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## Report shows oil forecasts are off base

**United Press International**  
HOUSTON — A large portion of an estimated \$500 billion invested worldwide on the assumption of rising oil prices will become one of the most expensive business errors ever, a study of oil prices and forecasting says.  
The industry's current expectation that oil will be more valuable in the 1990s "could be undercut by new forces at work in energy and oil demand, a basic structural revolution in the oil industry, and geopolitics," says the study, "The Future of Oil Prices: The Perils of Prophecy."  
The report, which was a project of Arthur Andersen & Co. and Cambridge Energy Research Associates, resulted from a year's study of oil forecasting done by banks, governments, and corporations.  
A "push towards consensus" characterized oil price predictions despite their uncertainty and revisions, the report says. The recession of the early 1980s, energy conservation and the switch away from oil has undermined the expectations that led to the investment of about \$500 billion around the world in 1980 and 1981, the study says.  
"After 15 years of turbulence, it is clear that the impact of unpredictable factors is so great that future oil prices cannot be 'accurately' predicted," said Daniel Yergin, president of Cambridge Energy Research Associates.

## Around town

**Apply for Fish Camp chairman now**  
Student Y Fish Camp is now accepting applications for chairman, sub-chairman and recreation-coordinator. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. Dec. 6. There will be a reception for all applicants in the MSC on Dec. 7.

**Defensive driving class begins today**  
The TAMU After Hours Program will sponsor a **driver safety course** today and tomorrow. This course may be used to have certain traffic violations dismissed and to receive a 10 percent discount on automobile insurance. Registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today through Friday in 216 MSC. For more information call 845-1515.

**Organizations can participate in fair**  
All student organizations are invited to participate in this year's **MSC All-Night County Fair**. Organizations may sponsor a game booth by filling out an application in the Student Finance Center of Student Programs Office and returning it with a \$20 deposit (\$10 refundable). This is a great chance to have fun and raise money for your organization. Call the Student Programs Office at 845-1515 or Mike at 260-7053 for more information.

**Defensive driving class Continues**  
Brazos Valley Safety Agency is sponsoring a **defensive driving course** Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, College Station. The course can be used to receive a 10 percent reduction in automobile insurance rates, or for the dismissal of a traffic fine. Registration is at 5 p.m. Monday at the Ramada Inn. The fee is \$20. Call 693-8178 for more information.

## Simple steps reduce fat intake with tasty results

By **LISA PEDERSEN**  
Reporter  
Lowering the percentage of fat in your diet can help you enjoy the holidays with tasty foods and help you cut calories, a Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Service nutritionist said Tuesday.  
"Some of the suggestions we are making now with some of our clientele is to learn which foods have a higher amount of fat in them," Mary Sweeten said.  
Sweeten recommends reducing butter, margarine, oil, mayonnaise, lard and salad dressing.  
For example, by using yogurt instead of mayonnaise or sour cream

you can cut down on calories, Sweeten said. Yogurt gives some of the characteristic flavors of mayonnaise and sour cream, she said.  
"Also, in relationship to milk group foods, if you select skim milk products instead of whole milk you can save some calories there," Sweeten said.  
When recipes call for onions, mushrooms or other vegetables, Sweeten suggests sauteing them in less fat and adding several tablespoons of water or broth.  
Sweeten said another way to reduce the fat content of food is cutting away all visible fat from meat and removing the skin from poultry.

Certain methods of preparing foods that use small amounts of fat such as pan broiling, oven broiling or grill cooking are ways of having a good tasting meal with a lower calorie level, Sweeten said.  
Often substitutions won't change the food flavor that much, but cooks should be careful in some type of recipes, Sweeten said.  
However, Sweeten recommends at least one teaspoon of margarine or some other type of fat for each meal.  
"The reason for this is it prevents you from getting extremely hungry throughout the day," Sweeten said.

## Health

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the Future Burn Center, created by David Richards, and the Birthing Development Center, created by Marti Sicola.  
Richards said his project was inspired by the fire which occurred in Mexico City. Richards proposed that the Future Burn Center would be located next to O'Hare Airport in Chicago because of the airport's capacity, and could be supported by a world oil tax. The premise of the center is to provide life-saving treatment and therapy for victims who live in underdeveloped areas.  
"This way, the underdeveloped countries wouldn't just be out of luck," Richards said.  
Sicola's Birthing Development Center, "New Beginnings," serves every aspect of pregnancy except giving birth. The center would provide research laboratories, counseling, examining rooms and exercise rooms for expectant mothers and their families, Sicola said.  
"I had read many things that said people were going to simpler methods," she said. "This is a learning

building. It will provide counseling for the whole family."  
As the number of elderly people increases with the aging of the "baby boom generation," health care facilities must make major adaptations. Several students dealt with this problem in their projects.  
Students also designed nutrition centers, research centers, stress treatment centers, rehabilitation centers, hospices and clinics promoting in-home health care with the aid of computers. Some students renovated existing structures to concur with future health care needs.  
"I believe renovation will be of more importance than doing new buildings," said Melissa Morris, who renovated an old hospital to create the Plastic Reconstructive Surgery center. Morris' design provides for areas designed to function more smoothly, such as therapy centers on the building's top floor and emergency rooms on the first floor.  
One of the most unusual projects is the development of an Eye Hospital/Teaching Facility aboard a DC-10. The flying hospital and a design for a World Ophthalmological Center

are two projects created for the Orbis Institute by Dickie LaSalle. Inside the DC-10 are facilities for laser surgery, micro surgery and general ophthalmological treatment, including teaching areas, a lecture hall, observation bays over the surgical areas and a computer system that links the DC-10 to hospitals.  
LaSalle said the Orbis Institute already has similar facilities aboard a DC-8, but wants to improve the facilities.  
While some students set few boundaries on their futuristic designs, several students emphasized the fact that though technology will change rapidly in the next 16 years, the buildings which house that technology will change more slowly.  
"I think the technology is going to change — that's already happening now, and it's just going to progress more," said Greg Woodard, creator of the Harris County Rehabilitation and Research Center. "But the building material isn't going to change that much in 16 years."

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