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Chem 107 Mawk	Part I Mon Mar 18 6pm-9pm	Part II Tue Mar 19 6pm-9pm	Part III Wed Mar 20 6pm-9pm	
Econ 202 Allen	Part 1 of 3 Tue Mar 19 5pm-7pm	Part 2 of 3 Wed Mar 21 5pm-7pm	Part 3 of 3 Thu Mar 22 5pm-7pm	
Math 131	Part I Mon Mar 18 6pm-8pm	Part II Tue Mar 19 6pm-9pm		
Math 142	Part I Sun Mar 17 4pm-7pm	Part II Mon Mar 18 10pm-1am	Part III Tue Mar 19 10pm-1am	Old Tests Wed Mar 20 10pm-1am
Math 151	Part I Sun Mar 17 10pm-1am	Part II Mon Mar 18 8pm-10pm	Part III Tue Mar 19 8pm-10pm	Old Tests Wed Mar 20 8pm-10pm
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MAKING THE GRADE

Students turn to tutoring services to better grades

By Katy Walden
THE BATTALION

Seeing a recurring tutoring service fee on a credit card statement can make a parent wonder if their child is going to class. But after midterm grades have been sent home and there is a smile on their face, parents may wonder why they did not have the service when they were in college.

Tutoring sessions, which students pay to attend, seem to be attracting higher numbers and higher grades. With strong study skills required for many classes at Texas A&M, the book and lecture notes may be not enough for students to pass.

"There are different ways of expressing the same problem and same idea as professors," said the A+ Tutoring owner, who wants to be known as "Alf" by his students. "If you can break it down to explain why things happen, students can understand it better."

Alf, who has been tutoring since his freshman year of high school, said he has always been able to relate to students and help them grasp concepts. As owner of A+ Tutoring, and formerly the sole tutor before hiring others last year, Alf said he has worked hard to make a difference in students' understanding.

"This business was first started on the idea of exam review," Alf said. "When students started, you'd just get the answer to the test. I decided to make a change. The difference now is, you get the concepts and not the answers."

Many students are hesitant to pay for outside tutoring services, but others believe that outside lectures are necessary to get through difficult courses.

Lee Phillips, a sophomore biomedical engineering major, said he would not have passed without Alf.

"In Physics 208 I had this really strange professor, who would give weird questions on the test that I wouldn't have been familiar with at all without his help from the sessions," Phillips said.

Since last summer, when Phillips first attended A+ Tutoring, he has become a season pass holder and taken Physics 208, Chemistry 102 and Chemistry 227.

"The week before the test I go from anywhere between six, two hour sessions, and then read the chapters in Phillips said. "It isn't cramming at all, it is getting simple material and understanding concepts."

Some students think outside tutoring services are a way to get answers to a test. Expecting to be given the key to a perfect grade in one packet of test questions is a fallacy many services strongly disagree with.

Luke Bradicich, a tutor at 4.0 and Go, said some parents only give answers for tests.

Bradicich said there are generally two types of students for tutoring at a review session before a test: those who are nervous and those who have studied the material and want to grasp concepts better.

Tiffany Clifton, a freshman petroleum engineering major, did not study for a Math 141 test after the tutoring session. She said she did poorly on the test.

A number of students who attend these sessions report being happy with the material from the extra lectures.

Michael Priesler, a freshman mechanical engineering major, said the benefits from paying additional money for help outweigh the cost of a bad grade.

"It gives you what is on the test that you would normally get," Priesler said. "You go over the material, actually help you through the time."

Frequent questions on key points and special tricks to remember can give students an advantage. Priesler said he has a special trick for an exam that the professor uses at a high level.

ron and not knowing where to start.

"When I sit down I'm calm, and I'm ready to start," Priesler said.

Priesler said after going to tutoring he has a good feeling walking into the test, because he knows he has covered the material.

"You feel like you have an idea for what's on the test, walking in blind," Priesler said.

The tutor's ability to understand professors and relate to students comes from personal experience of sitting in the same seats and learning the material.

"The main thing is, all of our tutors are not new to the material; they've either taught or tutored students before," Bradicich said. "They have years of experience, and they are Aggies who know the Aggie way," Bradicich said.

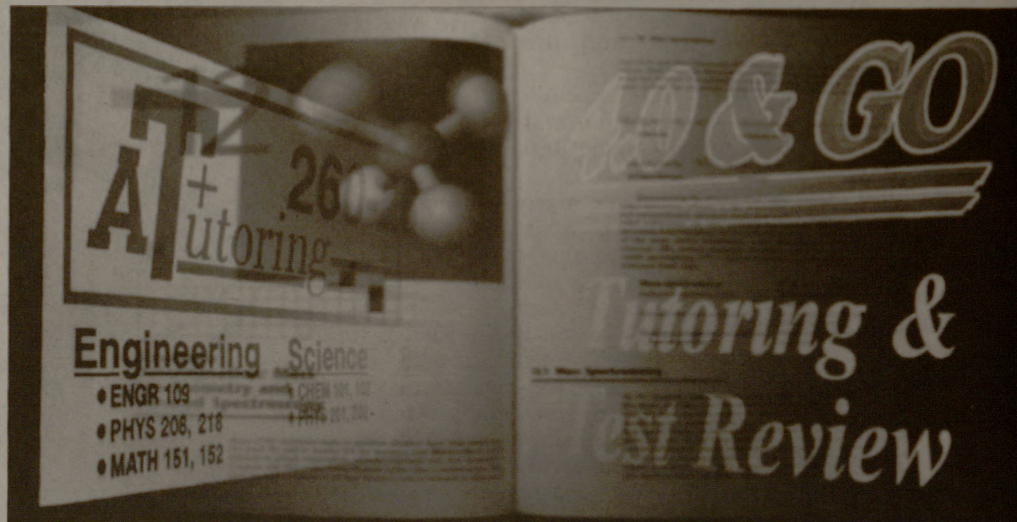


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