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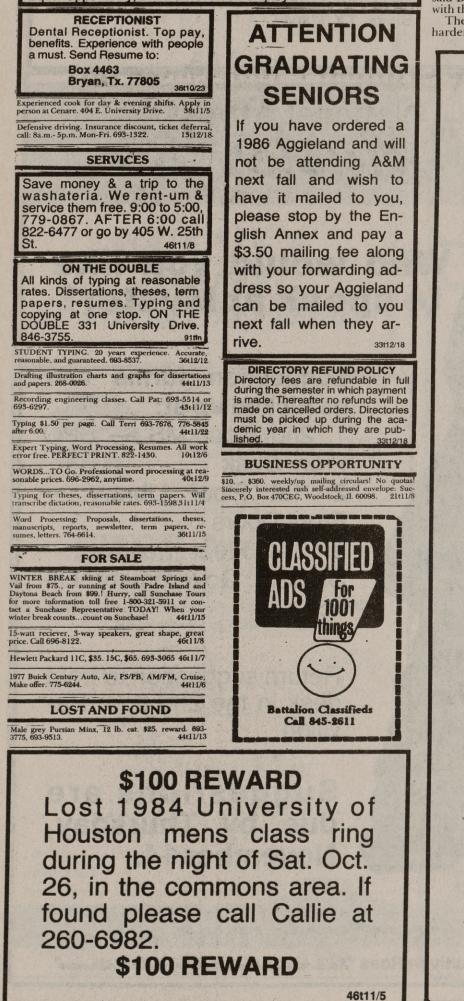
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#### **Study shows** trade woes hurting Texas

**Associated Press** 

WASHINGTON — Texans are losing thousands of jobs, billions of spending dollars and millions of dol-lars in oil and gas tax revenues because of the nation's trade imbalance and the strong U.S. dollar, accord-

ing to a new study. The study, conducted by two Southern Methodist University professors, was released over the week-end by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas.

Bentsen, a member of the Joint Economic Committee and a leading sponsor of trade legislation, said the study is an attempt to show that in-ternational markets and economic policies do have an effect closer to home

The study backs Bentsen's conten-tion that U.S. industries are being forced to compete against foreign manufacturers who enjoy unfair advantages.

Texas businesses have been players in the world marketplace for decades, and they can meet these challenges if allowed to compete on a level playing field," concluded the professors who authored the study, Bernard L. Weinstein and Harold T. Gross.

The implications of the changing world marketplace, in the meantime, are "severe" for the state's three big industries - energy, high technol-

industries — energy, high technor-ogy and agriculture, they said. "Generally they are manifested in three fairly distinct ways — job losses, purchasing power losses and state tax revenue losses," Weinstein and Gross reported.

The professors said Texas is no longer the "archetypical Sunbelt state" but instead is being "buffetted severely by changing patterns of world commerce and today boasts an unemployment rate that exceeds the national average.

rate jumped a percentage point over September, to 8.1 percent, while the national figure remained the same,

at 7.1 percent. "The problem is that we don't have an effective trade policy, and we don't have a good energy policy, and the farm policy is not working," said Bentsen in a statement released with the study.

The strong dollar is making it harder for Texas industries to sell

## **Student Leader Profile** Class of '87 president working to get students involved

**By MEG** CADIGAN

Staff Writer When Class of '87 President Cindy Webb got involved with her class council as a freshman she says the size of Texas A&M suddenly seemed less overwhelming. "When you

come down and you're not involved and you

don't know anyone, that's when it seems really hu-ge," Webb says. "Now it doesn't seem like 7,000 people are in your class. It seems like there are 100 people you know really well.

Webb was the Class of '87 Social Secretary her freshman and sophomore years. She says one activity she enjoyed the most during her stint as Social Secretary was working on the annual class ball.

"Getting involved (with Class of '87) gave me the opportunity to work with some really wonderful people," she says.

Webb, a junior finance major, says she decided to run for class president this year because she thought her ideas, as well as her interest and expe-rience, could help the class.

Webb says she would like to promote unity in the Class of '87.

"One of our goals this year is to make sure the PR gets out, and gets out on time," Webb says. "That way everyone at least knows what's going on.

goods overseas while imports in-crease, according to the study.

The state has lost 120,000 jobs since April 1981, most in the energy

industry, the study said. With the loss of jobs, many of them high-paying, there are \$2.6 bil-lion fewer dollars in the state to spend at the establishments of Texas merchants, the professors said.

A decline in drilling activity has reduced the state's major sources of revenue - severance taxes on oil and gas production and sales taxes on manufactured equipment. It has been estimated that for ev-

ery dollar-a-barrel drop in crude oil prices, Texas loses \$40 million in severance taxes, \$30 million in franchise and other taxes, and \$30 million in taxes on sales of oil field equipment, the study said.



**Cindy Webb** 

She says the class has been successful in this area so far. However, Webb says she would like to see more class members involved in council activities.

Webb's interest in social and civic activities didni begin with her college career. As a high school sudent in Mansfield — population 10,000 – herfa vorite project was working with a school counse on a Christmas project to feed needy people.

We had about five families that were very need and we took everything (food and supplies) to them," Webb says.

She says the counselor has been working on this project every year for more than 20 years.

"It was something that, he always said, you tun it over to God and pray to God, and He will alway come through," Webb says. "And He always did."

Webb says her hobbies are reading, aerobia, swimming, waterskiing and stitchery.

"I also spend a lot of my free time just visiting" she says. "I'm a visitor." So it's not suprising that her impression of A&M

as a friendly school drew her here. "It's just the atmosphere here," she says. "Ev-

yone is so friendly and caring, that it just seemed like the places for me."

Once at A&M, Webb says she found all of the Aggie traditions a little confusing. She says her h vorite tradition now is Muster.

"I think that's the most unique thing about A&M," Webb says. "That's something that will k done for every single Aggie." As to her plans for next year, Webb says, "I would be hard to give up working with the dass." She says she will probably run for office again. In the part the distribution of the says here distributions and the says here.

In the not-too-distant future Webb says she plan to go to graduate school and work in finance, either

on the corporate or banking side.

Domestic drilling activity has fallen to 1978 levels and capital expenditures are down 30 percent, they said.

laid off because of the slump, According to figures from the Oil professors said, noting that h and Gas Journal, said the professors, the number of refineries in Texas rose by 11, from 45 to 56, between based Texas Instruments post \$3.9 million loss in the second ter of this year.

the years 1975 and 1980. But between 1980 and 1984, 23 refineries closed in Texas.

"Automated refineries abroad possess a critical advantage over American refiners, whose labor costs are increasingly the only variable cost over which control may be exercised," the study said.

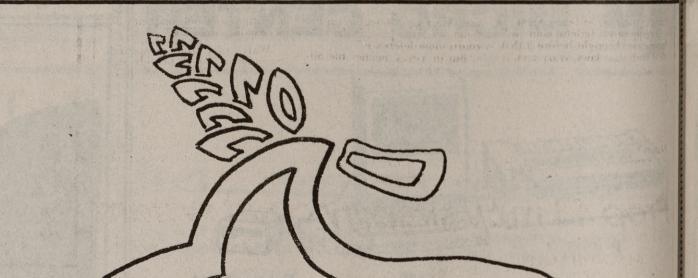
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technology and resources and government-backed loans and st dies, said the study.

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