



Ghostly images

Photo by FRANK IRWIN

With finals week drawing to a close and the exodus of students, the area will soon become a "ghost town" until classes start in January. Multiple exposure was used to make these ghosts on the steps of Zachry Engineering Center visible.

## Scientist shortage hurts agriculture

University News Service

A shortage of trained scientists and professionals in food and agriculture sciences endangers the nation's long-term ability to provide food for the world, warns an agricultural dean at Texas A&M, the nation's second-largest agricultural school.

The recent attention focused on the millions of Africans suffering from malnutrition and starvation helps underscore the problem, said Dr. H.O. Kunkel, an authority on nutrition.

"A critical element in meeting these challenges is the ability of the agricultural science and education system to attract and train scientists and specialists with needed skills, such as molecular genetics, human nutrition, soil and water sciences, international marketing, systems analysis and agricultural engineering," he said.

Texas A&M officials learned this month they will receive grants totaling \$189,361 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to train needed scientists.

Texas A&M received \$78,530 for five doctoral fellowships in agricultural engineering, Kunkel said, and \$110,831 for seven doctoral fellowships in biotechnology.

Kunkel said the objective of the grants, which come from the USDA

Agricultural Research Service's Higher Education Programs, is to encourage outstanding students to pursue and complete graduate and doctoral degrees in an area of the food and agricultural sciences for which there is a national need.

"The funds weren't given to aid the universities," he said, "but to increase capabilities for recruiting additional graduate students in areas where there are shortages."

Fellowships which were awarded to the Department of Agricultural Engineering will be used to support doctoral students studying soil and water conservation, microelectronic applications, crop processing, food engineering, biochemical engineering, biosystems modeling and simulation and biomass energy systems, Kunkel said.

Biotechnology fellowships awarded to the Colleges of Agriculture, Science and Veterinary Medicine will support graduate research in plant molecular biology, large animal molecular biology and insect molecular biology, he said.

"We're pleased to have received the funds and to have received the maximum amount allotted," Kunkel said.

## Restaurants report sales decline

By MARCUS MILES  
Reporter

Bryan-College Station residents spent \$184 on eating out in the second quarter of 1984, or 40.35 percent of their total food dollar," said Gabriele Ulrich of the Texas Restaurant Association in a recent TRA report.

Despite the increase in spending, many area restaurants are reporting a decrease in sales from last year.

"Our sales are down from this time last year," William Darling, General Manager at Red Lobster, said. "We feel that a lot of it has to do with the attendance at football games and the fact that many of this year's games started early."

"As a result, many of the fans elect to return home because they have enough time to get there before dark. In the past, many fans would spend the night after a game and this increased our sales."

Another reason for the drop in sales, Darling said, is an increase in competition. Since December of last

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year, 16 new restaurants have opened in this area.

"We (Red Lobster) decided to expand to the Bryan-College Station area over a year ago because of the number of people in the area, its growth potential and the overall business climate," Darling said.

"These are the things we look for when we survey a potential market. We feel that a community with 100,000 or more people can support a Red Lobster."

J.J. Muggs is the newest concept from the Steak and Ale Restaurant Corp. Steve Whitis, manager of J.J. Muggs, said. The S&A Restaurant Corp. owns 3 area restaurants: Ben-

nigans, J.J. Muggs and Steak and Ale.

"We've been successful in our other areas, which includes fine dining at Steak and Ale and college atmosphere at Bennigans," Whitis said. "So we decided to open a restaurant that offers informal family dining (J.J. Muggs), for Bryan-College Station residents."

Tommy Pearson, general manager of newcomer J.T. McCords, said, "The local restaurant market is pretty well saturated but there is always room for good restaurants."

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tion, Pearson said.

"This will be our first holiday season in the area and we are looking forward to it," Pearson said. "We offer convenience and an attractive price structure, which we feel is one of the reasons for the increase in the number of people eating out."

Because the Interurban Eating House was successful in Norman, Okla., owners decided to expand to another college town — College Station.

"We wanted to build more restaurants and we studied the market and decided that building a restaurant in the Bryan-College Station would be a good investment," said Marla Cooper, assistant manager of Interurban.

"Even though, in the last 3 years there has been increased competition in the local restaurant business, we feel we made a good choice," Cooper said.

## A&M creates institute to study eye diseases

University News Service

A first-of-its-kind institute to improve prevention and treatment of eye diseases and disorders has been established at Texas A&M University.

"Research for maintaining healthy eyes has been much too little for far too long," said Dr. George C.Y. Chiou, head of the Medical Pharmacology and Toxicology Department at Texas A&M.

Chiou, a highly successful researcher who recently found a new treatment for glaucoma, will head the new Institute of Ocular Pharmacology.

"A great many diseases and disorders of the eye are associated with aging," Chiou said. "More than half of all visual impairment occurs in people age 65 or older. People today are also living longer, yet many are kept

from enjoying certain benefits of this longevity by visual problems."

He said the institute will unite researchers from a variety of disciplines including ophthalmology, pharmacology, biochemistry, physiology and pathology.

Their research, and that of others in the field, will be reported in the new Journal of Ocular Pharmacology to be published by the institute.

Another goal of the research center, he said, is the attraction of outstanding ocular pharmacologists to Texas A&M with endowed chairs.

Since there are only a few senior ocular pharmacologists in the nation, putting two or three together in one institute would create a unique organization, Chiou said.

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