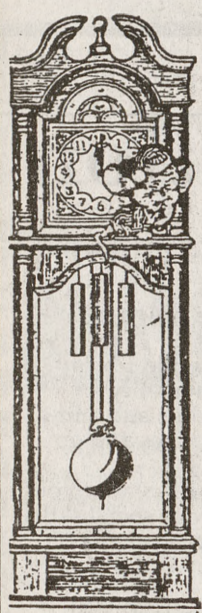


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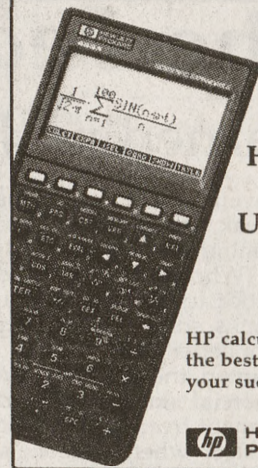


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A&M puts millions into economy

By SHELIA VELA

The Texas A&M University system pumped an estimated \$530 million into the Bryan-College Station economy last year.

"We are proud to continue being a significant factor in the continuing economic vitality of the Bryan-College Station area, as well as in educational, cultural and other endeavors that have positive impacts on the region," University President Dr. William H. Mobley said in a released statement.

Mobley requested an in-house study which revealed A&M's economic contribution to the local community and businesses.

The study includes Texas A&M

students, employees, campus visitors and families. About 40,000 University stu-

permanent and part-time employees directly affected the economy through deposits in local banks and other financial institutions as well as purchases made by employees and their families.

date them. "A&M is predominantly why we are here, and why we do as well as we do," he said. Professors, employees and families of TAMU System members are all regular customers to the store, he said.

Tami Wood, marketing director of Post Oak Mall, said A&M has had a positive economic impact on mall merchants. She said one out of every five mall customers are A&M faculty or students.

The University also draws many visitors to the Bryan-College Station area. Last year, campus visitors contributed about \$21.9 million to the Bryan-College Station community.

Wood said A&M home football games also bring many visitors to the mall.



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-Dr. William H. Mobley
University President

dents contributed an estimated \$150.5 million to the local economy. The expenditures ranged from food and housing to clothing, supplies and recreation. The salaries of A&M's 19,000

in College Station, said A&M had an "absolutely, very positive economic impact" on the store. Storm said most of the store's customer base is students, and the store is structured to accommo-

Defunct Soviet Union's seeks buyer of space technology Sale opens window for bargains, debate

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — The United States can bolster the Russian economy and help launch America's efforts in private and public space technology by buying old Soviet space crafts and industrial products, a published report said Sunday.

But U.S. officials say cheap Russian technology undercuts the U.S. space industry and, among other things, puts people out of work, The Houston Post reported.

The collapse of the Soviet Union left its space program, considered America's chief space rival for decades, in a quandary. Since then, different facets of the Soviet program have become semiprivate organizations attempting to sell rocket-launch services, retrievable orbiters and re-entry vehicles on the free market.

The director of one such company, NPO Energia, was in Houston recently to push a re-entry craft that NASA might buy as an escape ship from Space Station

Freedom. The United States has failed to negotiate a deal with the company despite calls for cutbacks on the space station program.

Still, some Americans worry that if the United States doesn't buy Russian space products now, the Japanese or Europeans may snatch the bargains we turn down.

U.S. Rep. Ralph M. Hall, D-Rockwall, chairman of the House Space Subcommittee, plans a series of hearings early this year to discuss laws and policies that prevent U.S. firms and the government from using Russian technology.

"I think that needs to be changed. We need to lease or purchase Russian equipment, including their space station," Hall said.

Russian space officials are said to feel "intense resentment of the U.S. State Department" over trade barriers, according to an October report to Congress from the Congressional Research Office.

"They are not desperately seeking saviors, but avidly believe they have a lot to offer and do not understand what is taking America so long to take advantage of the opportunities," Marcia S. Smith, space technology expert and author of the report, wrote after a week of interviews with top space officials in Moscow.

Longstanding federal directives have prevented U.S. companies from putting satellites on

Russian rockets, for instance. One concern is the Russians could learn U.S. defense technology secrets.

"I don't think it's a Cold War law. It's a protectionist law," Michelle Moore, a program manager for Space Commerce Corp., a Houston partner to several Russian firms.

Rice University space policy expert Nathan Goldman said Russians carry no research-and-development costs from old Soviet budgets and thus can undercut private Western prices by two-thirds.

"There certainly in the past would have been a slightly different flavor because of the Cold War concerns. But my personal opinion is if we're going to accomplish the major events we've been advocating, it's going to have to be with international cooperation," said Donald R. Puddy, a top NASA official in charge of U.S. Russian space programs.

Already NASA is collaborating with Russia on space health studies, an astronaut-cosmonaut exchange and putting U.S. instruments on a Russian Mars probe, he said.

"I know that Congress can drag its feet, but I wouldn't do it if I were them," Yuri P. Semenov, director of NPO Energia, said.

Already an estimated 30 percent of the 800,000 former Soviet aerospace workers have left the industry.

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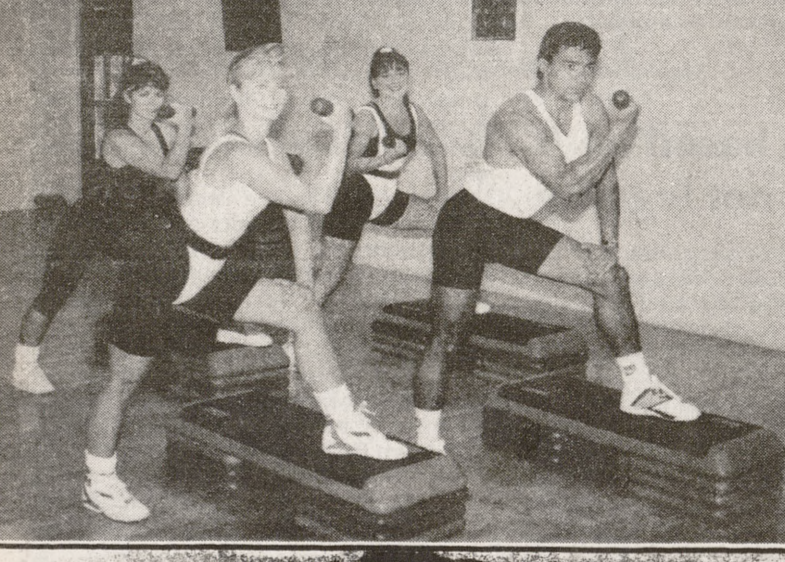
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