

Sorority tutors freshmen

By JEANNE GRAHAM
Sophomore girls are sharing their know-how with discouraged freshmen.

Alpha Lambda Delta, sophomore women's honor society, offers a tutoring service in freshmen level courses. There are 52 Alpha Lambda Delta members presently available to give academic aid to any student who might need help.

Students needing help can go to Alpha Lambda Delta's cubicle in the Student Programs Office on the second floor of the MSC. There they can find out who is available for

tutoring in his particular course of study, says Corinne Chernesky, one of the chairmen of the service.

In a file box in the cubicle, cards are filed according to the course a student might need help in. Each card gives the tutor's name, address and phone number, times during the week she is available for tutoring and any special instructions to tutorees. Special instructions include the specific areas in which she can tutor.

There is also a place for the student to fill in his address, phone number and hours he can be contacted.

"It's really the person's responsibility to get in touch with the tutor," Chernesky said.

When a connection is made between tutor and tutoree, times for tutoring are set up that are convenient to both. Help sessions might be scheduled on a regular basis, or be held just once.

"It all depends on when and how much the person needs help," Chernesky said.

"We do discourage students from calling right before a major test," she said. "We're not set up to cram for exams. The students should get help early."

Alpha Lambda Delta, with 150 members, is composed of sophomore women who carried a 3.5 or better grade average during their freshman year. The group is a service organization, and tutoring is the main service project. There is no charge to the student for tutoring.

It's purely voluntary on the girls' part, Chernesky said. It takes away time from a busy schedule, but it's rewarding and a way of getting in-

involved, she said.
A list of the tutors is sent to the deans of each of their particular colleges, said Melanie London, secretary of the society. This allows the dean to refer frustrated students of the same major to the tutors for help.

There are 25 students presently signed up to get help, and according to students and tutors, the system is working well.

"The system has improved," Chernesky said. "Last year we posted a list of tutors on the wall, and guys would come along just to get a list of girls' phone numbers. That's why we got the filing box."

It is interesting to note, however, that out of the 25 already signed-up tutorees this year, two-thirds happen to be male.

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The key issue to be discussed at the conference deals with the "Right to Food" movement. This has been a source of conflict in church bodies and will become even more so in the future, said Dr. Dave Ruesink, sociologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Dr. Mervin Yetley, assistant professor of rural sociology with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.
According to Ruesink and Yetley, the "Right to Food" issue has especially become a conflicting issue in many rural church bodies composed of both agricultural producers and businessmen. A special session on Oct. 6, will deal with handling this conflict.

Campus Names

Ag EPA adviser
Dr. Michael McWhorter, an entomologist who has been with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service for the past four years, is assuming a one-year advisory assignment with the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C., beginning Oct. 1.
McWhorter served as area entomologist at San Angelo for two years before joining the Extension headquarters staff at Texas A&M University as a state entomologist.
In his new assignment, McWhorter will be serving as an agricultural advisor on entomological problems with the Criteria and Evaluation Division of the Office of Pesticide Programs, a branch of the EPA.
McWhorter will be primarily involved in providing agricultural expertise regarding the use of pesticides and their interrelationships in agricultural production. He will assist in the review of pesticides used in agriculture and in determining the socio-economic impact that would result in the banning of certain products.
A graduate of Cooper High School in Abilene, McWhorter holds a B.S. degree from Texas Tech University and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Iowa State University. He is a member of the Entomological Society of America, the American Biological and Entomological Society, and the honor societies of Kappa Phi, Alpha Zeta and Gamma Sigma Delta.

Rappold honored
The U. S. Air Force's search and Development Award for 1976 was won by Maj. Robert A. Rappold, a former student of Texas A&M.
Rappold, of New Orleans, was awarded the high honor for developing a computer program to be used in an aircraft simulator. The simulation program matches an American fighter against a current Soviet aircraft in air-to-air combat.
Rappold was commended for the Tactical Air Command's solving highly difficult decision problems in development of the system.

Thomas appointed
Dr. Richard E. Thomas, a associate dean of engineering at Texas A&M University, has been appointed to the National Academy of Engineering Committee on Computer-Aided Manufacturing.
The appointment was made by the academy's operating the National Research Council. The committee will provide advisory advice to the U. S. Air Force on its program in computer-aided design and manufacturing.

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