

Office aids hunt for part-time jobs

by Mary Ann Swick
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Students who really want to find a job can usually find one, says the assistant director for employment at Texas A&M University, C.E. Fink.
"I feel that if a student really wants to work, he can find employment," Fink said. "There are jobs available."
The Financial Aid office on the third floor of the YMCA Building has an office which helps students find employment. The office keeps a list of various part-time jobs available to students both on and off campus.
"We get at least one call a day for on-campus jobs," Fink said. "To help a student find a job on campus, we refer him to the clipboard for on-campus jobs and advise him to look for something

in his major department or to go where his skills can be best used."
Fink said 90 to 95 percent of the students who work on campus find jobs by asking the department of their major.
The major on-campus employers are intramural sports, the library and food services.
Wages for on-campus jobs range from \$3.64 per hour to \$6.31 per hour. The wage depends on the department funds available and the student's work experience.
Off-campus jobs sometimes offer more variety, higher wages, harder hours and more responsibility, Fink said. Off-campus wages range from \$3.35 per hour to \$5.15 per hour. Weekend workers are usually paid a higher hourly wage.

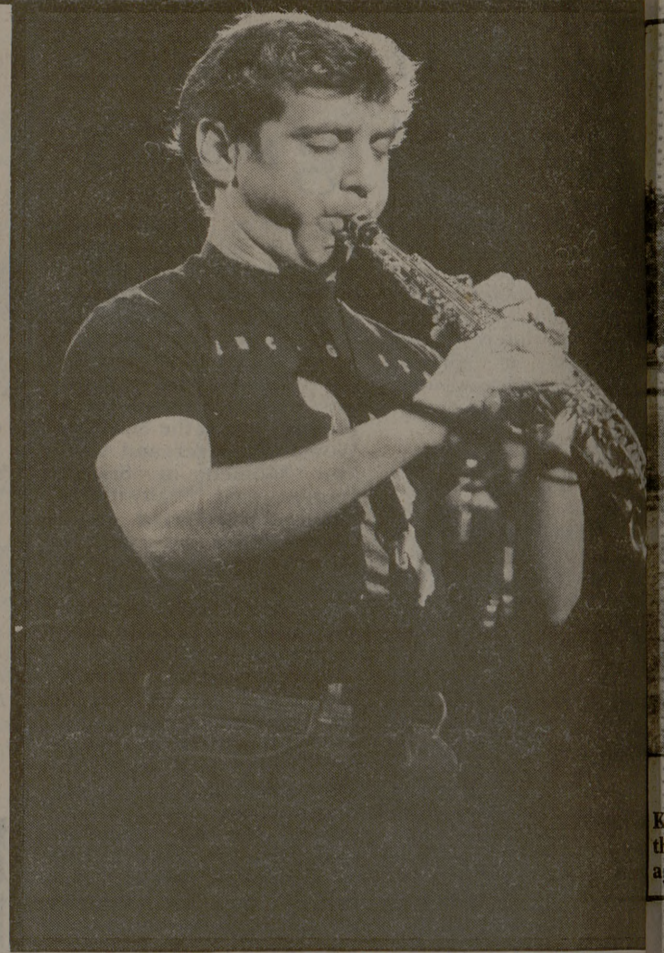
Spyro Gyra generates high-energy jazz show

by Cathy Capps
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No one in Rudder Auditorium Friday night could escape the intoxicating energy and exuberance of Spyro Gyra. It flowed from the stage and through the near-capacity crowd in the form of the band's own unique brand of jazz.
Spyro Gyra's music is jazz that isn't confined to traditional jazz techniques. They have been called "fusion" and "new wave jazz," but their sound is definitely unique.
Keyboard player Tom Schuman said their music was a combination of jazz, rock, funk, salsa and rhythm and blues and that their diversity is what has given them such a wide audience appeal.
"It's an ironic thing," Jay Beckenstein, the band's leader, said. "We've had rock bands say we're the only rock band they like, and jazz bands say we're the only jazz band they like."
Spyro Gyra started out playing various bars in New

York. The name was inspired in a high school biology class — and it stuck, Beckenstein said.
The six-man group opened with "Incognito," the title cut from their new album, and "Last Exit," both by Schuman. From there they continued, treating their audience to a sampling of songs from their five previous albums.
The upstate New York band performed "Shaker Song" by Beckenstein, a Latin-type number that was their first hit.
Other highlights were "Heleopolis" by Beckenstein and "J and G" by percussionist Gerardo Velez. The band, which writes all its own material, did its ever-popular "Morning Dance" for its second encore.
The audience would have stayed for even more.
Each of the band members was a show in himself. Beckenstein seduced with his steamy saxophone. Chet Catallo, guitarist, was stellar on "Romantic Panic," and a

highlight on every song.
Velez spun and danced throughout the show with his characteristic energy, playing every instrument from the triangle to bongos. On keyboards, Schuman was a show-stealer on a hot solo and with his Moog synthesizer, bringing the audience to its feet several times.
Eli Konikoff on drums and David Woffard on bass were particularly outstanding on "Solo Lonesome," a jamming song on *Incognito*.
Incognito, the band's sixth album, will be released this week. The band's members have changed slightly since their beginning in 1976, but none of them ever thought then they would have been so successful.
Jean Kilborn opened for the group, playing an hour-long set of blues-rock that was a little too long for a crowd ready for jazz. Her song "Changes," which she said Shake Russell was now playing, was the highlight of her performance.



Spyro Gyra's Jay Beckenstein

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The program will be entitled "From House to Senate: Pursuing the Texas Vote."

Benefits to raise money for children's shelter

by Ann Ramsbottom
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The Brazos Valley Stepping Stone, an organization which plans to build a shelter for homeless children and teenagers in the Brazos county area, is sponsoring two benefits this week.
The first benefit, a dinner with Houston Oiler football star Earl Campbell, will be Tuesday

evening at 5:30 at the Stadium restaurant.
A football, a jersey and the privilege of sitting next to Campbell for dinner will be auctioned that evening. Film clips will be shown on Campbell's football career. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Stadium or at local banks.
The second benefit is a dance at Graham Central Station on Wednesday night. Tickets will cost \$2 for men and \$1 for women.

Billie Doughitt, organizer of the events, said the group has set a \$30,000 goal for the two benefits.
The money will go toward a down payment for the shelter. A building site has not yet been purchased, but Stepping Stone

plans to build in Wellbush. Doughitt said she expects the building to be completed in a year.

"We have had a lot of support," Doughitt said. "A group of Texas A&M University architecture graduate students have been working on the blueprints. The local Army Reserve engineering unit will be doing the labor to build."

Sarah Holmgren, public relations director for Stepping Stone, said the project was signed to provide a home, education and eventually a job for homeless teenagers.

Stepping Stone was incorporated in 1979 and will be serving youth as soon as enough money has been accumulated and the facilities are built, Doughitt said.

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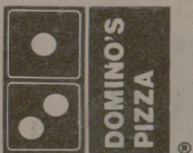
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