

Student legal aid available

An advisory service is available to students involved in hassles concerning the law.

The service, initiated in Oct. 1974, is funded by the activity fee paid by all students upon registration.

Ken Robison, a Texas A&M and South Texas School of Law graduate, has staffed the office since March 1975.

Chris Kling, an A&M and Baylor Law School graduate, joined the office August 1 to help implement new services and decrease the backlog of appointments which sometimes resulted in a two-week wait for students last year.

Robison says their advice is especially helpful in the areas of consumer protection and small claims where a student may not be able to pay a lawyer.

An average of 200 students a month visit the office, seeking advice on everything from landlord-tenant problems to domestic relations to criminal proceedings.

"I do counsel students on problems with the University — mostly informing them of the rules and reg-

ulations and showing them they have a recourse through proper channels," said Robison.

Kling said the office is going to provide more educational services this year such as speeches to foreign students, transfer students and groups of students at local apartments.

The lawyers also draw up roommate and sub-lease contracts and advise student organizations wanting to enter contracts. Robison last year helped develop a contract between Student Government Radio and a local cable company.

Other matters commonly brought to the legal advisors' attention include employe rights, auto accidents, traffic tickets, taxation and insurance.

"The bulk of the workload has been of a civil nature," Robison said. "Most of the time I can satisfy a student by a question-and-answer session, but sometimes we have to do research to get an answer."

The lawyers also provide a referral service. "Divorce cases or something that needs to go to court, I will

refer to a local lawyer, if warranted," said Robison.

Robison pointed out that he can't go to court with a student, but he said, "I don't advise students to go to any court other than a small claims court without a lawyer."

The office is now located in

Memorial Student Center 221a but will be moved to YMCA 306 in mid-September. The office is open 8 to 5 weekdays and the phone number will be the same at both locations.

An appointment is required. Students with problems of an emergency nature can get priority.

Council-manager operate city of CS

The City of College Station operates under a council-manager form of government. The six-man council and a mayor make up the legislative branch of the city.

The council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in sessions usually lasting several hours. Occasional special sessions are called to handle any pressing matters.

Many hours are required to become informed on matters pre-

sented before the council, but councilmen are not paid for their services. This is to allow University employes to serve without giving up their salaries from the state. Most councilmen also say they feel that the job is not so time-consuming so as to require monetary compensation.

Councilmen are elected to two-year terms. Half are elected every year to provide for greater stability. A short profile of the mayor and councilmen follows to enable new residents to become familiar with their city government.

Lorence Bravenec, 40, is a professor of accounting with the University and a lawyer and has served as mayor since last April. Prior to that he served a two-year term as a councilman.

In addition to the same duties required of a councilman, the mayor is responsible for keeping order and following parliamentary procedure at council meetings. The mayor's signature is required on all official city documents.

James Dozier, 53, is serving his fourth term as a councilman. He is an associate professor of finance at A&M and is also a lawyer. Dozier served as College Station city attorney in 1972 and 1973.

James Gardner, 55, is an A&M professor of urban regional planning. He is serving his second year on the council and was previously city planning director.

Gary Halter, 34, is an assistant professor of political science with the University and has served on the council since April 1974. Dr. Halter teaches courses in city management, city finance and law. His specialty is municipal management and administration, and he advises other Texas cities on management and technology application.

Anne Hazen, 44, is a part-time nurse in the child development program at A&M Consolidated Schools and a member of the League of Women Voters. She is serving her first term on the council and was elected last April.

Larry Ringer, 38, is an A&M statistics professor and researcher. He is serving his first term on the council and was elected last April.

Lane Stephenson, 40, is associate director of the Texas A&M University News Service. He was also elected to his first term as councilman last April.

North Bardell, 46, became city manager in January 1974. Bardell previously worked for the cities of Waco and Bryan and served as assistant city engineer of College Station.

The city manager is selected by the mayor and council and is present at all council meetings. The manager receives a salary from the city.



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something wrong, like, maybe, getting out of bed this morning.

Police urge vehicle registr

Student vehicles will be on campus in record numbers this fall and A&M University police are encouraging students to register their vehicles early.

The University police will be registering motor vehicles and bicycles and issuing shuttle bus passes Aug. 23 to Sept. 1, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. Registration will be at G. Rollie White Coliseum and the new University police station, on the corner of Jersey and Houston streets.

The University police station will also be open Saturday, Aug. 28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for issuing vehicle permits and shuttle bus passes.

Student motor vehicle permits are \$36 for an annual permit, \$27 for a two semester permit and \$15 for a single semester permit. "Special option" and night only permits are also available at lower prices. Shuttle bus passes are \$15 per semester.

The only real changes in University vehicle regulations will involve parking lots, University Police Chief O. L. Luther said.

Parking lot 48, behind G. Rollie White Coliseum, is now predominately day student parking with some upperclassman parking at its north end. That lot had been all dorm student and staff parking.

Building, will be expanded into joining lot 8. Lot 7 is a staff parking lot and lot 8 is for day students.

"We're anticipating 18-20 motor vehicles for this fall," Luther said. "We'd sure appreciate if students will register their vehicles early. That way they can avoid long lines the first week of school."

Luther said 5,000 bicycles were registered last year and he expects more this fall. "Bicycle registration permits still \$1.50," he said, "but the fine for an unregistered bike has increased from \$1 to \$2 and bicycle motor violation fines have gone from \$4."

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