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Have a problem?

Counseling service to aid students

By WENDY WETZEL
Staff Writer
Students with problems or those that need a friendly ear can benefit from a Personal Counseling Service.

The staff is composed of Dr. Wade Birch, director, Dr. Patricia Self and Dr. Michael Jamal.

The service is located in room 306 of the YMCA Building and appointments can be made by calling 845-4427.
Staff members will counsel stu-

dents in six different areas. They are Personal-Social Counseling, Marriage and Family Counseling, Counseling on Human Sexuality, Group Counseling, Career Counseling and the Information Library.

Personal-Social Counseling deals with family problems, concerns about values and beliefs and any other problem that is of concern to the student.
Marriage and Family Counseling covers marriage and family problems, children and divorce.

Self is providing counseling on Human Sexuality. She deals with matters pertaining to family planning, communicable disease and sexual development for both men and women.

Group Counseling covers career exploration groups, couples groups and personal growth groups.

Career Counseling helps students learn about their interests, abilities and personalities.
The Information Library is an up-to-date library on career infor-

mation and is available for student use.
When interviewed, Birch said the Personal Counseling Service was founded because of a need cited by RA's, staff members and students.

Birch said in the first month of operation 90 students, 55 females and 35 males, were counseled in 185 interviews.

"They come from all over campus not from one specific area," said Birch.

He said any information revealed to staff members would be kept confidential, but if called into court members would have to reveal information.

"All staff members are on 24-hour call," Birch said. "We rotate, and staff member takes a week at a time."

Vance says court reporters optional feature for counties

By STEVE GRAY
Staff Writer
Spectators in Judge William R. Vance's county court may be surprised at the absence of a familiar courtroom figure: the court reporter.

But, according to Vance, there is no legal requirement for a court reporter in a county court as there is in state district court. Vance said, however, a defendant in a case may request one at the initial trial.

"We have the services of a freelance court reporter available to us when necessary," Vance said.

Vance pointed out that a case in which there is no transcript will not be considered by an appeals court.

"Under this condition, the case is sent back to the county court to be retried," Vance said.

Proving perjury without a court transcript presents another problem, according to County Attorney Roland Searcy.

"It would be difficult to prove

perjury without a written record of testimony," Searcy said, "but it would not be impossible."

He said disposition of such a case would hinge on the word of the judge and the attorneys.

Beatrix French, a local shorthand typist, has been taking court proceedings upon the court's request.

Recently, French has been recording grand jury proceedings in Huntsville related to the prison siege that occurred in late July. Searcy said her absence might present some problems in court.

"If a defendant requests a court reporter when one is not available, we simply have to re-set the trial date to a time when one will probably be available," Searcy said.

Vance said French told him a week ago that her schedule is not quite as tight as it has been and "we should be able to get her if necessary."

Hiring of a fulltime court reporter by the county would not be practi-

cal, according to Vance. The matter has been discussed several times by the county commissioners.

"I can't justify paying a fulltime salary for what is actually a parttime job since in many of the cases the defendant does not request a court reporter," Vance said.

"As long as we can get the services of a free-lance court reporter, there shouldn't be too much problem in obtaining court transcripts when requested by the defendant."

Commission
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Jones requested the county to furnish a desk, a telephone, a part-time secretary and office space for the committee. The court will consider the request later.

County Judge William R. Vance told the committee it would be necessary to get approval for financial assistance from both cities before full-scale preparation for the bicentennial could begin. The county will help fund the committee.

The committee plans to confirm the nominations of the city and county officials as representatives on Wednesday or Thursday.

The court also considered acceptance of a resolution from the Texas Highway Department to extend Briarcrest Drive east from Highway 6 to FM 158. The proposed six-tenths of a mile extension would provide access to the proposed Brazos County Park, located about two miles east of Bryan.

"The Texas Highway Department has offered to build the extension if the county provides the right-of-way and also relocate any utilities in the area affected by construction. We need to study the situation more before going ahead with it," Vance said.

In other action, the commissioners court:

—Deferred action on a proposal by Mid-Tex Fire & Safety Co. of Bryan to recharge fire extinguishers for Brazos County. Some of the county's fire extinguishers are being recharged annually by Bailey Oxygen & Tool Co.

—Approved payment of \$1,192.32 by the county for foster care.

—Approved payment of \$518 to College Station for fire calls in September and \$1,474 to Bryan for fire calls in August and September.

International students draft new constitution

By TERRY TOOLEY
Staff Writer
The International Students Association (ISA) was reorganized this summer, said Corkey Sandel.

Sandel, in conjunction with an ad hoc committee of the ISA, took the task of drafting a new constitution and instituting new projects and activities during the summer.

"We wanted to come up with a constitution that can be easily changed and modified," Sandel said.

The ISA's new format will consist of a Senate made up of a delegate from each country represented on campus and an executive council selected by the Senate.

The delegates are to be chosen by the president or executive committee of each existing international club or students of countries which are not presently an organized club.

The delegates' names must be turned in to the Foreign Student Advisor's Office by Oct. 15. The Senate could comprise 74 members because that is the number of countries represented on campus.

"The purpose of the ISA in its new outlook," said Sandel, "will be to provide programs and social events for all international students. Emphasis will also be placed on American students becoming involved."

"We feel the ISA can be instrumental in making the student body aware of the cross-culture at Texas

A&M and the advantages that can be derived from it. We want Americans to get involved as personal friends — on a first name basis," said Sandel.

Sandel emphasized the new undertaking of the ISA will be "an educational process aimed at making the American students more aware of the foreign students and that international students are an asset to our University — that they can be givers as well as takers."

In the planning stages is an international festival which would run for two or three days and involve music, dancing and food from other countries. The ISA also has plans for picnics, get-togethers and parties.

"We are just in the planning stages. It will take time to develop these things," said Mr. Sandel.

Improvements in the program of the ISA will include several new committees such as the International Student Reception Committee which will handle the problem of housing, logistics and language encountered by foreign students arriving for the first time.

The improved organization of the ISA will make it possible to amalgamate groups who have "been a big help on this in the past," such as the Baptist Student Union, said Sandel.

The ISA has set up an office in a corner of the old Exchange Store lounge, with activities being coordinated from that point.

There are 971 international students presently enrolled.

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