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## Professor aims to inform minorities on merits of free trade agreements

**A&M agricultural economics professor Dr. Boadu works to discover why minority constituents tend to vote against international treaties, such as GATT and NAFTA.**

By Lisa Johnson  
THE BATTALION

Dr. Fred Boadu, an A&M agricultural economics professor, presented his theories on the implications of free trade on minority constituencies at Wednesday's brown bag seminar.

"What I want to establish with my research is the fact that free trade does not hurt," Boadu said. "If you look at the business sector, it's an idea that is easy to demonstrate."

In his presentation, Boadu pointed out that although the General Agreement on Trade and the North American Free Trade Agreement are the most widely publicized international trade agreements the United States is a part of, the United States has long-standing agreements with Israel and with islands in the Caribbean.

Boadu said what disturbs him about his study is the fact that the minority representatives who vote on such trade agreements tend to vote against them, even though such agreements would not have a negative effect on the people whom they represent.

One reason for the negative votes, he said, could be that the representatives feel as though the benefits of international free trade are unevenly distributed between the members of the minority and the rest of society.

"According to a study by A. Armah at the Uni-

versity of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, due to the nature of their jobs, white males are less likely to have their jobs affected negatively by free trade and are twice as likely to benefit from free trade than black males," he said.

That study indicated that because of the type of jobs held by the majority of African-American men, they are more vulnerable to loss in the event of trade.

However, Boadu said all members of society would either lose or gain together, just some more than others. The area of employment most likely to be affected by free trade is the service industry — hotel, restaurant and auto repair employees.

"Those most affected, with trade by Mexico, for example," he said, "are going to be the low-skilled workers. If the price equalization theory is true, wages in the two countries will reach an equilibrium, lowering the wages of the less-skilled here in the U.S."

Boadu also presented other theories for the negative attitudes of minority representatives. Minority businesses do not take part in free trade at all, he said, perhaps because they were not aware of their opportunities in the open market.

Minorities seem to form an alliance with labor supporters and environmentalists when voting on trade issues, Boadu said. This practice of siding with other groups can be attributed to the fact that minority business owners are not educated on international trade policies, he said.

"Minority constituents have never been properly informed about the concepts of international trade," he said. "They started out voting against, and now they feel trapped into that position."

To support his present findings and hypotheses, Boadu is currently conducting a study on a sampling of minority-owned businesses involved in free trade from a directory of more than 14,000.

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## College Station ranks among top cities

**City officials said the presence of Texas A&M helped the city earn sixth place in a state poll.**

By Lori Young  
THE BATTALION

Texas Business Magazine named College Station the sixth best-run Texas city in the 50,000 to 250,000 population category.

With a population of only 55,605, College Station is the smallest medium-sized city and the second-highest ranked college town in the top ten.

Bob Yancy, public information officer for the city of College Station, said the high ranking is an honor.

"The state of Texas has a reputation for strong municipal management," Yancy said, "and to be

recognized as one of the best in Texas is especially satisfying."

Yancy said College Station attributes a lot of its success to A&M. "We're grateful to the students and to A&M," he said.

In its October issue, Texas Business Magazine noted that College Station has the benefit of a university presence.

"Not only does College Station offer good services on its own, it has Texas A&M University to fill in the gaps with cultural events, museums and athletics," the article stated.

George "Skip" Noe, College Station city manager, said A&M's presence makes a difference with how the community is viewed.

"The University provides some amenities that you will not find in non-college communities," Noe said.

"A&M faculty and students

provide an audience for concert speakers and various cultural events," he said.

Dr. Charles Lee, A&M interim executive vice president and provost, said College Station ranking benefits A&M in return.

"We are always delighted to see Bryan or College Station receive special recognition," Lee said. "It's helpful in recruiting faculty and students."

Cities were evaluated in five categories: management, financial responsibility, delivery of services, vision and diversity and turnover of elected officials.

In the medium population category, other cities ranked were Lubbock, population 186,206; Irving, 155,037; El Paso, 113,352; Plano, 157,400; San Angelo 84,462; Abilene 106,707; Denton, 66,270; and Midland, 91,436.

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