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Bonnie Roggensees feeds the chickens at Washington on the Brazos State Park. A group of people run a farm at the park where they practice 1850s traditional agricultural methods.

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every year for five years. The money would be used on buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. "Buildings in some of these colleges and universities are well over 150 years old," said Rep. Chip Pickering, R-Miss., the measure's sponsor. "Due to the vast age of these buildings, the upkeep costs are more than these university budgets allow." Still, opponents argued that the bill singled out a few colleges while

ignoring scores of other women's universities.

Katherine Stevenson, an associate director with the National Park Service, testified at a hearing last month that the Clinton administration opposes the bill.

But Stevenson said the bill could take money away from other programs. She also added that no work had been done to assess the condition of the buildings.

"There are other, equally worthy projects, as well as numerous other historic buildings in need of assistance for deferred repairs."

GRAMM

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Douglas said the additional stipends will come from the increase in AUF money.

Wilkins indicated that financial concerns are often some of the most important factors when individuals choose a graduate school.

"It does sometimes come down to an issue of numbers," he said. "In contrast to undergrads, graduate students aren't supported by parents. Sometimes you have an individual that has been a professional for 10 years, has a wife and two kids and is going back to do graduate work."

In fact, Wilkins said his decision to attend A&M was almost, swayed by financial concerns.

"I had a few universities that were offering me tuition waivers," Wilkins said, adding that he did not receive a tuition waiver from A&M because Texas law prohibits the University from issuing them, but that A&M works around the restriction by increasing stipends.

"The key issue in future years is tuition waivers," he said. "Most top-notch universities offer tuition waivers."

Wilkins said that in the meantime a number of other changes are attracting a greater number of top-notch graduate students to A&M.

"Graduate student representation on major decision-making committees has grown tremendously," he said.

The University has also created the position of ombudsman to ensure fairness in the graduate process.

Wilkins said the ombudsman provides an outlet for students and faculty to discuss problems within departments.

Casey Yates, a graduate assistant with the Graduate Business Career Service Office and a management information systems graduate student, said programs like this week's Graduate Business Career Conference will also cater to the needs of graduate students and improve the standing of the University.

The conference, on Thursday and Friday at Reed Arena, will allow graduate business students to meet with more than 30 companies in a round-table format in order to allow the students to network and learn as much as possible about the companies.

"We encourage graduate students to attend even if they are not pursuing a job right away, so that the companies can see the caliber of students that the University has," Yates said.

Wilkins said the University's efforts will help improve the graduate programs.

"The University is making some strides, but there is still more work to do," he said.

STUDY

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include tuition and fees for courses, and students must take a set number of courses depending on their colleges.

Leis said she encourages students to think about studying abroad because the benefits outweigh the costs.

"Definitely do it, because there are very few times to take time off to travel, and the amount of money it costs to go over is very minimal compared to the experiences you gain," she said.

The College of Engineering has two trips for Summer 2001, one to France and one to Germany. The College of Architecture has trips for Summer and Fall 2001 to Mexico City, Barcelona, France, Greece and Turkey.

"There are also a number of independent travel opportunities that are funded through scholarships from the college and students are able to write their own travel proposals," said Vivian Paul, associate dean for International Programs. "This last year, we sent one to Japan, and one is planning to go to Hong Kong. In the past we've had students going to Chile, Spain and India also."

David Allen, engineering study abroad program director, said the program benefits students by allowing them to gain college credit and work on a course project that relates to a historical structure.

Paul said she agreed the program can be very beneficial to the students.

"How can one operate in today's world in a professional discipline without knowledge of another culture?" Paul said. "The disciplines of our college (College of Architecture) are basically international. The College of Architecture strongly encourages every single one of its undergraduate students to spend one semester away from College Station, whenever possible in an international experience."

Any students interested in studying abroad can contact their college or the International Programs for Students.



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