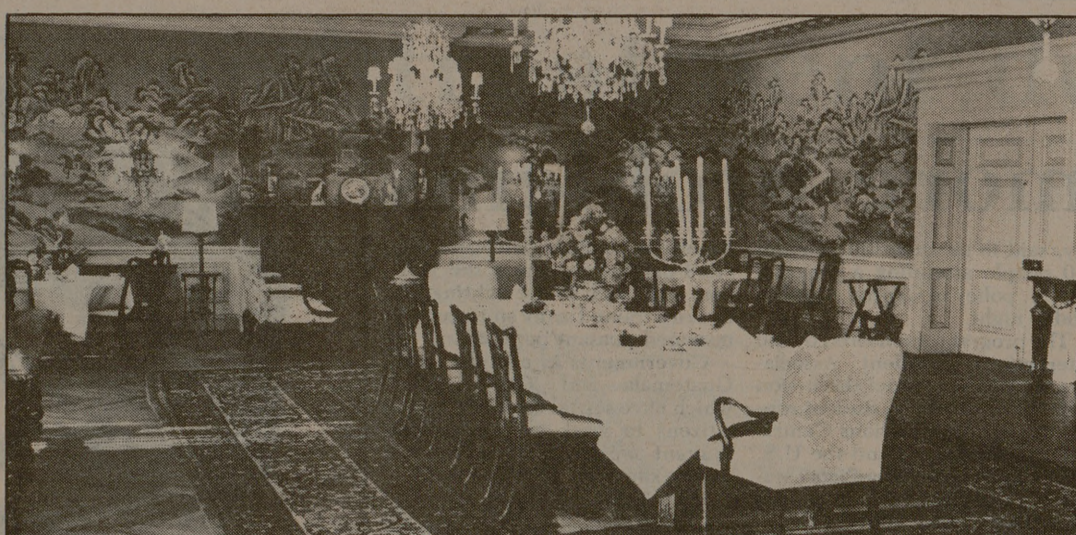


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The foyer of the Regents' quarters



The Regents' dining room



The Board of Regents' meeting room

# Turkey surplus makes holiday less expensive

Americans will have additional cause to give thanks this Thanksgiving because turkey output is up, and that should help keep prices down, says a Texas A&M poultry scientist.

"There should be plenty of turkey for everybody this year," Dr. Bernard Marquez said. "The average price should be about the same as last year's prices — around 79 cents per pound. It might even be lower."

Marquez said the \$1.5 billion turkey industry in the United States this year should turn out more than 160 million birds, a 5 percent increase from last year.

Chances are the bird gracing your Thanksgiving table will be a hen, as opposed to a tom or gobbler, he said. It will have eaten about 50 pounds of feed during its 17-week life span and will be the product of artificial insemination.

The meat of a roasted turkey, as a whole, ranks higher than any of the other cooked meats, and the breast meat ranks highest in protein. It is one of the lowest of all meats in calories — lowest in cholesterol — and rich in vitamins, such as riboflavin and niacin, Marquez said.

"The turkey is one of the most efficient birds grown in the world," he said. "One factor for their growing popularity, not only among consumers, but processors as well, is cost efficiency. They

take less than three pounds of feed per pound of gain."

According to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, turkey meat consumption in 1980 reached an estimated all-time high of 11 pounds per person. Americans are eating turkey meat in different forms. The amount of whole turkeys sold has actually declined. More of the meat is being consumed in processed forms, such as turkey franks, sandwich meat, turkey pastrami or turkey rolls.

"If you're looking for the best buy, get the larger birds," said Dr. William Cawley, a poultry specialist with the extension service. "They have a higher meat-to-bone ratio. Since the amount of bone is about the same in whole turkeys, the bigger ones have more meat."

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## Regents playing the 'Aggie Palace'

By DENISE RICHTER

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Today, actions of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents seldom fail to spark controversy. However, six years ago, it was where the Board was meeting, not what they were doing, that was generating the publicity.

When the regents' annex was completed in 1975, the \$2.2 million "Aggie palace" made news across the state.

The most vocal opponents of the annex were Texas A&M students who criticized the lack of student voice in the new \$10.5 million University Center, which includes the regents' annex.

The matter finally was investigated by the Texas House Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Chairman Bill Presnal agreed that the annex was a showpiece, but said: "A&M is trying to put out a new image and I don't name them for that. It's no longer a new college and people need to recognize this. It's a full-blown university today."

However, Fred Head, House Higher Education Committee chairman, said he felt that Texas

A&M "went a little too far" and, in the future, university representatives would be required to give more detailed information when they requested money from the Legislature.

The annex was funded with state money, the Permanent University Fund and legislative appropriations.

Today, the annex is used for luncheons and dinners honoring special guests of the System and for meetings of the Board of Regents, the Target 2000 Committee and the Development Foundation Board.

Tours of the "University's living room" are frequently given, said Brenda Manley, assistant secretary to the Board of Regents. Student groups, Texas A&M mothers' clubs and former students who return to Texas A&M for class reunions regularly tour the quarters, she said.

The foyer, the conference room and the dining room are three of the areas normally shown on the tour, Manley said.

### Foyer

A pair of large 18th century Italian oil paintings, depicting "Caesars on Horseback" (\$5,000 each), guard the formal foyer. Walls of the foyer are travertine marble with four marble pillars along each wall. The foyer also houses a \$4,200 pair of Italian marble busts of Roman senators.

The foyer is dominated by a \$4,656 blue, white and maroon wool carpet designed by William Pahlmann of New York. Pahlmann designed the interior of the University Center and the Texas A&M President's home.

The carpet lies under a \$4,090 William IV circular table. Atop the table is a \$9,068 Cloisonne vase dating back to 1740. (Cloisonne is a style of enamel decoration in which enamel is applied to an object and fired on a metal background.)

### Conference room

The conference room is dominated by a Georgian-style mahogany table banded with mahogany, ebony and satinwood. The table, designed by Pahlmann, is flanked with 14 carved mahogany swivel chairs upholstered in rust glove leather with nailhead trim.

The conference table sits on a \$9,000 Tabriz rug. The dark blue background of the rug is intermingled with flowers and foliage.

A 17th-century eight-panel Japanese silkscreen (\$3,575) can be drawn aside to expose a screen for slide presentations at board meetings.

A \$15,000 painting of "Miles of Bluebonnets" and a \$2,200 original

Tiffany lamp are central parts of the conference room.

### Dining room

A \$4,500 19th-century Chippendale table is the focal point of the dining room. Guests eat from a \$24,300 Pickard china service and from a \$42,615 450-piece set of sterling silver.

Seating in the room is provided by 18th-century Irish Georgian side chairs in blue glazed leather and two \$2,150 18th-century English Gainsborough armchairs in beige and gold damask.

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