

# NTSU band set for show

One of the best college jazz bands in the nation, the North Texas State 1 O'Clock Lab Band, will perform tonight at 8 in Rudder Auditorium.

The group has played at Texas A&M the past several years. This year the band will perform selections composed by well-known jazz musicians and by students in the band.

The band will play "Au Privave" by Dizzy Gillespie, "Birds in Flight" by Mario Cruz and "Hello and Goodbye" by Bob Brookmeyer.

The 1 O'Clock Lab Band, directed by K. Neil Slater, is the top band among NTSU's nine jazz bands. In 1975, it became the first collegiate big band to be nominated for a Grammy award by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.

Five trumpet players, five trombonists, five saxophonists, a piano player, a bass player, a drummer, a guitarist and a percussionist make up the band. Band members come to NTSU from as far away as Winnipeg, Canada, and as near as Forth Worth.

Tickets for the performance, which is sponsored by the MSC Arts Committee, are available at the MSC Box Office for \$5.

# Jobs

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But he isn't the only one looking for help.

John Box, food stamp supervisor of the financial service division of the Department of Human Resources, said the demand for financial help and food stamps has increased.

"Many of the people we get frequently have fluctuating incomes," he said. "The first place they come to is here. They need something to eat."

In January, 875 households in Brazos County were using food stamps and 77 new households applied for food stamps. Last month 856 households were using food stamps, but the number of new households applying for food stamps went up to 1,399, nearly double the amount of requests since January.

Box said he couldn't make a direct correlation between unemployment and the increase in demand for food stamps, but he would make a logical assumption that the two were related.

Whether the two are related or not, the people in Bryan-College Station are being affected by unemployment.

With 850 households subsisting on or receiving food stamps and 3,000 people unemployed, it's not hard to see that there is a problem. With the shutdown of L. Atlas Bradford Industries, the decrease of oil production activities in Burleson County and a nationwide increase in the unemployment rate to double digit figures (the first since 1940), Bryan-College Station is reeling it.

So how do people cope when the jobs disappear? Many don't. As the statistics show, they turn to crime or suicide to solve their monetary problems. But some won't give up.

The young oilfielder is one such person who keeps right on selling with the punches, no matter how hard they hit.

"I guess I'm making it," he said somberly. "But it's hard; it's getting harder all the time. If I had a solution I wouldn't be sitting here. I guess I'm just trying to get by, trying my best, just like everybody else."

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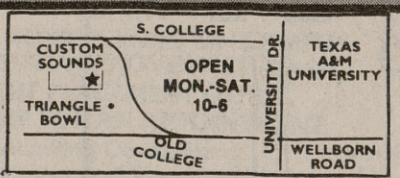
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