## A&M mentors advise students needing help

by Brigid Brockman Battalion Reporter to you have problems that

ody seems interested in? The professors and staff kers who are involved in Texas A&M Mentors gram are interested and

The mentors, who are ply "wise and faithful selors," counsel students. et them to programs that help with specific proband inform them of seroffered at the Univer-

Assistant professor Dr. rley Black, who took over program in 1981, said the gram is more than a counservice. Many students talk to a mentor because tudents think their probare too trivial, but she that students should als feel welcome



"They can come to us with all their little gripes," she said. The program can be a way for students to communicate with their professors, Black said. The number of professors involved in the program has doubled since it first be-

as mentors. She said there are many professors doing research work who don't get to talk to students as often as they would like. These professors are asking her to direct stu-

gan. There are more than 250

faculty members who double

dents to their offices.

The program has received positive response from the students. Most students want to know their professors, she said, and want to be more than an identification number.

'Students like to have that small college feeling even though the University is growing so fast," she said.

A program is also being developed for secretaries to help inform students where they

can go to get help. Students soon will be able to pick up brochures which list the mentors for each college the University. brochures will be in dormitories and the Off-Campus Housing Center.

To help let students know who the mentors are, most of the mentors have "ATMentors" signs hanging on their office doors, Black said.

Battalion Reporter
Students from the University of Texas at Arlington say student government will be effec-

tive only if universities join together when lobbying in Au-The Texas A&M Legislative

Study Group disagrees. UTA is represented in Austin by the Texas Student Association, which also represents many other Texas universities.

by Kimberly Hix

Legislative Study Group director Mike Lawshe said students need more personal representa-

"TSA can't be effective," he said. "It works for too many universities to be truly representative of the students. Students need more than a voice in Austin, they need to be informed on state-wide issues that will affect them.

The Legislative Study Group researches current issues, then a recommendation is made to the Student Senate based on this re-

'The research is two-fold," Lawshe said. "The students' best interest and how issues will affect them is our first considerthe students want.'

Lobbying tactics debated

Group members attend organizational meetings and talk with students discussing current

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these issues, he said. Fred Billings, associate director, describes the research as coming in the back door.

"It is gathering opinions, finding out how the students feel and then following through with what they want," he said.
"This is the only way anyone is truly represented.

Lawshe said this is the job of the Student Senate.

"Technically the (Student)

ation. Then we consider what Senate should find out what the students want,' "However, very little of this takes place. As a group we must

work with the (Student) Senate." The Texas Congress has commended the Legislative Study Group on its representation of Texas A&M and has cited it as an example for other universities to follow.

UTA Student Government has chosen not to follow this ex-

John Gross, UTA Student Government treasurer, said that by joining TSA and interacting with other universities, common problems can be solved.

problems that all universities have," he said. "TSA is a way to solve them. As students we have very little power. Collectively,

universities can have an impact. "TSA is a vehicle for making life easier for college students. If it doesn't work, sell it and buy

another," he said.
The UTA Student Government has tried lobbying without

TSA has spent money for lob-bying that UTA's Student Government felt was not important, Gross said. Many of the issues were not vital to all the students in Texas, and the organization lost its influence.

## Mattox's intervening n rate case opposed

United Press International
ISTIN — There would be a conflict of interest if ey General Jim Mattox is d to intervene in a tele-company rate case before olic Utility Commission, a wyer argued Friday.

a Cristol, of the PUC's al counsel, joined lawyers General Telephone Co. of outhwest in opposing Mat-equest that he be allowed the company's \$85.5 mil-

eneral Telephone lawyer Wueste Jr. noted that 's office is already repre-

senting the PUC in a prior General Telephone case that is on But Wueste said the constituappeal.
"Our position is that it simply

takes away the due process we have," he said.

PUC Examiner Angela Williams said she will decide early next week whether to grant Mattox status as an intervenor in the rate hearings scheduled to begin

April 18. Amarillo attorney Eric Wolfram, who represented Mattox, said the attorney general has au-thority under the Texas Constitution to be made a party to PUC proceedings as an advocate of the public's interest.

general must represent public interests, claiming the representation of individual consumers

would be private interests. Wolfram countered that the number of residential customers Front End Parts Replacement is large enough that they take on o

a public interest aspect.

Even though the PUC's general counsel represents all claseral counsel represents all classes of customers, Wolfram said residential consumers have no specific advocate" during rate

"He (Mattox) has no right to tell us what residential customers' rights are," said Cristol.

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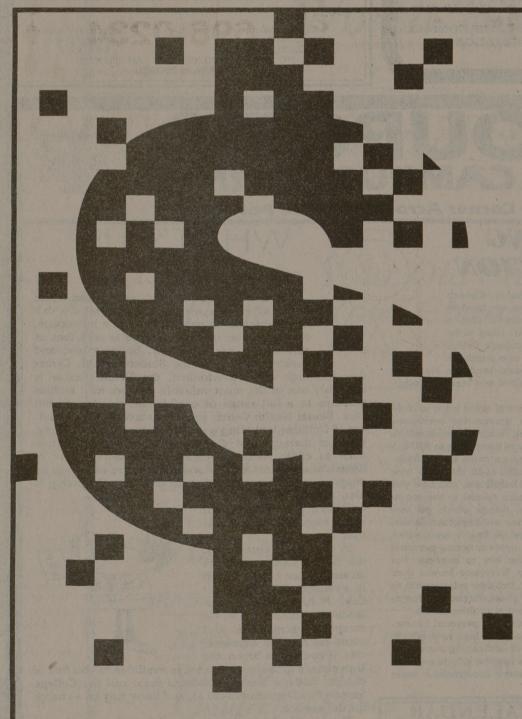
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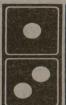
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