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Sack lunches fun, cheap, nutritious

Brown bagging it need not be dull

By JO BETH MURPHY
Reporter

No, it isn't a new dish craved by pregnant women. Peanut butter mixed with mayonnaise and crisp bits of bacon on white bread is one of many suggestions offered to brown baggers in the pamphlet "Packed Lunches."

The pamphlet, which is distributed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, also offers tips on proper food storage for sack lunches.

Convenience, economy and nutrition are some of the virtues of bringing a sack lunch on campus, says Susan Lawrence, a junior from Houston.

A Texas A&M foods and nutrition specialist on campus agrees.

"Without a doubt sack lunches can be less expensive," Alice Hunt says.

She says a student can eat for less than \$1.40 a meal by bringing a lunch from home.

Hunt says how nutritious a lunch is depends on what is packed, but she says the four food groups should be represented.

The specialist also says sack



lunches can be low in calories. A sample low calorie lunch might consist of a sandwich with meat and cheese, raw vegetable sticks and a piece of fresh fruit. She warns that calories creep in when things such as butter or mayonnaise are added.

The qualities Hunt looks for in a packed lunch seem to be qual-

ities some students also appreciate.

"I don't try to eat right, but I think I do," says Clay Gomez, graduate student from San Antonio. "I used to eat in Sbis and that was fun but not cheap."

Lawrence says that with a sack lunch "You have more time to relax."

She says she used most of her lunch time standing in lines waiting to get her food before she started bringing her lunch with her.

A limited number of the pamphlets are available in 109 Kleberg Animal and Food Science Center. Planning pointers, recipes and money-saving tips are included in the pamphlet.

More direct route to Post Oak Mall in planning stage

By ABBY L. LECOCQ
Reporter

Barring further complications, residents around Dartmouth and Holleman streets may have a more direct route to Southwest Parkway and Post Oak Mall within a year, said David Pullen, city engineer for College Station.

Dartmouth Street will be cut through to Southwest Parkway and Holleman will be reconstructed from Texas Avenue to the Sears Service Center across from Post Oak Mall, Pullen said.

Bids were opened in July with the hope construction would start Aug. 1, he said, but a problem of right-of-way has postponed the awarding of the contract.

The problem involves negotiations regarding the value of a piece of property that has been under Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, Pullen said.

If the right-of-way is secured, Pullen plans to go to the College Station City Council on Sept. 26 with a recommendation to award the construction contract.

"As I understand, there has been an agreement reached on the land negotiations," Pullen said. "It's just a matter of getting some signatures on paper."

If the council approves the recommendation, Pullen said he anticipates construction to begin in mid-to late October. It should be completed in about one year, but only if the right-of-way is secured, he emphasized.

"The building of the project will not create any additional expenses to property taxes," Pullen said.

The opening of the two streets also may help Texas A&M bus operations better serve students in these areas, said Doug Williams, manager of Bus Operations.

Currently, students living in Woodstock Condominiums, Stone-wood Village and Huntington

Apartments must board the shuttle bus at the intersection of Dartmouth and Highway 30. The construction, when finished, will make it possible to open a new route so students can get on the bus closer to their apartments, Williams said.

Presently it's hard to tell which route the buses would take, Williams said, but it's possible that the plan would include reducing the number of buses on the Scarlet O'Hara route and scheduling a new route on Dartmouth and maybe back down Holleman.

"It would be easier to go ahead and make a new route down Dartmouth and we wouldn't have to stop at all on Highway 30," Williams said. "It would be a little safer and a little more convenient for students."

The duplexes and fourplexes on Manuel St. currently are not on a shuttle bus route, but the construction may change that, Williams said.

Also, Eastmark Apartments on Southwest Parkway may be able to be serviced by the shuttle buses, he said.

"It depends on which streets are open and how much access we have to certain areas over there," Williams said.

But the rescheduling of bus routes depends on more than just the open streets, Williams said. It also depends on the length of time it takes to drive the route and the number of people buying passes.

"There's so many variables it's hard to tell where we'd begin to route," Williams said. "If nobody else is added, just (for) the people that live over in the apartments on Dartmouth Street at present we can justify putting buses over there and making a separate route."

But, for now, everything is on hold.

"Until we have the concrete to drive on, we can just plan," Williams said. "You can draw anything you want to on paper."

Ticketron tickets now at Rudder Box Office

By MARK RUDOLPH
Reporter

You don't have to go out of town to purchase concert tickets anymore. You don't even have to leave the Texas A&M campus.

The tickets are now offered through the Rudder Box Office, says Debbie Murray, ticket supervisor for the box office.

"Ticketron tickets have been offered through the box office since Feb. 1," Murray says.

Ticketron is a nationwide service which sells tickets for almost any event. The box office has two computer terminals connected to the service, she says.

Murray says tickets offered through Ticketron at the box office

include concerts, Houston Astro's baseball, Houston Rocket's basketball, the Houston Symphony, the Houston Pops Orchestra, the Houston Ballet, Las Vegas shows and even Broadway shows in New York City.

These tickets are more expensive than those purchased at the particular location of the event, Murray says, because of the service charge Ticketron assesses.

Tickets also can be purchased through Ticketron outlets for out-of-town A&M football games.

"Through this service an alumni can get tickets to A&M events without having to come into town to purchase them," she says.

The box office also sells tickets for

the Plitt movie theatres in the area. The tickets are offered at a discount of \$2.75, Murray says, and can be used for any show at any time.

Murray says MSC Operal and Performing Arts Society season tickets are now on sale and tickets for Broadway shows coming to A&M will go on sale Oct. 7. Student discounts are offered for these productions.

However, concert tickets offered through Town Hall are not discounted, Murray says, because of contract requirements.

Besides selling tickets for these events, the box office will sell tickets for any organization on campus, Murray says. A service charge is assessed if the organization isn't recognized by the University.

Also, student option passes have been discontinued this year because of the limited number of concerts Town Hall brought in last year, she says. The option passes were used by students to obtain reserved seating for events, prior to general public ticket sales.

Murray says the box office has operated at A&M for over 12 years, always as a non-profit organization.

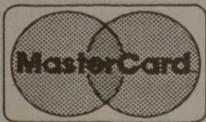
She emphasizes that the box office is not involved with the scheduling of events, but it does keep up with the people touring as much as possible.

"We just sell tickets," she says.

In the past year, the box office has sold over 100,000 tickets, grossing over \$1 million, Murray says.

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