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Local unit helps girls deal with pregnancy

By THERESA CORNELL
Reporter

Counselors at the Good Samaritan Pregnancy Service say they will do anything they can to help a woman who is troubled by her pregnancy — except one thing. They will not refer her to an abortion clinic.

Good Samaritan, located in the Pines Professional Building on West Brookside Road off South College Avenue, was begun by St. Mary's Catholic Church, and although it no longer has an official church affiliation, it has retained the Catholic stand against abortion.

"We are the alternative to abortion," director Beverly Ogden says. "Most girls come from low income groups and are just

concerned with day-to-day survival. They find out they're pregnant and don't know what to do. We show her that there is a way to have her baby, rather than having an abortion."

Good Samaritan was begun three years ago by Father Al Palermo of St. Mary's Church. As religious counselor, Palermo says he tries to show women the religious aspects of abortion.

"We help the girl to make the decision that is right for her," he says. "She comes first. Our basic concern though, is finding alternatives to abortion."

The Good Samaritan Pregnancy Service offers counseling and financial assistance for wed or unwed pregnant women who do not want an abortion. They refer women to adoption and welfare agencies, to homes such as the Edna Gladney Home in Fort Worth, and to doctors who charge little or nothing for prenatal care.

Although some of the volunteers and counselors are Catholic, Good Samaritan is not a Catholic organization. Palermo said people of various denominations come to volunteer or to get help and advice. Good Samaritan counseled over 300 women aged 13 to 37 last year.

Beverly Ogden, who has worked with pregnancy counseling for five years, says that as a referral service, Good Samaritan suggests doctors, adoption agencies, and such government welfare programs as Aid for Dependent Children. Ogden says some girls have no home, family or job and need financial assistance. Good Samaritan helps with medical expenses from donations received, but is on a limited budget.

"We ask the girls to pay as much as they can," Ogden says. "Doctors do help. We have some who are also against abortion. They charge little or nothing for prenatal care, but we can only send them so many girls."

Good Samaritan refers some girls to the Department of Human Resources which can help them with job training, renting an apartment and obtaining free nursery services. Maternity clothes and cribs also are provided.

For girls without families, Good Samaritan can offer a home with a family in the Bryan-College Station area.

Around town

Order graduation announcements

May and DVM graduates must order their graduation announcements before Wednesday. Announcements can be ordered in the MSC Student Finance Center, 217 MSC from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Red Cross sponsors blood drive

The Brazos County Chapter of the American Red Cross Association will finish its monthly blood drive today at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in College Station from noon until 6 p.m. Those who are between 17 and 65 years of age and weigh more than 110 pounds are encouraged to donate blood.

Entomologist discusses pesticide

The Central Texas Chapter of the American Registry of Professional Entomologists is sponsoring a seminar that addresses the impact of pesticides on health. Tami Adams, director of the Texas Pesticide Research and Education Project, will speak at a seminar tonight at 7:30 p.m. in room 101 of the Entomology Building. The public is invited.

Park to begin development

By Karen Wallace
Staff Writer

The first phase of development for the Texas A&M Research Park will begin this fall says Dr. Mark L. Money, vice chancellor for research and corporate relations.

"The first phase includes roads, landscaping and utilities and begins this year on 110 acres of the 318-acre park," Money says.

Development of the park is beginning on the west side of campus between University Drive, Jersey Street and the West Bypass. However, there still seems to be some confusion about the purpose of the park, Money says.

"This isn't a real estate development," he says. "We aren't trying to move the College Station and Bryan businesses to the park site. Rather, we want to provide a site that will attract research oriented, high technology industries," he says.

The University pays for landscaping such as roads and utilities and will sell park spaces to industries, Money says. "These industries are in charge of any construction on their spaces, he says.

Money, who directed the University of Utah Research Park for 12 years, says having a research park near or on a university campus is beneficial to both the industries and the university.

First, both will benefit from the cooperative research projects that can be done between private enterprises and the uni-

versity, he says. Industries benefit because they can use campus research facilities, any specialized equipment. Also, employees would be able to take advantage of the recreational facilities, he says.

Another plus is the immediate employee selection available to the industries, he says. "We are students available to part-time and graduates interested in career opportunities."

These job opportunities benefit the students as well as industries. Working with industry before graduation provides good experience in some cases, on-the-job training.

Finally, the park will enhance the University's image in the eyes of research-related sources, he says.

The park will take a long time to fully develop, with initial development taking 15-20 years, Money says. "It's not a short-range fix development scheme," he says. "We're developing for the long run."

For example, the University of Utah Research Park took years to develop 80 acres of the Stanford Industrial Park, one of the first research parks took 30 years to develop 100 acres, Money says.

"That's a long time considering the rapid growth rate of the area and the large grant program," he says.

There's no way of telling how long the development of Texas A&M Research Park will take because the park will be developed in stages. Money says.

