

# Peer advisers sought for 'fish'

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Freshmen at Texas A&M University's summer orientation will be able to ask students questions about the University, providing there are enough volunteers to answer them.

For the second summer, Student Services will sponsor a peer adviser program.

Kay Evans, assistant to Student Development Coordinator Glenna Witt, is coordinating the program this year. Advisers are needed, she says.

Deadline to apply to be an adviser is April 26.

"We are looking for individuals with enthusiasm about the University and about themselves who are willing to share that enthusiasm with new students to help them overcome the transition from the high school environment," Evans said.

Peer advisers must work on a volunteer basis. Evans said although the advisers can't be paid, they can have "an opportunity to help incoming students in a kind of way we would have liked to have been helped."

Evans said last year there were about 30 peer advisers and this year they would like to train 40 to 50 students for the 13 orientation sessions. Each advisor will be required to attend a minimum of two of the two-hour sessions. During each session each adviser will meet with about 10 new students.

To qualify, a student must have been a student at Texas A&M during the 1978-79 school year, have a 2.25 overall GPA, be active in at least one student organization and attend one of two training sessions.

The training sessions will be June 3 and July 12. Each will last six hours. These sessions will prepare advisers to answer student ques-

tions, review discussion topics and give ideas on sharing the Aggie spirit, Evans said.

Applications are available in the Off-Campus Center, in the Puryear Hall lounge.

Student Service staff members will choose the advisers. Evans said there is a possibility of having interviews.

Evans said a student does not have to be attending summer school to be an adviser. She also said being an adviser would not require a lot of time. Besides the six-hour training session, there are only two other time requirements.

One is meeting with new students for the two-hour sessions on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. The other is checking in at the Off-Campus Center once each week.

Evans said peer advisers are a source of information for new students and the sessions are designed to give students an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the University in an informal way.

"These peer advisers will find themselves in a position of leadership comparable to that of a resident adviser in a dorm," Evans said. "Their job will be to give hope and encouragement and express an attitude of friendliness."

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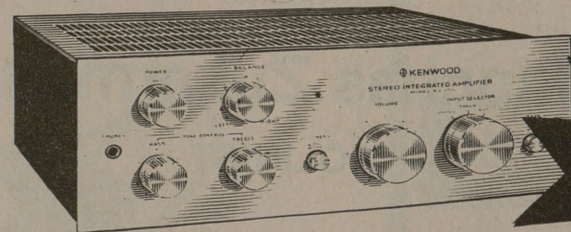
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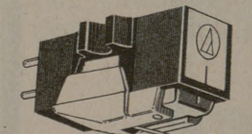
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