

Need study help?

A&M offers aid

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Students at Texas A&M University who are having a hard time adjusting or maybe just choosing a major are offered two services to help them: Educational Psychology 101 and the Academic Counseling Center.

Educational Psychology helps students, especially freshmen, learn where their weaknesses lie and how to overcome them.

Richard Baither, lecturer for the course, says there are approximately 26 students enrolled this fall. Austin Kerley, associate professor from the Academic Counseling Center, teaches a special section for athletes.

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The course concentrates on five areas: reading, writing, vocabulary, spelling and mathematics. The first thing the students do is take a test to find out what their problems are.

"We diagnose the needs of the students and match up their weaknesses with individual programs," said Baither. Most of the students have been referred by their adviser or their dean.

After the testing, each student is advised on what areas they need to

work. They spend approximately eight weeks in lecture for one hour a week. They also attend a two-hour lab for the entire 12 weeks of the semester. The lecture teaches students how to study for tests, how to outline text material, how to take notes, and how to develop effective study techniques. The students also set up study schedules.

Also included in the course is a reading lab which helps those students who need to work on their speed and comprehension.

"The problem with the course is that every student has a slightly different problem," said Baither. It takes quite a bit of responsibility and motivation on the student's part. The students get as much out of the course as they are willing to put into it. After the students' problems are discussed they are only given guidelines as to what they need to do.

After the course is completed some students are referred to the writing lab, which is set up by the English department or they may be sent to the Math department for additional help.

During the fall semester the course consists only of freshmen, but in the spring and summer semesters anyone may take the course.

The Academic Counseling Center offers various services to students. The most well-known is a test given to help students choose a major.

The center sets up consultations in groups or individually, for stu-

dents who feel the pressures of college. Most of its case load is freshmen and sophomores.

The center also has a career library for students' use. In the spring they plan on pursuing a career development service for women.

A workshop has been set today for

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all students who need help in improving their study habits. Other special problems students may have will be discussed. The workshop will teach how to gain control of one's study environment instead of letting it gain control of them, said Betty Mayfield, counseling psychologist. Another workshop has been set up for Oct. 17 for those who are unable to attend the first.

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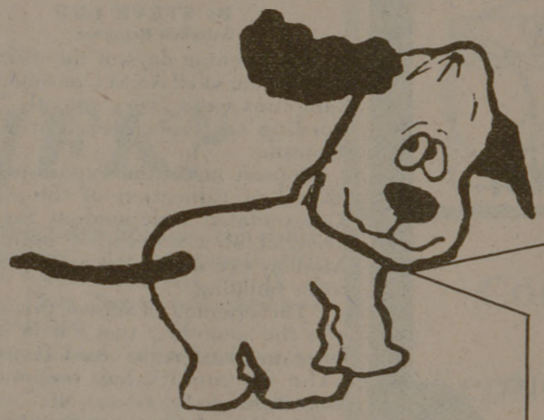
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