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Historian discusses disadvantages, advantages of German reunification

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Along with the advantages of a reunified Germany, there may be some negative implications, said Texas A&M history professor Dr. Arnold Kramer Tuesday at a seminar sponsored by the International Student Association.

While Western Germany will experience an influx of skilled workers from Eastern Germany, prices and the need for housing will increase, Kramer said.

With the increase in population of Western Germany, a wide-scale expulsion of Turkish immigrants may occur, he said. Kramer said the Turks and Yugoslavs represent Western Germany's current source of cheap labor.

may pressure the Turks to compete for jobs with the new immigrants who are willing to work for less money, he said.

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On the other hand, Western German population is in need of a young skilled work force, Kramer

said. If the social security system is to work, then the country, where the average age is 47, needs the influx of Eastern German workers.

A reunified Germany would declare bankruptcy of socialism in East Germany, he said.

"It is an admission by the East German government that socialism as practiced in East Germany just doesn't work."

Kramer said it is interesting to note how the East Berliners who did visit West Germany, returned to the East.

"They just wanted the freedom to shop," he said. "If the differences (between Western and Eastern Germany) disappear, then there will be no reason for East Germany to remain a separate entity."

West and East Germany will not unite overnight, Kramer said.

"They will not rush into a marriage because they are too cautious for that," he said.

Kramer predicted that a reunification of Germany would not be a result of military factors but rather economic ventures.

The dominance of a united Germany would play an important role in Europe in 1992 when all of Western Europe is scheduled to open its boundaries to free trade, Kramer said.

In addition, a unified Germany would be a powerful economic region if the movement towards the establishment of a Euro-dollar or uniform currency in Europe becomes a reality, he said.

Commenting on the changing political situation in Europe, Kramer said, "We are watching incredible things happen."

Just browsing



Photo by Eric H. Roalson

Kevin McGinnis shows a prospective buyer a collection of hand-made rings and earrings in front of the Memorial Student Center Tuesday afternoon. MSC Hospitality is sponsoring a Crafts Fair this week to help students with holiday gift ideas.

Airport expands with McKenzie terminal

Mobley: New look will improve visitors' impression of B-CS

By Nadja Sabawala

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The McKenzie Terminal at Easterwood Airport is taking off in style with a modern look and high technology that will serve both Texas A&M and the community, officials said Tuesday night.

A&M President William H. Mobley said projects of this magnitude can only happen with cooperation between the University, the community and the government.

The expansion of the airport coincides with the growth of the community and the University. The Brazos County population has more than doubled from 20 years ago, and according to A&M archives A&M student enrollment has risen from 13,897 in 1969 to 40,492 for the 1989 Fall semester.

David Shellenberger, president of the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce, said the new terminal will support the growing needs of

the community and continue to bring in more people and new businesses.

"As a citizen and as a person involved in the community, I'm very pleased with the cooperative response that exists which has changed radically in the last several years thanks to projects like this," Shellenberger said.

The luxury of the terminal, he said, gives travelers a good impression of the area which was lacking in the previous terminal.

Mobley agreed. "You only have one chance at a first impression," he said. "And I think our first chance is visitors arriving by air or departing by air; we've got a much better chance of making their first impression a positive one."

Bookman Peters, a member of the A&M Presidential Library Committee, said the new terminal gives A&M a better chance of receiving the bid for the Bush Library, which has an expected 2.5 million visitors in its first five years of operation.

"If we get the library, that would put us on a

special set of maps for tourists, for researchers, for political scientists and all other interested parties in America," Peters said.

The 32,000-square-foot, \$4.5 million airport addition, named after A&M Board of Regents Chairman William A. McKenzie, is five times the size of the existing terminal and will accommodate more than just passengers.

Moffatt Adams, chief architect for A&M facilities planning, said the terminal will include car rental agencies, a restaurant, offices for charter agencies and even a conference room for meetings. Adams said the new terminal will impress almost everyone when they enter.

The McKenzie terminal is designed to allow for possible expansion in nearly any direction and the parking area can be increased without having to move the location of the toll booth.

Dedication ceremonies will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday although the terminal will not open to the public for air traffic until early January. Brazos County leaders as well as the University Board of Regents will be present.

Notes for student composers

The Broadcast Music Inc. Foundation is looking for a few good composers and is willing to pay up to \$2,500 to find them in its 38th annual Student Composers Award competition.

"The contest is designed to encourage young composers to create concert music by offering them cash prizes," said Ralph Jackson, director of BMI Student Composers Awards, in a telephone interview.

