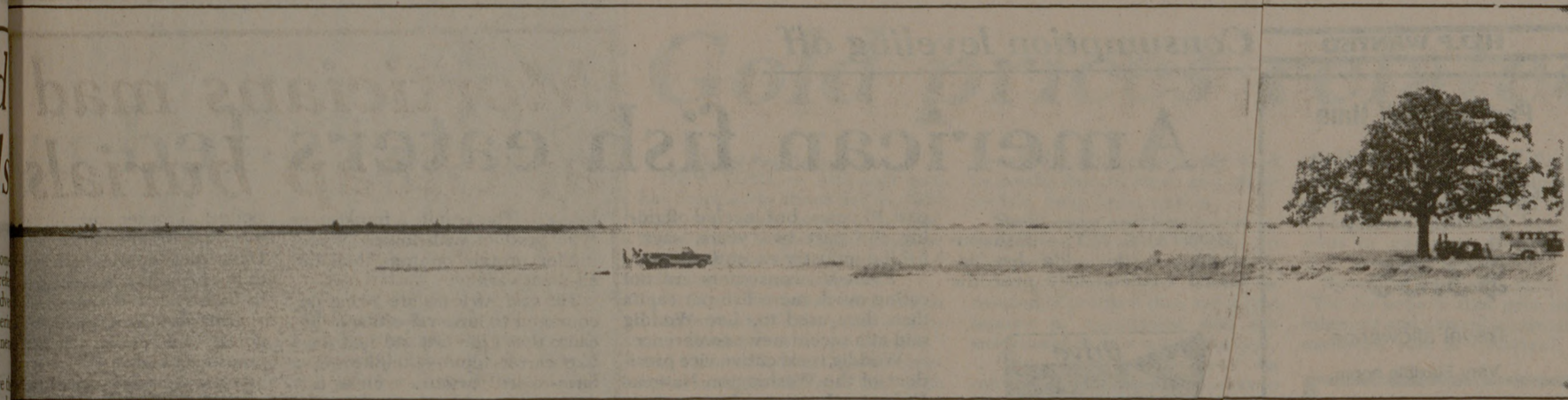


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The lakeside park at the Bryan Utilities Lake, above, covers 235 acres. Fishing, right, is one of the activities offered. The lake is stocked with bass, catfish, crappie and pike. Swimming is allowed, but these ducks, below, swim at their own risk as no lifeguard is on duty.



Lakeside park features fishing, swimming

**By JUDY ALLS**  
Battalion Reporter  
For the last two years, A.J. Hughes has contracted with the city of Bryan to manage privately 235 acres leased for the development of a lakeside park at the Bryan Utilities Lake.  
Hughes said 75 to 80 acres of the park are currently under some stage of construction. The park features camping and picnic areas, a boat launch and year-round swimming.  
There are plans for water and electrical hook-ups in the camping area, and a store is presently being built.  
The lake, however, does not have a lifeguard.  
"We just don't want the fishing to be disturbed," said Hughes, and the fishing is good.

The lake reports having channel catfish up to 18 pounds, crappie at a little over 3 pounds, and bass at about 10 pounds. A few wall-eye pike, a northern fish new to this area, are also present and have been spawning well. The park sells season fishing permits for \$25.  
Last year, the lake park sponsored a fish rodeo in which local merchants paid to have a fish tagged, and then awarded a prize to whoever caught it.  
Two summers ago pennies were thrown out on the park grounds, and children received from \$1 to \$10 for finding them.  
The last weekend in August, a Motorcycle Rally, sponsored by the Cavalier Motorcycle Club of Bryan, was held at the park. About 600 motorcyclists entered, and

the entry fees were donated to help fight multiple sclerosis.  
"These events are simply to increase use of the lake," Hughes said.  
The sign at the lake, which says "swim at your risk," may sound uninviting, but Hughes says swimming is good. The risk is the fact that there is no lifeguard on duty. The lake has no record of water or camping accidents.  
A gate fee of \$2 per day per car is charged to pay for park maintenance, but persons 65 and older get in free. It is open 24 hours, and an attendant is always on the premises.  
"We are proud of the lake park and constantly work to see that it is safe and clean for all who use it," Hughes said.

Square ear of corn bred by scientist

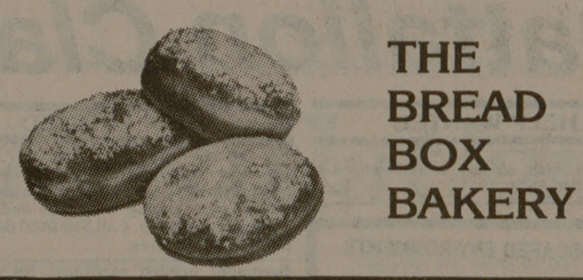
United Press International  
A researcher at the University of Massachusetts has bred an ear of corn that stays where you put it.  
Walter C. Galinat says that today's cylindrical ear evolved from a stunted, tough-husked ancestor. Ten thousand years ago the three-inch-long, somewhat rectangular ear had only two rows of kernels. As man bred the corn for more rows, the rows packed together and the ear took on a round shape.  
Now, Galinat has married the shape of the ancestor to the modern cob's tender seed and foot-long spread, coming up with a large, square — nonrolling — ear of corn.  
His next goal? To make the cob edible. "You'll be able to eat the whole ear, just like a stick of celery," he says.

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