Environmental jobs increasing in Texas

Private industry fills work gap

by Carol Smith

Battalion Staff
ivate industry offers new pportunities to wildlife and ies graduates from Texas M University at a time when umber of federal and state for those graduates is de-

Dr. Wallace Klussmann, head he wildlife and fisheries dement, said jobs in ranch environmental ency consulting and teaching we all increased while the tranal government jobs with - such as the Texas ks and Wildlife Department, Bureau of Land Manage-ut and the U.S. Fish and fe Service - have de-

The government jobs were backbone for many years," mann said. "Ten years ago yemployed just about everywe produced. But, they're ones in the crunch right w, and they're not picking up ne which a many as we'd like them to pick

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But, the increasing number lso was them fjobs offered in private indus-ty has kept the overall number jobs from declining drastic-

> The number of graduates enng the ranch management d has grown because of the reased economic importance wildlife on ranches, Kluss-

The market for wildlife is able because prices have in-leased and the profit margin as been good, he said. Turkey deer are especially valuable the ranch owner.

Aranch manager looks after me, takes care of the habitat nd handles all of the hunting

Other opportunities have opened up in the aquaculture industry and teaching, Klussmann said. The aquaculture program provides the basic background in present techniques of aquatic animal management. The conservation education program provides approaches for increasing the general public's awareness of the natural resources.

"I think we turn out the best high school biology teacher anywhere because our people are field-oriented and have a touch of reality with the environment that no other curriculum provides," he said. In addition to teaching, jobs also exist in nature centers, museums and zoos.

'Any kind of field that deals with interpreting nature for people offers jobs," he said. Environmental assessment is

important to industries concerned with the environment, such as power companies, water quality agencies and consulting firms dealing in environmental impact statements, Klussmann said, and wildlife and fisheries graduates can be a valuable

"We turn out an individual who can go into any of these areas where the need is to take data from an environmental standpoint and measure the changes — be it water, fish or wildlife," he said.

Undergraduate enrollment in wildlife and fisheries at Texas A&M ranks fifth in the nation with 235 students, and first in the nation in graduate enrollment with 165 students. A recent survey of all wildlife and fisheries graduates indicated that 70 percent of them had found jobs in the natural resource area, Klussmann said.

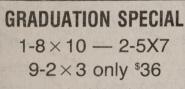
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USTIN — Several authors hour before wilread excerpts from "forbidof the sma "nbooks" next week to protest rd of Education, the Texas tute of Letters announced

> An Evening of Forbidden scheduled for esday at 8 p.m. at Burdine rium on the campus of Iniversity of Texas. Its ors include the Texas Inte of Letters and People for American Way, which have ested textbook censorship. lumorist John Henry Faulk, and Texas Monthly

magazine editor Stephen Harri-gan, novelist Laura Furman and Rice University authorprofessor Max Apple are among the scheduled participants who the scheduled participants who plan to read from books that have been banned from some public school classrooms.

The readings — which will be excerpted from books including "The Diary of Anne Frank, "Catcher in the Rye" and "Huck leberry Finn" — are scheduled for the night before the Gablers, who have been described as the most influential textbook critics in the nation, appear at a meeting of the Board of Education, which will adopt new state tex-



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ventable," said Martin Gold-

berg, administrator of the venereal disease control prog-ram of the city health depart-

inherited syphilis found among infants represented an increase over 19 such cases reported last year and eight in 1980.

syphilis is linked to a 42 percent

rise in infectious syphilis in Houston in 1981 and what

appears to be a 30 percent in-

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ted disease so far this year, Gold-Of the 22 infants born with

syphilis this year in Houston,

eight suffered central nervous

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Goldberg said the 22 cases of

The increase in congenital

'This is a very serious prob-

A&M grads benefit from travel growth

by Carol Smith

continues to grow despite the re-cession, and Texas A&M recrea-undergraduate level.

trend is creating.
"It is probably the only segment of the economy that continues to grow, particularly in the South, "said Dr. Clare Gunn, specific jobs," he said. a recreation and parks professor at Texas A&M.

Last year, total industry receipts for Texas travel increased from \$10 million to \$12 million.

One segment of the travel industry that is increasingly important is tourism, which includes commercial resort management and recreational travel. tourism specialization offered by the recreation and parks department emphasizes development, management and expansion of commercial resorts and travel destinations for tourists and vacationers.

The department has offered classes in tourism for 15 years at he may find a job in the public or

education program to help stop

the increase in cases of congenit-

2 Houston newborns

or lesions and seven had bone

defects which appeared in x-

infant who was stillborn and

another who died soon after

birth from multiple complica-

The majority of the mothers with affected infants had not re-

ceived any prenatal care during

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but only in the last year has the Battalion Staff
The travel industry in Texas department started to emphasize tourism, especially at the

tion and parks graduates are "We've always offered tour-taking advantage of the jobs the ism but were conservative in promoting it because we weren't sure if we were giving enough

> But graduates started to get jobs in tourism fields (restaurant management, airline ticketing or hotel management, for instance), Gunn said. The department found that if a stident is given a basic background, he can learn specific skills while working at different jobs.

The emphasis on tourism hasn't changed the basic curriculum, Gunn said. Elective hours are added in business, accounting, political science and marketing to strengthen the management and development aspects of the program, he said.

When a student graduates, the undergraduate, graduate private sector. Public jobs are

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and doctoral level, Gunn said, those relating to municipal, state and national recreation and parks departments. Private sector jobs are attractions that are owned and operated by a private enterprise, like Six Flags Over

Texas in Arlington. "The public sector jobs are not drying up and blowing away because of the poor economy," Gunn said.

Recreation and parks bridges the gap between the public and private sectors because many of the public areas, especially the national parks, are operated on a concessions basis, he said. For instance, Trans World Airlines operates hotels in Yellowstone National Park, and Music Corporation of America operates hotels in Yosemite National

"Public sector opportunities are increasing because travel is continuing in spite of all the eco-nomic problems," he said.

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