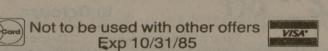


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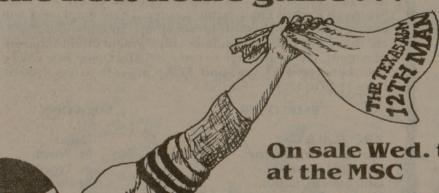
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Student mediation service helps with solving conflict

By LINDA SIPPOLA

Reporter

Texas A&M University students are helping other A&M students resolve conflicts without going through tedious and often expen-

sive legal processes.

The Student Mediation Service offers trained student mediators as impartial third parties in student-tostudent conflicts.

Conflicts the service deals with range from legal or property disputes to roommate disputes.

Student mediation is a way for students to avoid the legal process," says Jan Winniford, assistant direc-

tor of student affairs. After the case is accepted for mediation, the student is interviewed by one of the case coordinators. The student is asked to contact the other

student involved in the conflict. Students often feel their privacy is invaded if they are first contacted by someone not involved in the problem, Winniford says.

If both parties agree to mediation, two of the 10 student mediators are assigned to the case.

"Mediation is something that both parties have to want," Winniford

Once mediation sessions are scheduled, the students involved meet with the mediators individually and collectively. Each party gives its side of the problem and suggests a compromise

Individual sessions are held to allow the students to say anything they feel should be known but did not want to say in front of the other stu-

students, not the mediators.
"Student mediators simply try to point out where the two sides are similar and help them find a com-promise," Winniford says.

Mediators remain neutral and do not offer suggestions or advice to ei-

ther party.

When a compromise is reached, a written agreement is signed by the students involved and the student mediators. The case coordinators do a follow-up to determine if the case needs additional mediation.

Although the Student Mediation Service was started last spring, it has not gained widespread attention on campus.

"Apparently other colleges and universities have had the same problem," Winniford says.

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word to other students, & Any student wanting to service must fill out and available in Room 108 of building. Applications and able at the OCC, the Dea Student Activities or thes gal advisers' office.

The Student Mediator available to all A&M su Student groups without The student median

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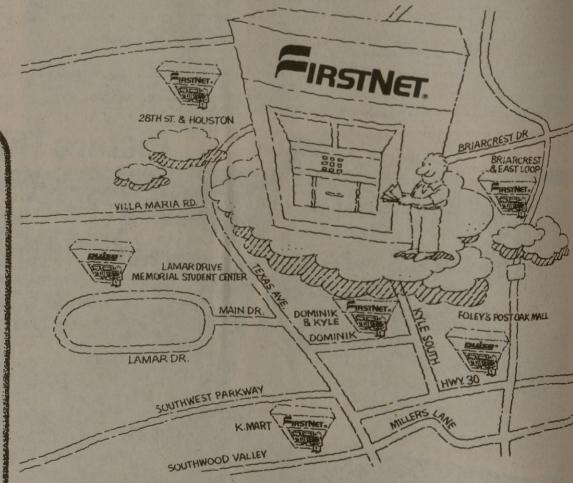
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The A&M Motor Vehicle Reg-The A&M Motor Vehicle Regulations state that "All vehicles registered by students must be moved from Parking Areas 37, 46, 48, 49, 56, 60, 62, 63 and 69 by 10 a.m. on days when there is a home football game."

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