

Restaurant Report

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The restaurants listed below were inspected Oct. 27 through Tuesday by the Brazos County Health Department. The information is based on food service establishment reports.

SCORED BETWEEN 90 AND 95:

• **Senate Lounge** at 404 E. 18th in Bryan was inspected by Mike Lester. Score — **94**. Four points were deducted on the report because a side door needed a screen. Two more points were subtracted on the report because soap and paper towels were needed at some hand sinks.

• **Dairy Queen** at 2323 S. Texas Ave. in College Station was inspected by Mike Lester. Score — **92**. Four points were deducted in the report because a rear door was not self-closing, nor was it properly sealed. Two points were deducted because a wastebasket was not covered, and a restroom door did not close properly. Two one-point violations were cited in the report because some freezers and refrigerators needed thermometers.

David Jefferson, a registered sanitarian at the department, says restaurants with scores of 95 or above generally have excellent operations and facilities. Jefferson says restaurants with scores in the 70s or low 80s usually have serious violations on the health report.

Scores can be misleading, Jefferson says, because restaurants can achieve the same score by having several major violations or an abundance of minor violations. He says the major violations might close the restaurant down while some minor violations can be corrected during the inspection.

Jefferson says the department might close a restaurant if: the score is below 60, the personnel has infectious diseases, the restaurant lacks adequate refrigeration, a sewage backup exists in the building, the restaurant has a complete lack of sanitization for the food equipment.

Point deductions, or violations, on the report range from one point (minor violation) to five points (major violation). The department inspects each restaurant about every six months.

Sometimes a follow-up inspection must be made, usually within 10 days. Jefferson says a restaurant might require a follow-up inspection if it has a four- or five-point violation that cannot be corrected while the inspector is still there, or if there are numerous small violations.

Inspectors at the department are registered sanitarians.

SCORED BETWEEN 85 AND 90:

• **Los Nortenos** at 201 S. Main in Bryan was inspected by David Pickens. Score — **85**. Five points were deducted in the report because some chips that already had been served were being saved for re-use. A four-point violation was cited in the report because a fly-proof screen needed to be installed over an exhaust fan. The report said this was a repeat violation and gave three days to correct the problem.

The report also said some screening needed to be replaced on a door. Two points were deducted in the report because a men's bathroom was dirty and the toilet seat was on the floor. A two-point violation was cited in the report because some food was left uncovered in a refrigerator and in a reach-in freezer.

One point was deducted in the report because there were some personal items in a women's bathroom and a hand sink in the bathroom was inaccessible. One more point was deducted in the report because a ceiling trap door was open.

State Rep. Ralph Wallace, a co-sponsor of the bill to get branch banking on the ballot, said the Legislature will work out specifics in the next session.

"I think it's going to make it more competitive, more advantageous for the consumer," Wallace said.

But Gary Tongate, an independent banker opposed to the amendment, said he believed branch banking eventually will result in higher service charges.

"Obviously, we feel it's going to be detrimental to Texas," said Tongate, a member of Independent Bankers of Texas. "I think the well-managed independent banks will still have a place in Texas, but they will find it difficult to compete."

The amendment to repeal the one-subject rule relating to the caption title of a bill also won 73 percent approval. It makes each chamber of the Legislature responsible for requiring that the subject of each bill be in its title.

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A101 Freshman Orientation

Nothing could have prepared me for the first few moments with my roommate. "Anique"—nothing more, just "Anique"—was her name. Change the "A" to a "U" and you've got a description.

