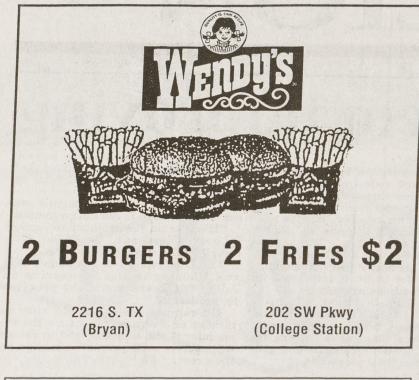
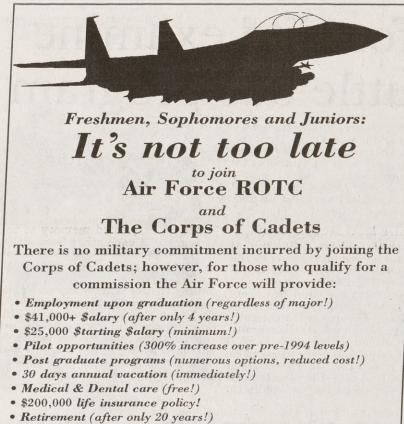


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# Career Center encourages students to prepare for job search early

□ The program now allows job-hunting students to choose which companies receive their résumes. Previously, students had to bid for interviews.

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Texas A&M students who are graduating within the next few semesters need to begin their job searches soon, the Career Center's associate director said.

Dr. Glen Payne said seniors should register with the center now.

Companies are starting to give out their schedules, and many are approach-ing deadlines," Payne said. "Everyone graduating in May or August needs to at-tend a placement orientation and get a disc résume so they can start getting oncampus interviews.

The center now uses the Career Re-source Network, which students use to select where their résumes are sent, and allows the companies to decide whom to in- made some good changes," Clark said. " terview. The network can be accessed from several on-campus computing centers.

This replaces the bid system that the career center previously used. Students were allotted a certain number of points. If students wanted an interview with a certain company, they had to bid some of their points. The interview went to the highest bidder.

Students may purchase a computer disc résume from the MSC bookstore to get started. Then the students can begin campus interviews with companies that recruit at A&M.

Last year, 1,005 companies came to campus to interview prospective students, and another 2,000 companies listed jobs with the center. The center had 5,600 registered students.

Payne said that corporations and firms are looking for A&M students to fill their job vacancies

"We did 21,400 on-campus interviews last year," he said. "That shows companies are interested in hiring Aggies."

Sherri Clark, a senior accounting major, said she used the center to look for a job and has already had one interview through the center.

"I used it last year, and they have

had an interview here last year, and ] hope to get more.

Carol LeValley, a senior marketing major, said she comes to the center to look for internships

"I check to see if companies are hiring in my field," LeValley said. "I haven't had an interview yet, but I hope to find a job soon.'

The center has several resources to help students of all classifications find jobs, in ternships and co-ops

The Career Resources Library con tains current information about career and employment opportunities. The li brary also contains company information files and videos about interviewing and other job-hunting skills.

Workshops are offered regularly about interviewing and résume preparation.

Gwen Lucas, graduate assistant to the center's director, said students can call the center for any information on job searching.

The directors do advising or counseling," Lucas said, "especially to answer questions about résumes that haven't been said in a seminar.

Lucas also said when something is happening at the center, they have informa-tion in What's Up, and fliers will be posted around campus.

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Students search for jobs, find information on companies and send out résumes using a computer networking service provided by the Career Center in the Koldus building.

## Job-seeking Texans should be patient, experts say habite

### mand for lesser-paying jobs such Lawrence, who earned a bache-as for teachers, nurses, construc-lor's degree in political science their peak, regularly negotiat heares

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□ A decrease in wellpaying, prestigious jobs has contributed to a highly competitive job market.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — While most Texans likely didn't labor Monday, some may be idle longer than they would like. The average minimum time for landing a job has gone from three months to six, the Texas Work Force Commission says.

Regionally, the number of wellpaying manufacturing and government jobs is dwindling. De-

tion workers and tourism-related positions – is growing, according to research from the University of Texas at San Antonio's Institute for Studies in Business

Eva Lawrence, a May gradu-ate of Texas A&M University, has been arduously looking for work since January.

She's had only a handful of interviews, despite having an impressive grade point average, solid computer skills and the ability to speak both English and Spanish.

'A lot of people told me, You're female, you're Hispanic, you're bilingual and that should help,' but so far it hasn't," said

and a minor in biological sciences. "I'm really frustrated. I've talked to a lot of my friends some of whom graduated in December - and they're in the same position.'

Welcome to the changing U.S. workplace, which regulary is being reshaped by the evolution of technology

The new workplace requires that the women and men in it be more flexible, work harder often for less money - and be better educated.

job-seekers like And Lawrence must be more patient, experts say.

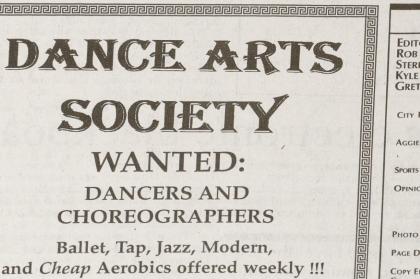
A lot has changed since the

ing higher wages and better working conditions for the majority of workers

Today's work force is about as white collar as it is blue, and the computer has become its basic tool

Until recently, the U.S. work force has changed gradually, with "seismic changes" - such as the job losses in the Texas oil patch in the 1980s – an occasion al occurrence, said Allen Itz, re gional director of the Texas Work Force Commission.

But today's workers, Itz said, will see more of those quakes, and they will need to be better prepared for them.



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