A total of \$15,000 will be given away with a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$2,500 for each winner. The deadline for registration is

Feb. 9. "Winners will be selected based on the scores that they have written," Jackson said. "A panel of judges who won't know the name or address of the person who wrote the piece will decide how much money the winners will receive."

The contest is open to any student who will be under the age of 26 on Dec. 31 and who is enrolled in an accredited secondary school.

For more information call Ralph Jackson, 320 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019 at (212) 586-2000.

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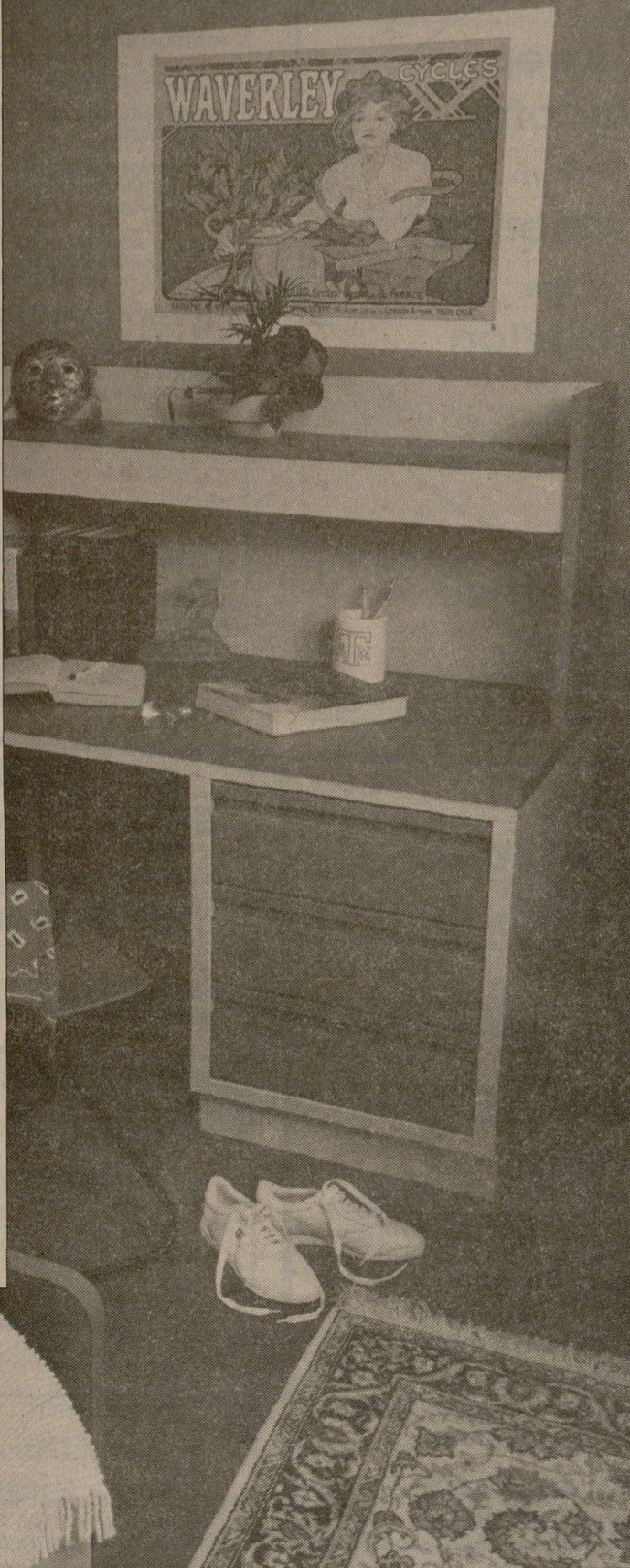
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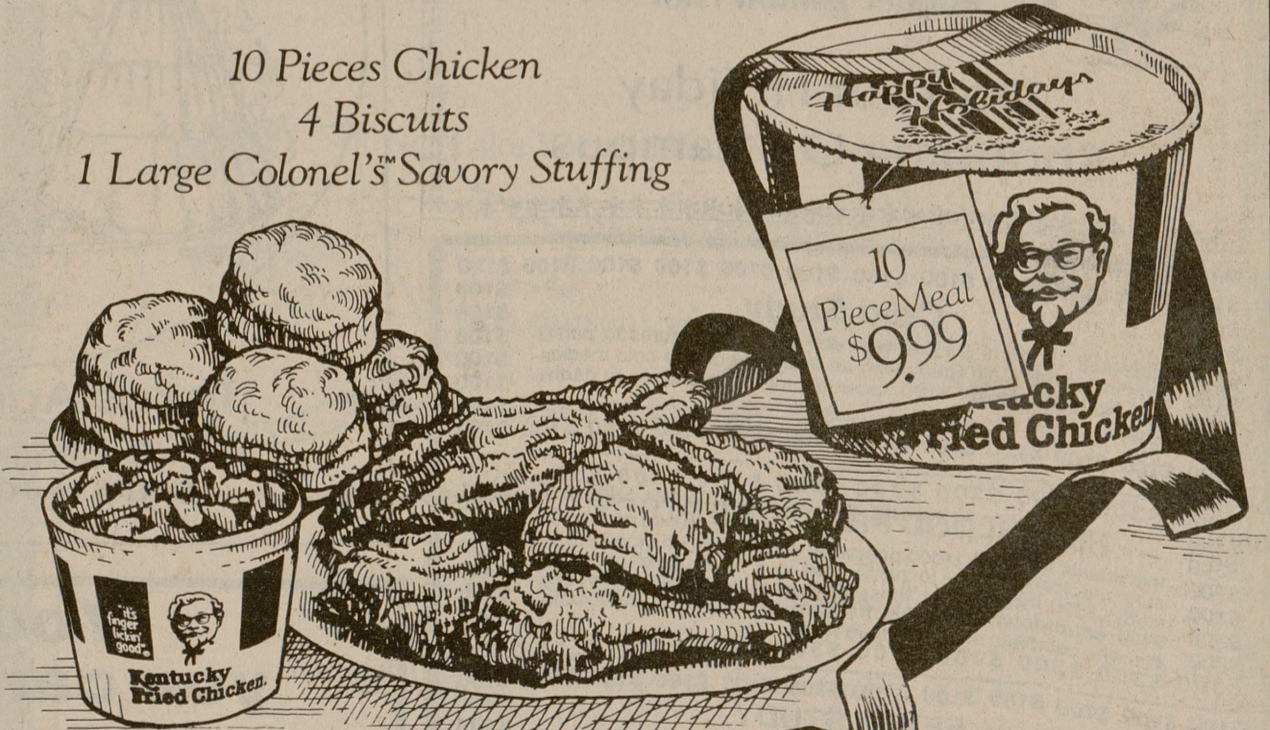


