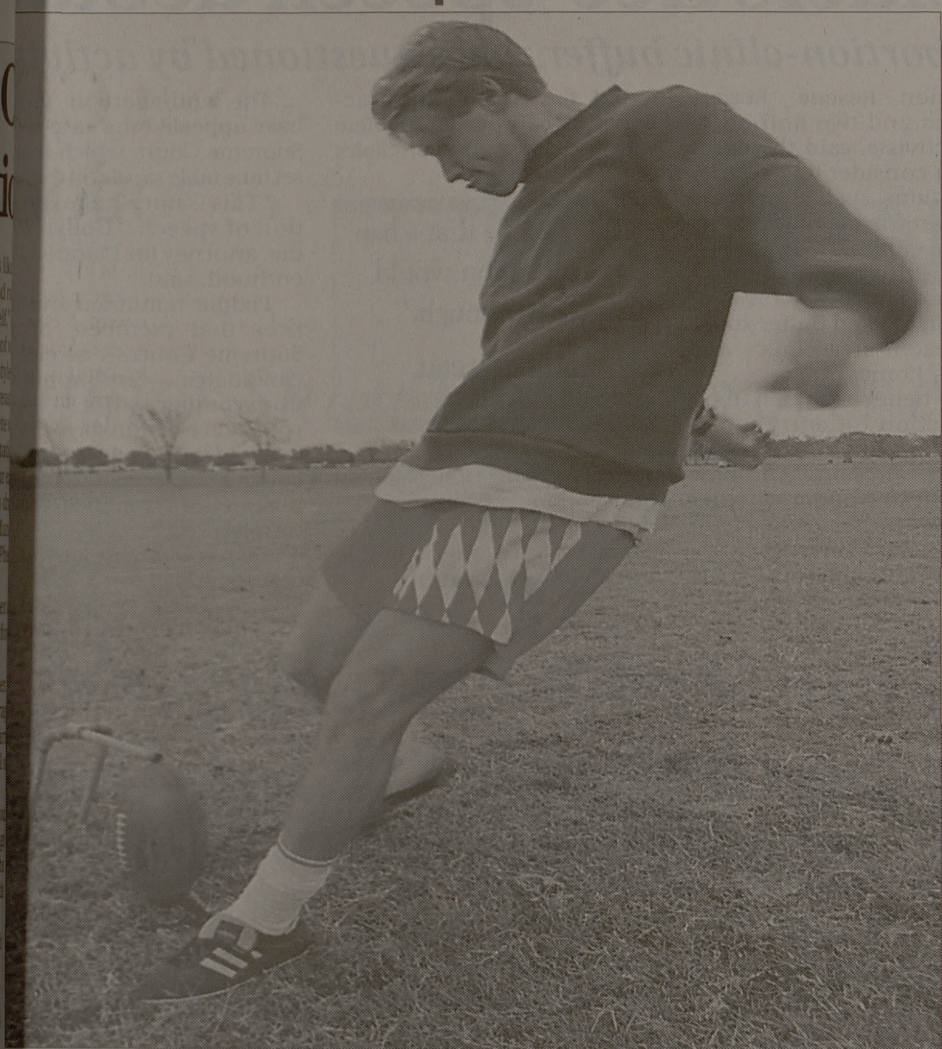


Practice makes perfect



Matt Easton, a junior bioengineering major, practices his kicking on the Polo Fields Tuesday. He plans to try out for the Texas A&M Football Team in the spring.

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RADIATION

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The radiation dosage levels set by FDA are millions of times the amount in a typical chest X-ray, but that isn't a valid comparison, said Pat Hansen, an FDA chemist who coordinated the review.

"You do a lot of things to your food that you don't do to a living thing," she said.

The FDA acted on a 3-year-old petition from Isomedix Inc., a New Jersey company with long experience in medical sterilization that wants to offer meat processors irradiation with cobalt-60 gamma rays. There are many other ways to safely irradiate meat and other companies are in the market.

Such techniques would enable meat packers to kill bacteria at the end of the production line, after it is already sealed in packages and cannot be contaminated further. This is particularly important in ground beef, where bacteria can easily get beneath the surface during grinding.

The meat industry lobbied vigorously for irradiation as an alternative to the Clinton administration's proposals for greater government authority in recalling contaminated products and punishing violators. Allies in Congress pushed through legislation ordering the FDA to act on the Isomedix petition within 60 days.

But consumer acceptance has been slow in other products. The process has never been widely used on chicken, even though it has been available since 1990 and a few companies have tried it.

"The industry isn't against it. It just hasn't caught on yet," said Richard Lobb, spokesman for the National Broiler Council, a poultry processors group.

It will probably take some time before irradiated meats start to show up in the grocery store. The Agriculture Department must first develop regulations to go along with the dosage levels set by the FDA.

TRAFFIC

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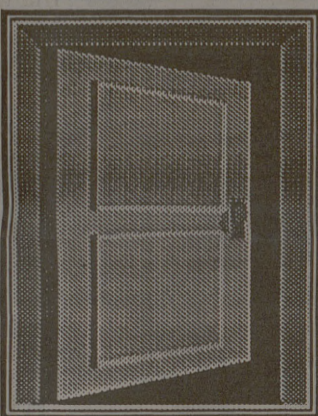
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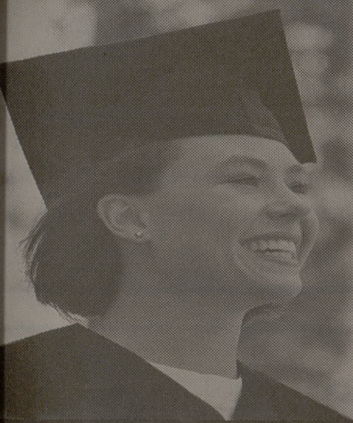
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