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Rate one of lowest in Conference

Reasons for withdrawal differ

by USCHI MICHEL-HOWELL
Battalion Staff

Tens of thousands of students enroll at Texas A&M University every semester. This fall 33,499 students came to Aggieland.

Last month the struggle for a degree started once again, but not all students will stick to their goal of getting educated. Many students give up and withdraw from Texas A&M, while others just leave and never come back.

"Freshmen are commonly stricken by homesickness," said Dr. Carlton D. Stolle, assistant dean of business administration. "Withdrawals come in flurries around mid-semester and just before finals," said Stolle, who is in charge of student affairs in his college.

Last fall semester 767 Aggies decided to "call it quits." During the spring semester 581 students decided Aggieland was not for them.

Overall Texas A&M's withdrawal rate is 2.4 percent for last fall and 1.9 percent for last spring. This is one of the lowest rates in the Southwest Conference.

Between the fall semesters of 1978 and 1979, the total number of withdrawals increased by 14 percent at Texas A&M, while the spring semester withdrawals only increased by two percent, according to the Office of Student Affairs.

Enrollment in fall of 1978 came up to 30,255 students and increased by three percent in the fall of 1979 to 31,331 students. Enrollment in the spring of 1980 was 29,409, an increase of 3.2 percent from the spring of 1979, which had a total enrollment of 28,459 students.

Undergraduates made up the majority of withdrawals last spring, a total of 457. Sophomores

showed the most withdrawals (138), followed by juniors (126), freshmen (119) and seniors (74). Graduate students made up 121 of the withdrawals and 21 had no classification.

The University of Texas showed a 2.4 percent withdrawal rate for fall 1979 (846 of 34,617 students) and 4.1 percent for spring 1980 (1,370 of 32,831 students).

Texas Tech University had two percent withdrawals in their spring semester (467 of 2,856 students). Rice University had 3.7 percent (91 of 2,442 students) in the fall. The spring semester withdrawals were not available.

Baylor University had one percent (87 of 8,551 students) withdrawals last fall, 1.6 percent (130 of 651 students) in spring.

Data for other Southwest Conference Universities were not available.

There are many reasons for leaving the university, Glenna Witt, assistant director of student affairs, said. Students who wish to withdraw do not have to give a specific reason for their withdrawal if they don't want to, Witt said.

"Personal" is one of the most common reasons checked off by students.

During the spring semester 264 students (from a total of 581) cited personal reasons for their withdrawal. "Not motivated to study" was a reason for 63 students to leave Texas A&M. Another common reason was illness or death in the family, according to the report. Marriage, divorce, taking care of children, homesickness or other family problems were listed under personal problems.

"A student who has personal problems might make a 'strategic withdrawal' to protect his grades," Stolle said.

Of the remaining 317 spring semester withdrawals throughout the University, 91 were due to medical problems, 72 due to financial difficulties, 24 academic, 68 employment conflicts, transfers, 9 changing majors, 4 deceased and for other reasons. "Other" reasons were such as registered in an unrequired course, a canceled class or similar problems.

"Most students have already made up their mind about withdrawing," said Arthur L. Tolleson, director of the academic counseling center. Problem students don't come in to the counseling center, although they are encouraged to do so, Tolleson said.

"The number of (official) withdrawals from University is very small," he said, "most students simply don't come back."

All students who want to withdraw must have to register with the Office of Student Affairs. Grades will be determined as follows:

If the student withdraws after the 25th day, or the Q-drop deadline, he will receive a (withdraw passing) or a WF (withdraw failing) grade slip, which depends on his passing the course. The grade point ratio will include the WF grade, while it will exclude the grade of Geosciences, said that many students forget to go through the formal procedure.

"It's beneficial to 'step out' if you aren't ready to go to school," Dr. Bryan R. Cole, assistant dean of the College of Education, said. "We don't encourage leaving the university for a while, a student wants to find himself," he added.

Students should come by before their transcript get too bad, Cole recommended.



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Family takes pride in pork sausages

United Press International
OAKLAND, Ill. — From hog lot to sausage casing, the Grotelueschen family has a unique way of processing and marketing pork.

Every week, family members buy between three and five 230-pound butcher hogs from a farmer. Then

they load the animals into a trailer and drive them to an Amish butcher shop for slaughtering.

A day later, they pick up the meat and transport it to their little sausage factory here.

There, Arden and Jo Grotelueschen and their six children make Ita-

lian, Polish-brand, bratwurst and breakfast sausage from old-world recipes.

"I don't know where else you can get sausage like we make," said Mrs. Grotelueschen, who mixes the meat and seasoning together by hand. "You may be able to get a product by the same name, but it's not the same."

Mrs. Grotelueschen, who is hoping for an electric mixer to simplify the process, mixes the sausage in 25-pound batches. The true secret for making the sausage, she said, is in the seasoning and in its freshness.

After it is mixed, she puts the meat into a "stuffer" where it is compressed into its casing. The sausage, processed with no preservatives, is sold either the same day or the day after it is made.

"It's much fresher than anything else you can buy," she said.

The hogs are raised in confinement. Mrs. Grotelueschen said the quality of the hog is important for the quality of the sausage. All of the pig's meat is used in the Grotelueschen's sausage.

"Normally sausage is made from the scraps of the animal, and the ham and the tenderloin are sold separately," she said. "We use the whole hog."

The Grotelueschens, selling under the name "Festival Sausage

Co.," market their product in

ways. They take orders from institutions, pizza chains, churches, raising organizations and individuals. They also sell directly through their Oakland cooler every Friday and market through the four state Farm Bureaus.

The idea for the new business, which has been in operation since March, came to the Grotelueschen after eating sausage made by a friend who used authentic Polish recipes. Arden Grotelueschen, who teaches psychology at the University of Illinois, said they were told an enterprise could not be profitable.

"We think it can. By doing it ourselves," he said.

"Everybody pitches in and their share," Mrs. Grotelueschen said.

By everyone, she means her children and four adopted Canadian youngsters — all six between the ages of 10 and 15. Grandmother Grotelueschen pitches in with a confit sauce for the ribs and a confit duck on a new recipe for liver sausage.

Besides making sausage, the family raises 30 head of Angus cattle, quarterhorses on its farm near the land.

The sausage business, so far, has been slow.

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What's 'stylish' to some is 'teasing' to others

United Press International
NEW YORK — Teenage boys looking at girls who wear tight jeans and go braless think the girls want to have sex, although the girls may think they are just being stylish, a study shows.

A survey on adolescent behavior by four members of the Department of Psychology at UCLA reached this conclusion in a report published Monday in the October issue of "Psychology Today."

The study involved 432 black, white and Hispanic young people in the Los Angeles area.

While both sexes agreed the see-through blouse was a desirable teaser, the males were more likely to be turned on by other apparel such as "a low-cut, short, tight jeans, or no bra," survey indicated.

A young man's open shirt, pants, tight swim trunks, or jeans wasn't considered "an indication he was specifically on the prowl for sex," by any of those surveyed.

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