

Program tackles off-campus problems

Hassle-Free offers advice

By MARK POWER

College Station apartment dwellers who are unaware of campus activities, who are having troubles with apartment managers, or who are just looking for roommates need not panic. There are people waiting to help.

"We try to be on the spot to help people solve their own problems calmly and logically," said Judi Wooten, coordinator for the Hassle-Free program.

Wooten directs more than 60 representatives who are trained and informed about problems encountered by off-campus students.

Many times a student with a problem becomes emotional and attacks management policies rather than try to work the problems out.

"There are specific steps one takes when he has a complaint about repairs or maintenance," Wooten says.

Hassle-Free doesn't give legal counseling or any type of legal advice, Wooten said.

"The problems we deal with can be from students or management," Wooten said.

Finding a Hassle-Free representative isn't much of a problem in large apartment complexes, because representatives post their phone numbers and campus information on bulletin boards at apartments.

But notices may be torn down or become weathered.

Representatives are instructed to deal with roommate problems, man-

agement hassles, and even questions about Q-drops and football tickets.

"Putting complaints in writing takes more time, but it is the best way to handle maintenance problems," said Wooten.

"I strictly show the student the choices they have and the consequences of their actions," Kling said. "I do not act as an attorney on their behalf. We advise and try to help students resolve their problems in the best possible way."

Wooten gives the following advice on how to survive in the "asphalt jungle," here:

- Be calm at all times when dealing with apartment managers.
- Read and reread the lease to find who is responsible for repairs.
- Make all complaints and requests in writing and in duplicate; send a copy and keep a copy.
- Wait a reasonable amount of time before making a second inquiry.

• If repairs are not made, request a written explanation and keep a dated copy.

• If the manager won't provide an explanation, see Student Affairs officials and make an appointment to see the legal advisor.

• If the problem is with a roommate, see a Hassle-Free representative and work out the situation.

Breaking a lease creates more financial and emotional problems than most students think.

Studies find nerve system damaging after heart attack

While heart seizures can't be prevented, help may be on the way for reducing the amount of their damage. Medical researchers at Texas A&M University have studied a previously little recognized factor which magnifies damage to heart muscle as the result of an attack.

Dr. Carl E. Jones of the College of Medicine's Department of Medical Physiology is the head of a research team studying cardiac nerve activity in coronary occlusions.

The \$100,000 project is being financed by grants from the National Institutes of Health and the Texas Affiliate of the American Heart Association.

"It has been felt for some time that sympathetic nervous activity may be harmful to heart muscle following the occlusion of an artery to the heart (a heart attack)," Jones said recently. "While drugs can reduce this influence, the simplest and most definitive way to study its effect is to completely remove the sympathetic nerves to the heart."

In performing this study, experimental animals whose hearts are almost identical to the human heart were used.

"The result indicated that following a long-term denervation, the amount of muscle damaged by coronary occlusion was tremendously reduced — reduced more than had ever been realized with drug treatment," Jones said. "Not only was the muscle damages less, but heart muscle contraction continued almost normally. So, long-term denervation had somehow protected the heart against damage resulting from coronary occlusion."

After observing the protective effects of long-term sympathetic nerve

removal, the researchers began experiments to define the reasons for these effects.

"We know that following a coronary occlusion in humans, one of the most important factors determining the extent of heart damage is the amount of blood flow to the affected muscle from secondary channels other than the occluded vessel — that is, the amount of collateral blood flow," Jones said. "Therefore, we reasoned that long-term removal of sympathetic nerves to the heart may cause an increased potential for collateral blood flow in the heart."

"Of course, our research is not complete. New questions are asked each time we answer one. The research is presently centered around defining the means by which removal of these nerves leads to in-

creased collateral blood flow. The answers to such basic questions will improve our ability to combat heart disease.

Campus activities

Tuesday
Buck Schiwetz Exhibition & Reception, 4 p.m., Rudder Center Exhibit Hall
Spring 1978 Student Teachers, 5 p.m., 209 MSC
English Society, "Citizen Kane," 81 admission, 8 p.m., 146 Physics Building
OPAS, Philharmonia Hungarica, 8:15 p.m., Rudder Auditorium

Wednesday
College of Engineering Seminars, J. P. Classes on "Radar Anemometry Over the Ocean," 12 noon 110 Oceanography and Meteorology Building
Omega Phi Alpha, 6:30 p.m., 501 Rudder
Traditions Council, 7:15 p.m., 401 Rudder
Bridge Committee, 7:15 p.m., MSC
Electrical Engineers Wives Club, 7:30 p.m., Figure Salon

Pre-Law Society, 7:30 p.m., 110 HECC Student Senate, 7:30 p.m., 204 HECC Aggie Cinema, A Star is Born, 8 p.m., Rudder Theater
Great Issues, Rep. James Cornman & Dr. Edgar Beddingfield, 8 p.m., Rudder Auditorium

Thursday
College of Engineering Seminars, Elmer Lignoul on "Mechanical Engineering in Construction," 10 a.m., 203 Zachry Engineering Center
Town Hall, University Symphonic Band, 12:30 p.m., University Center Mall
Dance Arts Society, modern dance and jazz, 7:30 p.m., 260 G. Rollie White Cepheid Variable, The Blob, 8 & 10 p.m., Rudder Theater
Texas Area Hometown Club, 8 p.m., 501 Rudder

FBI agent to address 21 graduating officers

Police officers graduate Friday in the 65th basic certification course at Texas A&M University.

FBI Agent Bob Wyatt of Bryan will address the 21-member class. The program is planned at noon in room 206 of the Memorial Student Center.

Completing 240 hours of basic training through the Law Enforcement and Security Training Division of the Texas Engineering Extension Service are 17 Brazos County peace officers, three from Paris in Lamar County and one from Stephenville in Smith County. The graduating group includes one woman.

Their training, required by law within six months of an officer's going on duty, has covered a broad range of topics. Sessions covered structure of government, criminal justice, basic criminal investigation, juvenile procedures, traffic control and police procedures.

Training included proficiency work in firearms, public speaking, defensive tactics, first aid, traffic direction and crowd and riot control. Students also had practical problems in crime scene techniques, court-

room demeanor and testimony, disorderly conduct, minor offenses and crimes in progress. Officers also were instructed in community relations.

Essay contest entries taken

English Department judges at Texas A&M University are taking entries for the second annual Thomas F. Mayo Prize Essay Contest. They will pick the best expository writer enrolled in English 103, 104, and 104H.

The \$100 prize memorializes Mayo, head of Texas A&M's English Department from 1944-52 and long-time college librarian. Mayo, one of William Faulkner's teachers and a Rhodes Scholar, died in 1954.

Deadline for entries is Oct. 31. They shouldn't exceed 750 words.

Author of "Epicurus in England, 1650-1725," Mayo first taught at Texas A&M in 1916. He left to attend Oxford University and serve in the Naval Reserve during World War I, but returned in 1921. He held degrees from Oxford, the University of Mississippi and Columbia University.

\$250 provided each school year for scholarship

Permanent endowment of the Father Cory Kranz Memorial Scholarship at Texas A&M by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Sikes Jr. of Houston was announced recently.

Given each semester to a member of the Singing Cadets, the award has been funded by contributions since 1974.

Honors Mrs. Sikes' late cousin, a New Orleans musician.

The endowment will provide at least \$250 annually to two members of the Singing Cadets, said Robert L. Walker, assistant to the chancellor for development.

Selection, by the director of the Singing Cadets, is based on academic achievement, conduct and financial need.

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