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Just drivin' through

With unconventional menus, local drive-thrus put a new spin on 'fast food'

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When Adam Reed wants dessert on the go, he doesn't stop at a chain drive-thru. Instead, he indulges in a homemade concoction from Shake's Frozen Custard.

"I cannot seem to hold on to my paycheck at Shake's," said Reed, a senior English major and employee of Shake's Frozen Custard. "Every time I get (a paycheck), I spend it because I can't resist the stuff here."

Restaurants and stores such as Shake's, Java Jitters, Double Quick and Chicken Express have become favorites among many Texas A&M students, but it is not just the food bringing in Aggie business. Convenient and unique drive-thrus give these establishments a unique spin on grabbing a bite to eat or drink.

"Sometimes the standing line on Thursdays and Fridays looks like it could go all the way to Blockbuster, so it's a great thing we have a drive-thru for all our customers," Reed said.

Shake's makes homemade ice cream and custard every hour on the hour using fresh ingredients, Reed said.

Meghan McBee, a junior community health major, makes a run to Shake's every couple of weeks.

"I like the ice cream a whole lot," McBee said. "My friends and I usually go through the drive-thru because it is convenient. I didn't really discover the place until I lived off campus. Since then, you can't keep me away."

McBee said she also likes to go to another unique College Station staple, Java Jitters.

"I discovered Java Jitters when I started to go to A+ Tutoring, which is right next door," McBee said. "They have this coffee ice cream shake thing that is awesome. It is a super small place, but a great convenience if you are heading to tutoring."

Ali G., owner of Java Jitters, said he opened the coffee joint because there was no other place to get coffee around A+ Tutoring.

"My first motivation for opening Java Jitters was to pay for college," Ali G. said. "Now it has turned into a great business that offers specialty coffee drinks not offered by other coffee shop establishments."

Ali G. said the Java Jitters drive-thru offers students a special and convenient way to grab a quick cup of coffee.

If an Aggie is not in the mood for a hot cup of joe, Double Quick may have what students older than 21 may be looking for, and in drive-thru form.

"They have a ton of different choices as well as really good drinks," said Sarah Peluse, a junior education major. "If you are not in the mood

for sitting down at a restaurant for a specialty alcohol drink or heading out to a crowded club, the Double Quick is an easy, quick place to go." Peluse said the Double Quick building is deceiving at first sight because it looks like a car repair garage.

"You can just pull your car into the garage area and a person comes out to your car and checks IDs," Peluse said. "Everyone in the car must be 21. They take your order and then make the drinks right there. The drinks come in a Styrofoam cup that is sealed with a protective label, so customers obey the open container law."

Danny Long, a junior environmental design major, said he was surprised when instead of ordering from a normal drive-thru speaker at Chicken Express, he was approached by an employee.

"He came up to my truck and I thought that was a little strange at first because there is a speaker on the menu sign," Long said.

Adam Herbst, a senior agricultural development major and Chicken Express employee, set the record straight on why Chicken Express has such a unique drive-thru.

"We try to establish more personal service, and going up to a customer's car and taking their order does that," Herbst said. "Chicken Express has been doing this since the first restaurant was established."

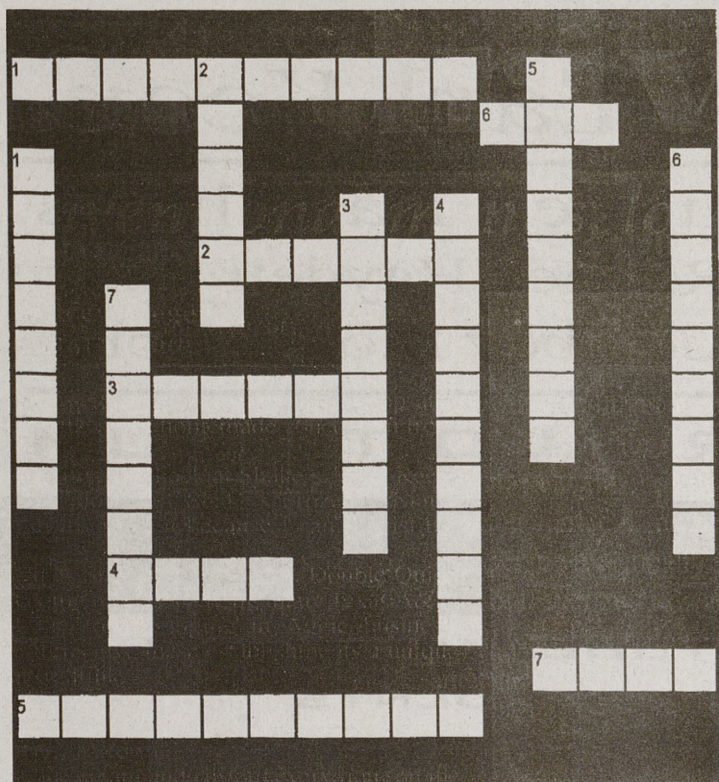
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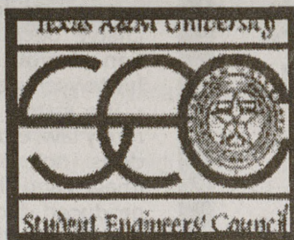
- Have copies of these to offer employers in case they ask.
- Have plenty of these on high-quality paper to distribute to recruiters.
- A company might print this on the free stuff they give away at career fairs.
- Short for "cooperative."
- A temporary job in one's field of study, sometimes unpaid.
- The host of the career fair.
- What you might wear to an interview.

Down

- What one might sign upon receiving a job offer.
- How you might get paid!
- The dress code for most offices might be described as this.
- Making contacts, meeting people.
- The person a company sends to career fairs.
- The first step towards getting a job.
- What you should do to prepare before an interview.



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