutions.

"It really was sticking a knife in the back of a lot of people," Harris said. "To me not to support an anti-abortion resolution is an evil."

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