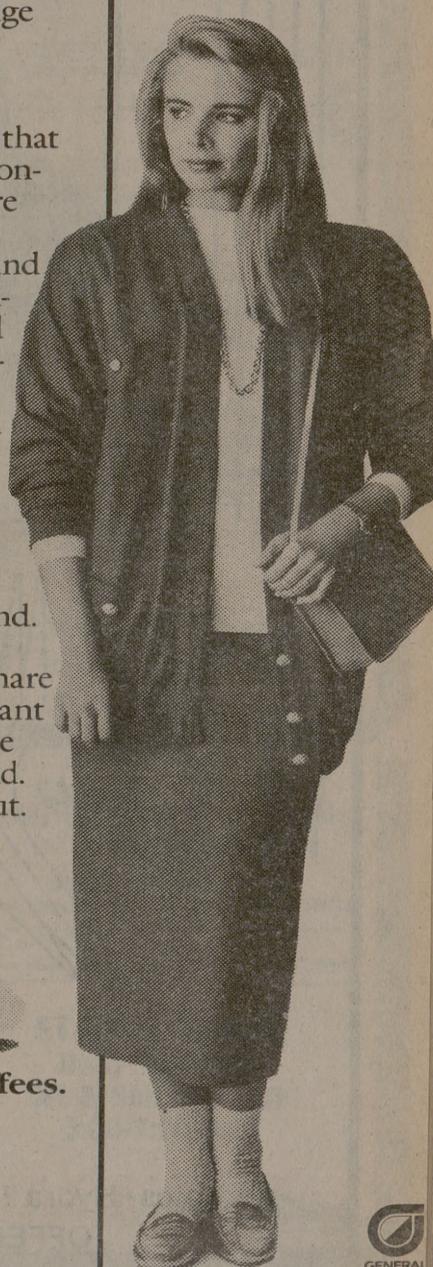
When they asked what type of roommate I wanted, I didn't know that I needed to be more specific than non-smoker. I could swear I saw a picture of Anique on a postcard I got from London. Within five minutes, I found out that she was an Art History student, into the Psychedelic Furs, and totally, totally against the domestication of animals.

I was just about ready to put in for a room transfer when she reached into her leather backpack, pulled out a can of Suisse Mocha and offered me a cup. Okay, I decided I'd keep an open mind.

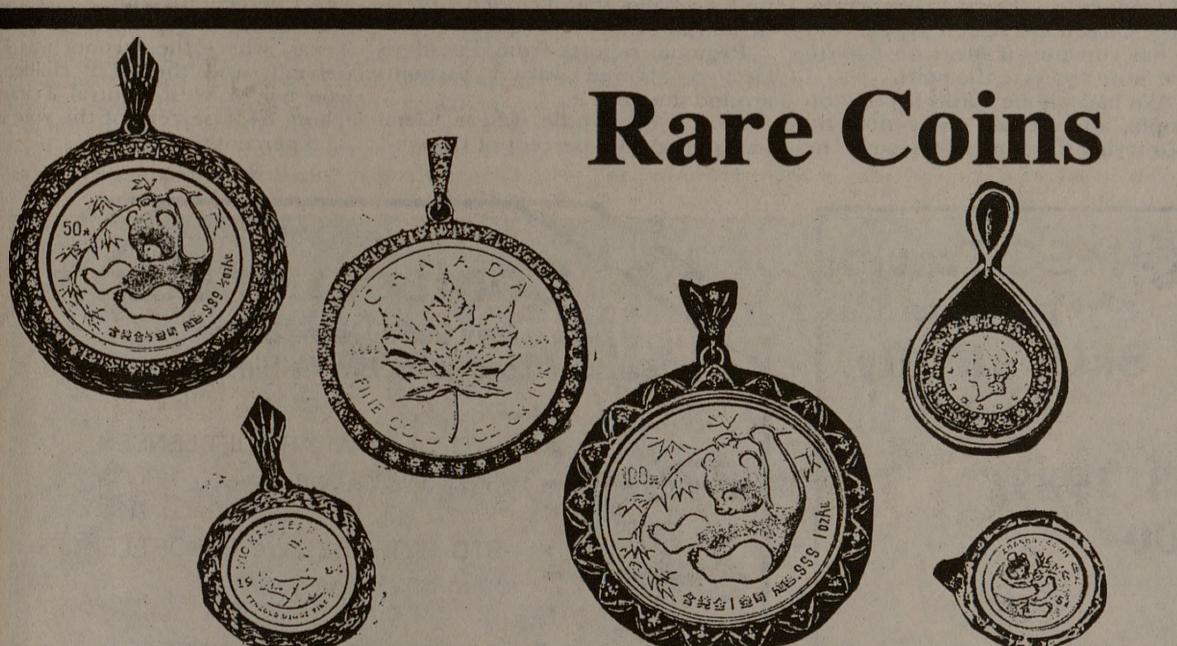
As we sipped our cups, I found out that Anique and I share the same fondness for Cary Grant movies, the same disdain for wine coolers, and the same ex-boyfriend. That gave us plenty to talk about.



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