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Counseling service to use hypnosis

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Texas A&M Counseling and Assessment Service will begin counseling students using hypnosis starting

Students will be able to receive hypnotherapy — free of charge — to break just about any undesirable habits such as smoking or overeating. The hypnosis also can help with certain types of fears or anxieties such as testing anxieties or fear of

heights. Dr. Robert Reilley, a professor in the Department of Educational Psy-ill supervise a group of 10 chology, will supervise a group of 10 doctoral students using the hypnosis. The students are working toward degrees in counseling psychology.

A common concern regarding hypnosis is that it is dangerous, Reilley said. "Research indicates that of the problem is too difficult to when the procedure is used by a solve, Reilley said.

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Hypnosis might not work for some people because they aren't sus-ceptible to it or because the degree

Often individuals feel a bit anxious about being hypnotized for the first time. Reilley said this feeling is natural since hypnosis is a new and unusual experience and there is still quite a bit of mystery associated with

the process. Reilley said he expects to get more students interested in the hypnotherapy than the service can accommo-date.

"We are offering this form of therapy to help students with genuine problems," Reilley said.

Students or members of the community interested in taking part in the therapy can call the counseling and assessment service to make an appointment. There is a small charge for non-students.

"Hypnosis seems to be most effective if you just sit back and enjoy it," Reilley said. "There is no need to try hard or to worry about it. Rather, we recommend that you put aside your usual doubts and questions, and just allow to whatever seems to be happening.

"Concentrate on what is happening, but be passive in allowing the experience to unfold and affect you. Sit back and enjoy it.'

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