

Job market changing for education graduates

By JILL GOLDEN
Reporter

The state's renewed emphasis on basic course requirements and competition from industry are significantly changing the job market for graduates of Texas colleges of education.

Some Bryan-College Station educators say the demand for teachers with math or science certification is increasing, but

those for other areas is decreasing. Teachers trained in math and science are leaving the classroom and entering industry because of higher wages. In addition, House Bill 246, which will go into effect next fall, will change course requirements by increasing academic basics and decreasing elective courses offered to students from the elementary level to the high school level.

"There's a larger demand for math and science certifications because the people with these backgrounds are being lured into industry," said Bryan R. Cole, associate dean of students for the College of Education at Texas A&M.

More than half of the education majors are finding jobs outside the traditional teaching role, he said. The reasons for the changes are the 50 percent

to 100 percent pay increases that industry can offer, Cole said.

"It may influence teachers certified in an elective oriented subject to get another certification more appropriate to the changes taking place," Cole said. "We're encouraging students to go into a math or science background by offering them a special student loan."

The loan is special in the way

it is paid back. Graduates must teach one year for every year they were loaned the money, Cole said.

Tommy Attaway, director of personnel for the College Station Independent School District, said he sees House Bill 246 as a real threat to teachers who are not certified to teach in math and science.

"I'm afraid some people teaching courses like health or

other elective-type subjects may find themselves without a job once this bill goes into effect," Attaway said.

"If they decrease electives, it narrows down the number of people needed to teach them. One might cancel out the other."

Attaway suggested education majors study two certification areas to protect themselves

from the possibility of losing their jobs.

C.B. McGown, director of personnel for the Bryan Independent School District, said job prospects have increased for education majors because fewer people are majoring in education and more women are going into industry. Low pay is the main factor behind the changes, McGown said.

Median planned to regulate traffic

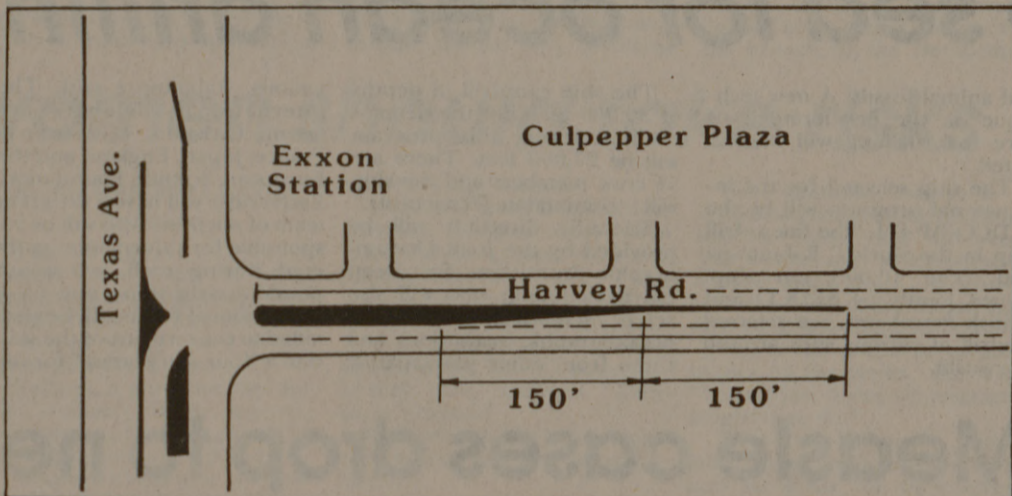
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A raised median on Harvey Road, stretching from Texas Avenue eastward to the last entrance into Culpepper Plaza, is planned to help regulate traffic at the intersection.

John Black, College Station traffic engineer, says the median will block cars from making left turns into the first entrance of Culpepper. The median will create a turning lane into the last entrance, just past Safeway. It can contain as many as nine or ten cars waiting to turn left without blocking other traffic on Harvey, Black says.

In addition to the Culpepper median, another will be built on Harvey Road, extending from the traffic light at Kyle South Road westward 180 feet. That median will block left turns into the two Taco Bell entrances from westbound traffic. Traffic then can enter Taco Bell only from the eastbound lane.

"This median will prevent cars from trying to drive illegally from Kyle South into Taco



Bell," Black said. "It will also help regulate left-turning traffic onto Kyle South."

City officials routinely meet with property owners who will be affected by new medians or other street projects before construction begins. Business operators are then able to give their opinions on the proposals. A meeting between the city and

the four affected owners on Harvey Road was held Feb. 13. The businesses affected are an Exxon station, Culpepper Plaza, Taco Bell and Tanglewood Apartments. Of the four, only Taco Bell objected.

Black says Taco Bell was warned before the restaurant was built that the site could become a bad location.

"We told the company in a letter dated March 1980 that a median would probably be constructed in the next 2-2½ years that would block both their driveways," he said. "They built Taco Bell anyway."

"We are not responsible if the Taco Bell District Office didn't tell the owner of the situation. Property is sold and

leased out all the time without the city's knowledge. We cannot be responsible."

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Ultimate Frisbee tournament set

By HELEN DE LA ROSA
Reporter

The word Frisbee has generally created an image of friendly recreation on a beach or at a picnic. It used to be just something fun to do in a group, or an entertaining way to play fetch with the dog.

But Frisbee buffs have discovered the serious side of this leisurely sport with ultimate Frisbee.

What's an ultimate Frisbee? "An ultimate Frisbee is not a thing. It's a sport," said Ken Saunders, an ultimate Frisbee player on UL-TAMU (pronounced as it's spelled), Texas A&M's ultimate Frisbee team. "It's a very serious sport, very active and requires good physical fitness."

UL-TAMU members will pit their physical fitness and Frisbee skills against 16 other teams in a tournament that begins Saturday at 10 a.m. at the polo fields.

Ultimate Frisbee is played by two teams of seven players. Usually, men play men or women play women, but the teams can be mixed.

The official ultimate Frisbee field is 60 yards long and 40 yards wide, with two end zones

40 yards wide and 30 yards deep.

The object of the game is for the team with the Frisbee to try to advance it by throwing it to other team members. Players in possession of the Frisbee can't walk, run or take a step, or a foul is called. As in basketball, a pivot foot is established by the player with the Frisbee and switching the pivot foot is also a foul. Other fouls are physical contact with the thrower, push-

ing off, screening and stalling. The players decide whether or not a foul has been committed.

"The game is set up on a unique honor system," said Kevin Sullivan, UL-TAMU advisor and team player. "There are no referees or officials. You have to police yourself; everyone is honest."

The game ends according to the rules set up in the captains' meeting before the game. The winner can be either the first

team to score a set amount of points, or the team to score the most points in a set amount of time.

Ultimate Frisbee was introduced at Texas A&M in 1978 by Kevin Sullivan and Scott Gunn. Both still are members of the UL-TAMU team.

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