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# OCC offers carpool built for two

By STEPHANIE WILLIAMS  
Battalion Reporter  
If you live off campus and are tired of driving your car or riding your bike or the shuttle bus to school every day, then the Off Campus Center has the solution for you.

The OCC, a division of the Department of Student Affairs, has a carpool program for all off-campus students, faculty and staff members at Texas A&M University. Louann Schulze, coordinator of the Off Campus Center, said she and Cheryl Hollenshead, an off-campus adviser, are responsible for the carpool program. The program started two years ago, but never developed into a large service.

"Less than 50 people are presently in the program," Schulze said, "and close to 20 are still looking for riders." Hollenshead said, "The service is free and you don't even need a license to be in the carpool, just an interest in carpooling."

Students and faculty can sign up for the program in the OCC, located in Puryear Lounge across from the YMCA Building. Students who previously registered for the carpool, need to fill out a new card in case of address changes.

The records need to be updated, Hollenshead said, and carpoolers should call or come by the OCC to inform them of any changes in address or phone numbers.

"Basically, we're just a referral agency," she said. "We supply carpoolers with the information of those interested, and the students contact each other to work out the scheduling."

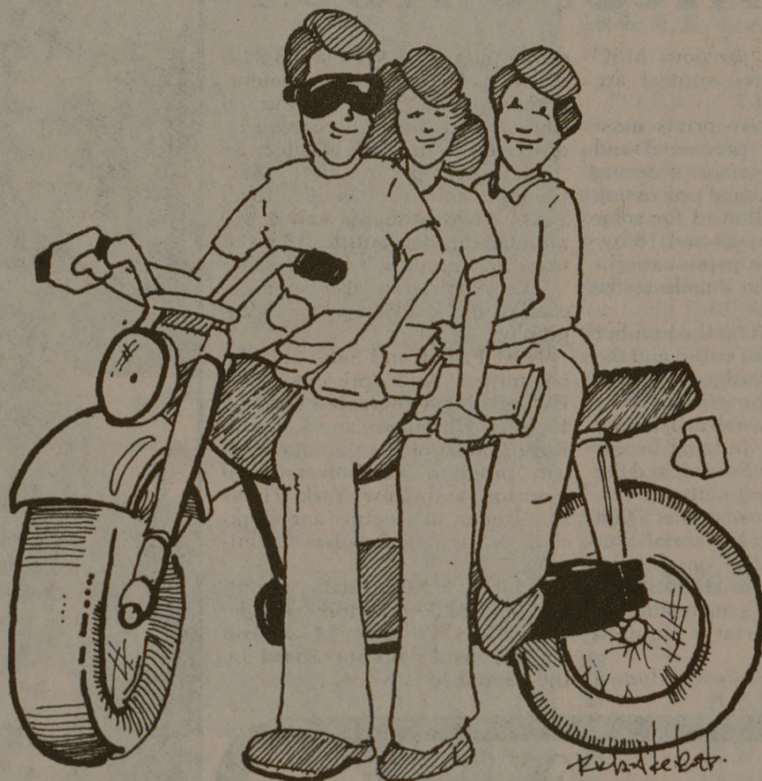
Even if a student has filled out a card, this does not obligate them to carpool, Hollenshead said. It's up to the student to use the information the OCC supplies.

OCC staff members provide services for off-campus students, ranging from general information about off-campus living to getting legal advice for tenant and landlord problems.

A freshman contact program has been organized by the OCC with the goal of uniting off-campus freshmen and to get them better acquainted, Schulze said.

The OCC also provides counseling for roommates who are having problems living together, she said, and help students find ways to deal with the situation.

Advisers are available in Puryear Lounge from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



# Jobs to be topic at career night

By TINA LINCH  
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Liberal arts students will have opportunity to explore possible job markets at the Second Annual Liberal Arts Career Night Monday.

Texas A&M's Career Planning and Placement Center is scheduled to present to the program at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder Tower. Students will learn about career planning and job opportunities from liberal arts employers and Texas A&M liberal arts graduates.

Employers will present 10- to 15-minute discussions on what they look for in applicants, preparation for the job market and profession paths open to liberal arts graduates.

Scheduled speakers include Nancy Wilson, area personnel manager for GTE, and Sylvia Stern of IBM. Donald Bonnar, Federal Office of Personnel Management in Houston, will discuss government employment, including information on the Professional and Administrative Career Examination for federal service positions. Steve Rogers, lawyer with Gandy, Mauro and Caperton, will discuss law-related careers and the needs of small businesses for liberal arts employees.

Texas A&M liberal arts graduates will include personal experiences in job searching. Speakers are to include: Sam Henry, director of operations at Texas A&M-Galveston and Julie Terrazas, personnel management specialist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth. They will explain the liberal arts cooperative education program.

"Job opportunities for liberal arts graduates are limited," said Judy Vulliet, assistant director at the placement center. "It's very important for students to pursue the careers they want but not to ignore the realities." "If (they) start some serious planning now, (they) will give (themselves) the opportunity to construct an appropriate academic framework, participate in cooperative education's work experience and a host of other opportunities."

# Club gets different look at Texas A&M professors

By CATHY CAPPS  
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Members of the Apollo Club get a closer look at Texas A&M professors than from the lecture stand—they see them from across the dinner table.

The Texas A&M Apollo Club, sponsored by the Student Y Association, meets for dinner every Thursday at local restaurants with a member of the Texas A&M faculty or staff. The purpose of the club is to provide out-of-classroom contact with professors, said Keith Vance, director of faculty-staff relations in the Student Y.

Since the only time most students see their professors is in the classroom, Vance said, the Apollo Club hopes the personal contact they offer will show students that professors are on their side.

Faculty or staff members who are guests of the Apollo Club eat with the group and then speak on a topic of interest. Guests have included Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president for student services, and Thomas Parsons, director of security and traffic.

Apollo Club members met for the first time this year Thursday at Pasta's to get acquainted. The first dinner with a faculty guest is scheduled for Oct. 22 at Julie's Place.

Club membership is limited to 40 students, but any student is eligible to join. The club is divided into two groups to provide more personal interaction, Vance said.

Chairmen of the two groups this fall are Bobby Fowler and Pam Walsh, both freshman pre-med majors.

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