

# Student Mediation Service to aid conflicts

By GLENDA MARROU  
Reporter

Student conflicts can be handled through a newly developed Student Mediation Service by February 1985, Bill Kibler, assistant director of student affairs said Tuesday.

"The mediation program will be an alternative way for students to solve conflicts between themselves," Kibler said. "It offers an unbiased third party to listen and give advice."

The mediation program was proposed last spring by Nancy Ludwig,

an advisor at the Off-Campus Center. She encountered many roommate conflicts that a mediation program could have resolved. Her proposal was adopted as a division of student services.

As a result, an organizational committee representing all student services was appointed. The committee includes: seven members from the Department of Student Affairs, one from the Student Counseling Service, one from Student Activities, one Student Legal Advisor and one

student. Kibler serves as chairperson of the committee.

Eileen Stewart, coordinator for the mediation project at the University of Massachusetts, has helped in organizing the program at Texas A&M, Kibler said.

"The University of Massachusetts has had a successful program for six years," Kibler said. "Their mediation project also includes legal conflicts, child abuse cases and conflicts within the community."

The mediation program at A&M

will handle only student conflicts. Students also will be chosen to act as mediators in the conflicts.

"Student mediators will be selected at the end of this semester," Kibler said. "Initially, 18-25 hours of training will be required where students can learn problem solving techniques."

Students can seek help from this program at designated locations on campus, Kibler said. A professional counselor will talk to the student and

determine if the mediation program is appropriate for their situation, he said.

Then, a team of mediators will be assigned to the case. Both parties involved can present their conflict and the mediators will try to come up with an agreement that both parties must sign.

"The agreement is not legally binding," Kibler said. "It is simply a voluntary process in which both parties

consent to something."

The mediators will monitor the students' success, and check on whether or not they complied with the agreement, he said.

"Throughout the campus, we have had positive feedback and support for the mediation program at Texas A&M," Kibler said. "We have the potential to grow and become a very effective service for the students."

## Cadets learn safety techniques

By GLENDA MARROU  
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Ninety seniors in Air Force outfits in the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets will be taught first aid techniques, emergency skills and safety tips in a workshop today, Naomi Giroux said.

This workshop is the second of a two-part series and will focus on accidents common to Corps activities. The first class, held last Thursday, featured urgent care.

Giroux, director of education at Humana Hospital, will teach both classes.

"We will teach safety skills, important first aid administrations, and how to look for certain signs in

threatening situations," Giroux said.

Andrea McCollom, a student at the University and an intern at Humana Hospital, also coordinated the workshop.

"Most of the first aid instructions are applicable to situations the cadets might come across," McCollom said. The cadets will learn how to handle bonfire, cutting accidents, heat stroke and exhaustion.

For example, on Corps runs if one man drops out then a senior who attended this workshop could also drop out. He could apply the techniques he learned for that particular situation.

Lt. Col. Perry Koch, executive of-

ficer for the Air Force ROTC program at A&M, said in the past, they have held such workshops through the A.P. Beutel Health Center, but this one should be more thorough.

It is mainly for the cadets, but others can attend.

The program will start at 5 p.m. in 113 Heldenfels Hall.

"Since the Goodrich death, interest in such programs has grown," Koch said. "We started with the seniors, because they are our leaders."

Hopefully, we can expand this program to the other classes and outfits in the Corps."

## Faculty shares urban skills

# Advisory panel meets

By LYNN RAE POVEC  
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About 25 state officials and businessmen gathered here Wednesday for the first meeting of the Urban Affairs Council, an advisory council for the Texas A&M Center for Urban Affairs.

To provide a means for A&M faculty to share their urban affairs skills with the private and public sector, the Texas A&M Board of Regents established the center last summer, said Dr. Wolfgang Roeseler, professor of urban and regional planning and director of the center.

of Dallas Jim Reid as treasurer and James Delaney, president of the Rand Corp. in San Antonio, as chairman of the private sector.

Jones told the council it must work to create a reservoir of knowledge about urban affairs. "I accept this position with a great deal of honor, and I will do my best to accomplish the objectives in the bylaws," he said.

The council's objectives are threefold:

ward coping with rapid urban growth in the state of Texas."

Roeseler said the center was created in response to Target 2000, which calls for A&M to play a more prominent role in the affairs of Texas. A&M President Frank E. Vandiver explained the center's mission.