Students to spend \$2 million at Padre

United Press International

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND — Officials estimate more than 100,000 vacationing students will spend around \$2 million on this South Texas island resort and surfers' haven during spring break next month.

Although most of them dress like beach bums while frolicking up and down the Gulf of Mexico beach and sand dunes, a Chamber of Commerce survey shows many of the youngsters come well heeled when liberated from the classroom.

"A survey done of students who come to the island for their spring break vacations shows that 49 percent of them come here with between \$300 and \$1,000 to spend on their vacation."

"Multiply that by the vast number of students who come

here and you have a very significant percentage of the tourist dollar for any one month out of the calendar year," said Coleen Carnevale, promotions director for the Chamber of Commerce.

The study, based on a survey of 4,391 students taken over a two-year period by a New York marketing research firm, said 8 percent of the students bring from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and another 5 percent come with more than \$10,000.

Most of the throng will be on the island between March 6 and March 18 to join in two concerts, beach games, dances and other events being sponsored by beer breweries, sun tan lotion manufacturers and film producers.

A concert by the beach music duo Jan and Dean will take place on March 15, while Joe "King" Carrasco will perform on March 11, both sponsored by major breweries.

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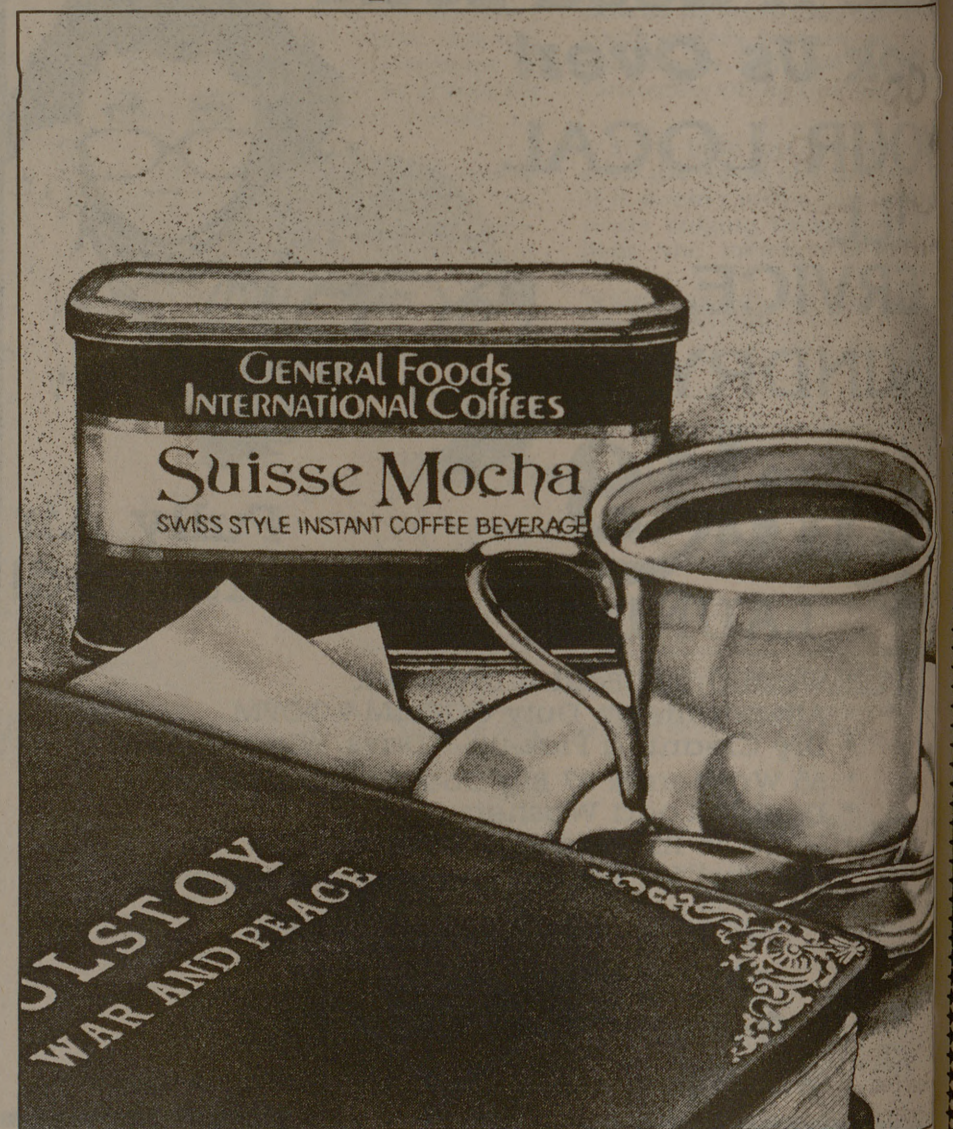
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