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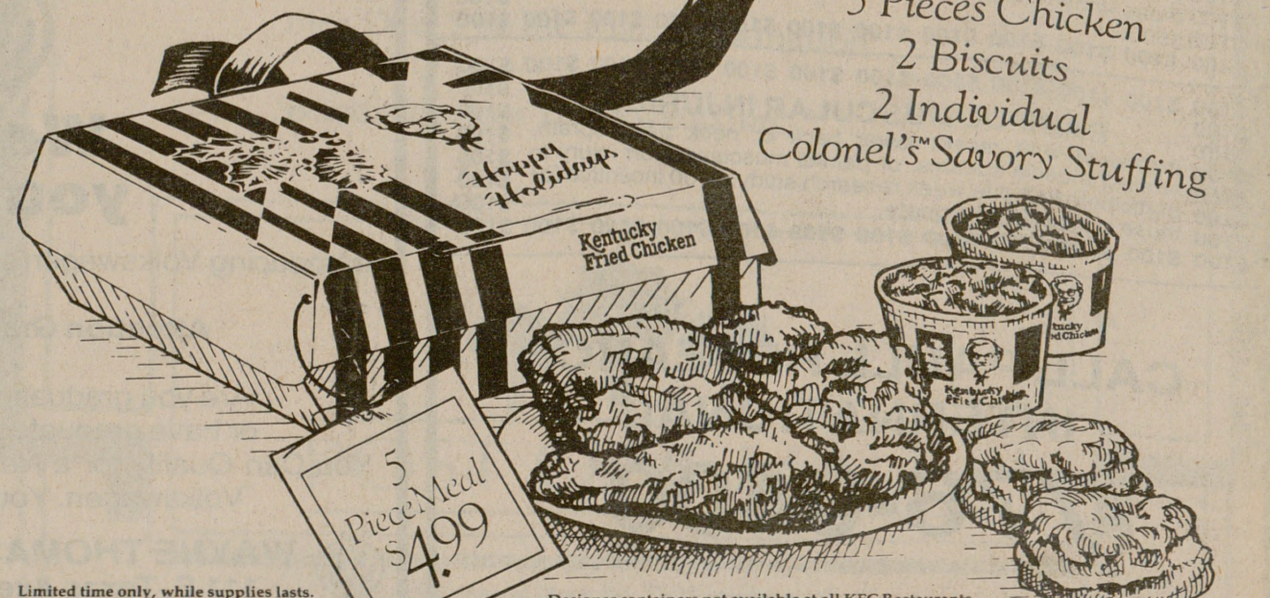
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