The center will focus its attention on urbanization, reforms in local government, transportation strategies, and regional and statewide policies, as well as other urban issues, Vandiver said.

Councilmembers divided into task forces to give their input on eight general areas of urban concern, including the four above. The areas are:

"We are no longer a country school," he said. "We are an urban institution already, (and there is a) need for Texas A&M to become involved heavily in urban affairs."

- Water Resources Development
- Urbanization and Growth Management for Texas
- Reform of Local Government and Its Financial Infrastructure
- Health Systems
- Financing Housing, Redevelopment and Preservation
- Transportation and Joint Development
- Esthetic Dimensions in Urban Design
- Sociological Concerns.

The council was created to assist the center in that aim, and members include San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros (represented at the meeting by Lowell Denton, San Antonio city attorney), Fort Worth Mayor Bob Bolen, Bryan City Manager Ernest Clark, Corpus Christi Mayor Luther Jones and Dr. Herbert Grubb, principal planner for the Texas Department of Water Resources.

At the meeting, members elected officers, discussed ways of generating funds and organized task forces to deal with specific problems.

Jones unanimously was elected as chairman of the council, and Clark was elected chairman of the public sector.

Other elected officers are Fort Worth City Manager Robert Herchert as vice-chairman, Assistant City Manager for Development

Vandiver advised the council that it was not likely that financial aid from the University would be received, citing the lack of additions to next year's budget as one reason, and he suggested the center establish an endowment for funds.

## Friend of Fish Program offers freshmen grand tour of A&M

By PAMELA WENTWORTH  
Reporter

"By becoming a member of the Friend of a Fish Program, freshmen are opening themselves up to a grand tour of everything Texas A&M has to offer," Martin Rimes, a Business Student Council representative, said Monday.

The Friend of a Fish program is sponsored by BSC representatives

from Pi Sigma Epsilon — a marketing fraternity at A&M. Friend of a Fish is designed to provide both academic and non-academic information to freshmen business and general studies majors.

"It is strictly an informal counseling service where upperclassmen volunteers advise freshmen on a one-to-one basis," Rimes said.

Because students sometimes find it difficult relating to a professor or administrative advisor, Friend of a Fish allows freshmen to ask upperclassmen questions they may otherwise feel intimidated or embarrassed to ask, he said.

Most of the freshmen involved in the program choose the College of Business Administration because they know they have a friend to guide them through the rough

spots, Rimes said. Not only will the counselors provide information about previous courses and professors they have had in the business college, but they also will inform freshmen about other colleges and social functions available to them, he said.

When more serious academic or personal problems arise, Lynn Zimmerman, program advisor and assistant to the dean of the College of Business Administration, refers freshmen to the Student Counseling Service in the YMCA building.

Friend of a Fish is a pre-advising program. It is not intended to replace the Student Counseling Service, but to supplement it, Zimmerman said.

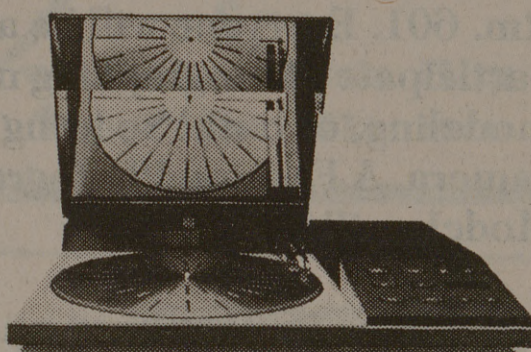
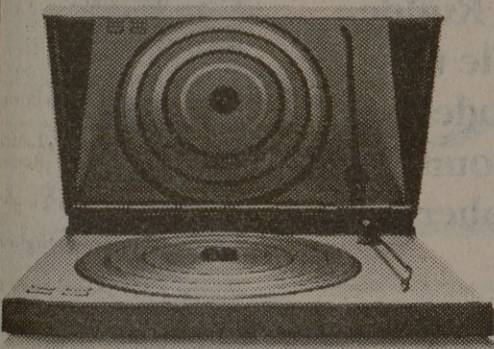
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Wednesday's Battalion incorrectly quoted NOW member Kris Parsons. What she actually said was that a fetus, while a living thing, has no legal rights superior to that of the woman's rights.

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