

Changes may cost \$5 million

## Duncan to be renovated

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The facilities planning and construction division of the Texas A&M University System recently received the "go ahead" for the renovation of Duncan Dining Hall, a project with a total estimated cost of \$5 million, Food Services Director Fred Dollar says.

"Before we got the go ahead, the plan was just a proposal and we weren't authorized to start work on any of the details," Dollar says.

The renovation will help improve the quality and variety of food served to the Corps of Cadets and also cut the cost of the family-style service, he says. The hall will be re-designed for use of a fast food and

plate-ready system to meet the standards of the other dining facilities on campus.

The family-style service consists of a single selection of food placed on the table by waiters, and the cost of providing this service has risen steadily over the past years, Dollar says.

In fiscal year 1983-84, the dining hall had a net loss of \$308,450 compared to a net gain of \$522,993 for Sbis and \$589,054 for the Commons.

The Corps pays the same board rate as Commons and Sbis students, Dollar says, yet their service results in a monetary loss and the cadets receive far less meal satisfaction.

The reasons for the higher cost in Duncan Dining Hall is the extra labor costs required to serve family-style and the excessive food waste resulting from the inability to provide food variety, he says.

Under the new system, 2,200 cadets can be fed in 10 minutes, says Moffat Adams, project manager and chief architect.

The fast food lines will be like those in Sbis and Commons, Adams says, and the Corps will have their choice of such items as pizza, hamburgers and sandwiches. The plate-ready part of the project will give cadets a choice of at least two menu items, which will already be on plates, to pick up from carts, Adams says.

"The Corps is already experimenting with the plate-ready system at breakfast," he says. "And we're feeding about 1,350 cadets in eight minutes."

Adams says the construction on the new project should begin in December of 1986 when the cadets go home for Christmas. The estimated completion date is the following December.

The options available for feeding the Corps during the construction remain flexible, Dollar says.

A committee of cadets, staff and project managers met in June 1984 to discuss features that the new facility should include, Adams says. He says the Corps wants:

- A greater variety of food.
- To be seated as units at their designated tables.
- Evening and morning formations.
- Lunch hours from 10:15 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. to accommodate the cadets' class schedules.
- One large dining room instead of two.
- To be able to serve banquet functions.
- A better public address system.

Adams says the new system will probably meet all of these needs except perhaps the one large dining area because of the circulation space required for the plate-ready service.

## What's up

### Friday

**MSC AGGIE CINEMA:** presents "Amadeus" at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. Midnight movie: "Richard Pryor Live On Sunset Strip" in Rudder Auditorium.

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR AGGIE GET-TOGETHERS:** will meet at 5:30 p.m. For place call Greg Hall at 764-6515.

**VENEZUELAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

**INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

**CHINA CLUB:** will show the movie "Acrobatic Wonders" at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

**MSC NOVA:** will hold open gaming at 7 p.m. in 352 MSC. Lessons on how to play "Top Secret" at 7 p.m. in 350A MSC.

**TAMU CHESS CLUB:** will hold open gaming 7 p.m.-10 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY:** will meet for Bible study at 6:15 p.m. at the A&M Presbyterian Church offices.

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### Saturday

**MSC AGGIE CINEMA:** presents "Amadeus" at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. Midnight movie: "Richard Pryor Live On Sunset Strip" in Rudder Auditorium.

**LA TERTULIA (SPANISH CLUB):** will play soccer with the Colombian Club at 2 p.m. at Bee Creek Park. Caravan from MSC at 1:45. Please pay dues.

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR AGGIE GET-TOGETHERS:** will meet at 5 a.m. in Parking Lot 46 to leave for Lubbock.

**MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** is sponsoring an Islamic study group at 4 p.m. in Rudder. Check screen for room number.

**REAL ESTATE CLUB:** will have mock R.E. Sales Licensing at 10 a.m. in 102 Blocker.

**CENTURY SINGERS:** has a car wash 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the University National Bank across from Blocker Bldg.

**OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES:** will meet at 8 a.m. on Duncan Field to go to bonfire cutting site. Bring a lunch and wear boots.

**MSC NOVA:** has a "Top Secret" tournament at 7 p.m. in 350A MSC.

**TAMU WOMEN'S SOCCER:** vs. t.u. at 2 p.m. in Austin.

### Sunday

**MSC AGGIE CINEMA:** presents "Piaf—The Early Years" at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

**TAMU INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE CLUB:** will have folkdance demonstrations at 8 p.m. in MSC upstairs.

**COLLEGIATE FFA:** Fall BBQ at 3 p.m. at Hensel Park Area 3.

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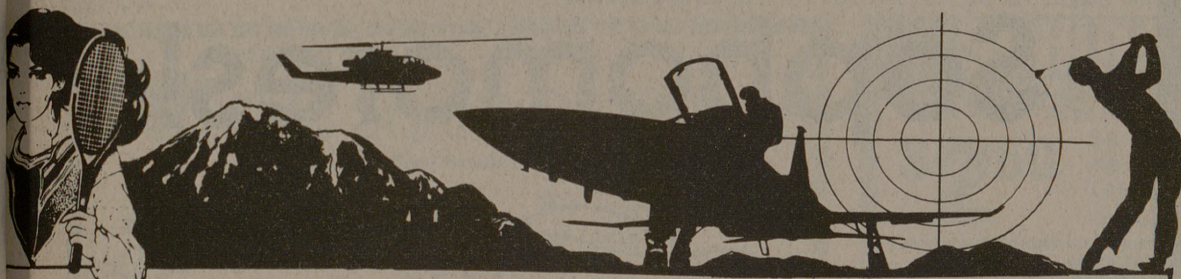
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