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CounceLine now available

By **BETSY HESS**
Battalion Reporter

Students experiencing depression caused by grades, studies or choice of careers may not realize how easy it is to get help through the Academic Counseling Service at Texas A&M.

CounceLine is one of two new services which were started in September. Students who are finding it hard to cope with a particular problem — it doesn't have to be academic — can pick up the phone, dial 845-6826, and ask to hear a tape concerning their specific problem.

There are 48 tapes ranging from friendship building and self-confidence to academic concerns.

The tapes are about five minutes long. They define the feelings you

may be experiencing, such as depression, and offer suggestions on how to deal with them.

"We basically deal with academic and career concerns and whatever personal problems are related to them," said Betty Mayfield, one of four psychologists on the staff.

The center will sponsor a career planning clinic at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 17, in 209 Harrington. Suggestions on how to choose a career will be offered. There also will be a discussion on choosing a career.

The service also offers occupational information. They send out surveys to A&M graduates asking about the job market and what kind of personal characteristics are helpful in certain occupational fields.

On Oct. 24th, there will be a basic study skills clinic at 6:30 p.m. in 209 Harrington.

"We get a lot of students who made good grades in high school without having to study much at all," said Mayfield. "They get down here and really don't know how to study."

The service also counsels students

who are on scholastic probation, and those having problems with time management and lack of motivation.

A reading room is also available in room 107 of the Academic Building where students may look at books or get cassette tapes with information they want without having to see a counselor.

Motorcycle pose adds pizzazz to life of Dallas woman, 70

United Press International

DALLAS — Seventy-year-old Edith Ungerman didn't have much pizzazz in her life. But she solved the problem spectacularly.

You can see Ungerman in three magazines, her gray hair blowing in the breeze, swathed in a jazzy lynx coat and clinging to a Hell's Angel lookalike on a big motorcycle. The ads are sponsored by a local furrier who claims his products could "change your life."

True, it's only a pose. But for Ungerman, who never even wore slacks in public until a year ago, pos-

ing for the ad was "the time of her life."

"A lot of people are surprised I said yes," she said. "But inside, there was a part of me that always wanted to be Auntie Mame. I decided it was time I was free to be me."

Ungerman didn't mention the ad to her family until she appeared. The family, she said, went wild.

"Right after, I went to my great-grand grandson's wedding in New Jersey. Someone brought a copy of the magazine. I almost upstaged the bride."

Aggie poll studies any foreign biases

By **DOUG GRAHAM**
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"Can Americans learn anything from foreigners?" was a question that bothered Mehmet Sahinoglu, President of the Europe Club.

He started wondering about the attitudes Texas A&M University students have toward foreign students.

Sahinoglu, a graduate student in statistics from Turkey, decided to put together a poll which other foreign students helped him administer.

"We have always asked for things, so I thought we could give something in return," he said.

The gift is the poll and Sahinoglu's statistical analysis of the results.

Assistant Director of Admissions Harvey Striegler, who has been on the job for just a few months, said the Europe Club's survey will be of interest to him.

The poll revealed a curious contradiction: while 58 percent of the Aggies said they had preconceived notions about international students, 89 percent answered that they thought other students at Texas A&M had preconceived notions.

Preconceived notions ranged anywhere from, "They are all stupid," to the comment that that foreigners could offer A&M some-

thing, "as long as they stay off the (MSC) grass and take baths!"

Not all answers were in that vein. One respondent said, "I try very hard not to categorize people at all. Barriers are always going to exist to a certain extent between persons with different backgrounds, regardless of what country they are from."

Sahinoglu compared the the 334 respondents to the survey to average age and sex of the A&M student body.

"The averages were close," he said, "and that made the figures good."

One of the more in-depth questions was a series concerning what Aggies felt were barriers between them and foreign students. Roughly a third said past experience, different education, economic disparity, and inborn feelings constituted barriers; 42 percent said foreign students have divergent interests from themselves, and that these interests were yet another barrier. A little more than 50 percent of those who filled in the 26-question form said they feel it is rude for others to speak a foreign language in their presence. One person replied, however, that it would not be rude, "unless I'm feeling insecure anyway."

One question was whether the respondent would date a foreign student. The answers were varied, though the ratio was 75 percent for to 25 percent against.

"Yes, if she was good looking," one replied.

"My wife would kill me," explained another.

"Depends on the individual," answered still another.

River walks called boon for downtown

Got a dying downtown? A Texas A&M University researcher has a prescription that may bring it back to life.

Add one river; throw in the overwhelming support of the community; pump in lots of money and years of planning and development and, voila, you've got a river walk that is not only a lifeboat for a decaying business district to cling to, but a cultural and aesthetic asset as well, explains Clare Gunn.

The prescription is not entirely outrageous, for the nation is experiencing a renaissance of the urban river, he said.

Gunn, a 30-year veteran of tourism development research, said a relatively small amount of water can quickly become a powerful social force in a community. Easily the most successful example of the influence of a small urban river is the prototype of river walks, the San Antonio River Walk.

Throughout the United States, urban rivers have been used and abused, Gunn said, but now they are on the way back. Several Texas cities are now waist deep in planning their own river walk developments, including El Paso, Austin, Laredo, Waco and Jefferson.

"Instead of considering a city river only good for waste removal, city planners are trying to emphasize the cultural amenity aspects, the things that make life worthwhile," said Gunn.

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