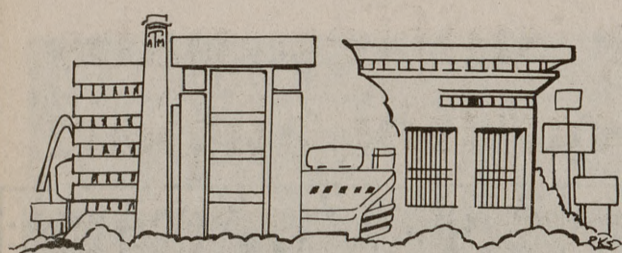


# Around town



## Bank helps seniors establish credit

The Bank of the Southwest in Houston has developed a program to help graduating seniors acquire credit without meeting the usual stringent requirements.

The program includes a VISA card and a personal check credit which gives students overdraft protection and allows a student to write his own loan. Students also can get a low cost checking account and an American Express Gold Card with the approval with American Express.

Dirk Smith, of the Student Government student services committee, said the Bank of the Southwest will have representatives in the Memorial Student Center on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to assist graduating seniors in establishing a credit program.

The Bank of the Southwest also will assist young professionals in establishing their credit with the Credit Bureau of Greater Houston, Smith said.

"The most important place to build your credit is with the credit bureau," Smith said. "Once you've established your credit there, they can refer you elsewhere."

## Hansen named to Texas committee

Texas A&M University System Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen is the new chairman of the Texas Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, announced Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger.

Secretary Weinberger's announcement of the appointment of Dr. Hansen cited the continuing need for support of Texas employers on behalf of their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve Forces.

Dr. Hansen assumed the chancellorship of the Texas A&M University System July 1. Before coming to Texas A&M, he was president of Purdue University for 11 years and previously served two years as president of Georgia Institute of Technology.

## In-state tuition offered to students

The Academic Common Market is helping students in the south cut the costs of undergraduate and graduate study at out-of-state institutions. This arrangement among 13 southern states (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia) allows participating students to pay in-state tuition while studying outside their home states.

There are only two requirements: 1) acceptance in a program to which your state has made arrangements to send its students; and 2) proof that you are a legal resident of that state.

To participate in this program, write directly to the institution for admissions information. After you've been accepted, write to:

Frances Phillips, Director  
Senior College Programs  
Coordinating Board  
Texas College and University System  
Box 12788, Capital Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

For information on the programs and schools available, write to the Southern Regional Education Board, 1340 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta Georgia, 30309.

## Study abroad to be discussed

The MSC Travel Committee and the Study Abroad Office are sponsoring a seminar to make students aware of the study abroad possibilities available from Texas A&M.

The seminar will be held Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Room 205-206 MSC.

## Custodial employees honored here

Seventeen intermediate-level custodial employees recently completed an advanced custodial training program at the Texas A&M University Physical Plant.

Graduating in the program's first class were Doris Workman, Esterline Leaks, Almarie Williams, Mae Hopkins, Georgia Franklin, Verdine Bright, Berrie Ellison, Ladelle Smith, Lola Lister, Jettie Mae Foster, Cruz Narro, Minne Eastep, Patricia Hamilton, Deloris Hill, Victoria Quintero, Lenora L. Hedge and Flossie Poole.

Besides attending seminars and workshops during the five-month program, the women took six finals on job-related subjects such as chemical mixtures and powered equipment.

The graduates were recognized at the November Custodial Quarterly meeting. Also recognized at the meeting were outstanding workers for September through November in each of the 15 custodial crews.

If you have an announcement or interesting item to submit for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald or call Tracey Taylor at 845-2611.

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## Prof says Texas, Kuwait alike

by Tom Dobrez  
Battalion Reporter

On the surface, it may appear that Texas and Kuwait have little in common, but one visiting professor says the two are quite similar.

Dr. Dawood El-Sayed, an Egyptian who was head of the English department at Kuwait University, came here to com-

plete research on a comprehensive dictionary of linguistics. He brought his wife and daughter with him.

He has had no trouble adapting to life in Texas.

"Both countries are very similar," El-Sayed said. "The climate is the same. Both countries are experiencing booms in the oil industry. And both Kuwait and

Texas are growing very fast. There are so many things in common."

The two universities also are similar, he said.

Kuwait University is growing as fast as Texas A&M, and both are conservative, El-Sayed said. El-Sayed is complimentary of Texas A&M.

"The library is great and so

are all the people who work there," he said. "The students are also great. They are so serious about their work; it's terrific. They have a good degree of respect for their professors and themselves. I think that's great."

But at least one thing about the University needs to be changed, El-Sayed said, and he said he is trying to change it.

"I would like to start a program to teach students how to teach English as a foreign language," he said. "This way a student could get a (master of arts) and go to Kuwait or another Arab country and teach English. There is a very lucrative market for any young American."

"Right now, this university doesn't teach Arabic. I'm looking forward to the day when they teach the language and culture of my country. They teach the European languages, so why not Arabic. I am willing to help in any way I can."

El-Sayed already has spoken with the administration about such a proposal.

"Although they have not started developing anything yet, their minds are open and they are listening," he said.

El-Sayed is confident action will be taken.

"It's very possible that if they expand linguistics here they will teach Arabic," he said. "It's possible it will happen in the next two years."

El-Sayed may be the catalyst for such a course, but he probably won't be around to see it materialize. El-Sayed will be leaving either at the end of the semester or the next. He said that his research comes first and that by May 1986, his dictionary will be complete.

But for now, he and his family will continue living in College Station — substituting American football for Kuwait soccer.

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## Judge denies bond for killing suspect

United Press International RICHMOND — A 27-year-old drifter remained jailed without bond on charges in the death of a Sugarland financial consultant, authorities said Saturday.

Fort Bend County Sheriff's Deputy Roger Pavelka said Larry Truax, 27, was charged with the Nov. 22 killing of Paul Michael Sherman, 34, of Sugarland. A magistrate denied bond for Truax.

Authorities found Sherman

dead in his home in Sugarland Nov. 22 after the man's parents reported him late in arriving at their Connecticut home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Investigators said Sherman, a financial consultant, had been slashed in the throat.

Pavelka said Truax was charged in the killing after law officers in George West caught him driving Sherman's late model car.

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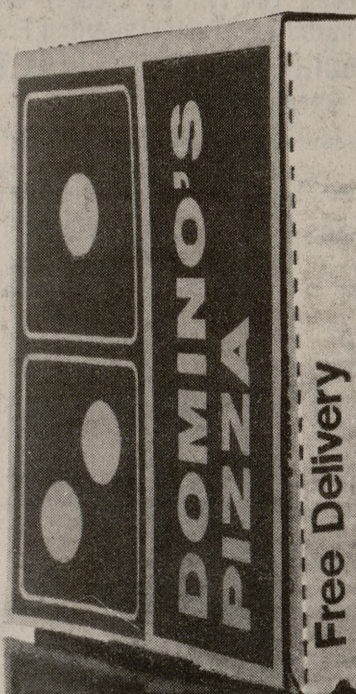
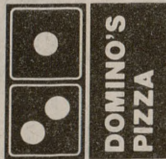
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