

Adviser says health care inadequate

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those may be. Routine physicals normally would be a part of the service the health center provides, but because of the student overload and the staffing problem, the center had to discontinue this service, he says. The first obligation of the health center is to take care of the sick, he says.

Goswick says that because of the waiting period to see doctors at the health center, the center often suggests students go to Planned Parenthood of Brazos County.

"We recommend the students go to Planned Parenthood," he says. "We appreciate it and they (the students) appreciate it and they're happy with the results."

But at Planned Parenthood, college students are no longer considered income-eligible by the state to receive low-cost birth control services. In the last legislative session dependent students were removed from the income-eligible category and now must pay according to their parents' income.

Stock says NOW is encouraging the University to implement a counseling service which provides information about the different types of birth control. This service should be available at the health center, she says. But Goswick says it's not feasible because the doctors don't have the time to counsel the students on this issue. However, he doesn't object to a program administered through a different department.

Aggie survives Mexican quake

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"Within maybe thirty or forty seconds, the room started to crumble apart," Dixon said. "The windows were breaking out and the furniture was sliding all over. The front wall facing the bed broke and I could see out into the hallway."

Dixon said after about a minute he was able to put his clothes on, stand up and make his way to the door.

"By that time the door had jammed because the wall was leaning badly, so I had to kick it in," he said.

He said when he got out of the room he saw several people in the center of the hallway holding on to what had been a pillar but was now a steel support with fragments of concrete still clinging to it.

Water was spewing from broken pipes and there was a loud hissing from cracked gas pipes.

The spiral staircase leading down to the first floor had collapsed.

"I told them that we should just go ahead and crawl down through the rubble and get out in the street," Dixon said. "And we did."

He said by the time he and the others reached the street, the quake was over.

It had lasted about 2½ minutes.

"I really didn't think it was all that bad until we got out in the street," Dixon said. "The hotel across the street had collapsed and there were no survivors."

He said that while in the street he talked to people, listened to the radio and waited for an aftershock.

After an hour, he and several others

went back into the hotel to collect their belongings.

When Dixon got to the fifth floor he found a paraplegic man in the room next to his.

The man wasn't able to get out of the hotel during the quake and needed help to leave the building, he said.

"So we got him out and I left that area and went on to finish the day's business," Dixon said.

Part of Dixon's business was to leave word at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City that he was safe.

The embassy was supposed to contact his family in the United States.

On Sept. 20, one of Dixon's friends who is a student-teacher at A&M, received an urgent message from Dixon's wife, Marybeth Andereck.

Bob Murray, 33, who is working on a doctorate in biology, said that when he received the message it dawned on him that Dixon was in Mexico City.

Murray said Andereck and Dixon's family had been calling the U.S. Embassy to find out Dixon's status.

"His parents and wife had made many calls down there (the embassy) and they kept checking for Clifton Dixon," Murray said. "On the computer printout they got nothing."

Murray said the MSC Amateur Radio Committee, which was working to contact families of Mexican students, tried to locate Dixon by radio from Sept. 20 to Sept. 21.

The second earthquake struck the night of Sept. 20.

Murray said the radio club called

him on Sept. 21 and said no one at the Guadalupe Hotel had been killed in the first quake but knew nothing about the second quake.

On Sept. 21 at about 2 a.m., Dixon's wife received a call from the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City.

The embassy told her that Clifton Andereck was not injured in the first quake, but there was no word from him following the second.

Somehow, the embassy had replaced "Dixon" with "Andereck," which was his wife's maiden name, Dixon said.

Murray, who refers to Dixon as "Skeeter," said that after a week without word from the younger Dixon, Dixon's father, also named Clifton, decided to go to Mexico in search of his son.

"Skeeter's father was very anxious to go and said he wasn't going to be put off any longer," Murray said.

By that time, the younger Dixon was supposed to be doing research on stingless bees near Tlapa, a town in the state of Guerrero south of Mexico City.

Murray said he agreed to accompany the elder Dixon to Tlapa.

"I felt like if it was me down there and my father was upset like that, I would want one of my friends to do the same thing," Murray said.

Murray and the elder Dixon met at the Houston Intercontinental Airport on Sept. 30 and flew to Acapulco where they began the eight hour drive to Tlapa.

That night they stayed in a hotel in Tlapa. They began looking for the younger Dixon the next day.

They still had not found him after

two days of searching the mountain villages and waiting at his residence in Tlapa, Murray said.

On Oct. 13, Murray said that he made a telephone call to the younger Dixon's mother, Lena Dixon, in New Orleans.

She said an airline stewardess had met the younger Dixon in Mexico City and had called from Miami to tell her that her son had not been harmed in the second quake.

The younger Dixon said he was visiting the home of a professor at the University of Mexico when the second quake hit.

On Sept. 30, the same day Murray and the elder Dixon were flying to Acapulco, the younger Dixon returned to Mexico City to try to get a message home.

The younger Dixon said the U.S. Embassy, which had lost all of his messages following the second quake, was not meeting the needs of American citizens in Mexico City.

"Believe me, if there's any bones to pick, it's with the embassy in Mexico City," the younger Dixon said.

On Oct. 4, the younger Dixon returned to his home in Tlapa and found his father and Murray sleeping on his floor.

On Oct. 5, the elder Dixon and Murray caught a flight back to Houston.

Murray said although the missed week of school might destroy his 4.0 grade-point ratio, he would do it all over again if the same situation arose.

"He would have done the same thing for me," Murray said.

Reagan to propose accord on regional disputes

Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Reagan will propose today a new formula for U.S.-Soviet cooperation in resolving regional disputes in Afghanistan and elsewhere, U.S. officials disclosed Wednesday.

Meanwhile, presidential spokesman Larry Speakes announced that Reagan would meet Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze this afternoon after meeting with the leaders of five major industrialized democracies.

The officials said Reagan's proposal, to be outlined in a major foreign policy address to the United Nations, would contain a framework for U.S.-Soviet cooperation in settling civil conflicts that have torn such nations as Afghanistan, where 100,000 Soviet troops are buttressing a pro-Moscow government, and Nicaragua, which Reagan contends Soviet bloc countries are using to expand Communist influence in Central America.

Speaking on condition they not be named, the officials said the plan

Reagan would outline has become the focus of U.S. negotiating aims for Reagan's summit talks Nov. 19-20 in Geneva with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Speakes, talking to reporters earlier as Reagan flew to New York for three days of talks during ceremonies marking the 40th anniversary of the U.N. General Assembly, said the president would propose a major new initiative to be discussed at his summit meeting with Gorbachev.

After greeting some 60 guests, the president stepped aside for a private

conversation with Shevardnadze and Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin.

Reagan chatted briefly with Shevardnadze as the Soviet foreign minister moved through the receiving line at a reception the U.S. president and his wife gave for world leaders attending the United Nations celebrations.

Speakes then told reporters Reagan "appreciated" the letter from Gorbachev that Shevardnadze delivered to the White House on Sept. 27. In it, the Soviet leader proposed a 50

percent reduction in nuclear missiles and warheads on both sides.

Although U.S. officials have stressed an American weapons-reduction offer already was on the bargaining table in Geneva, there have been hints the United States was preparing a new U.S. response to Gorbachev.

The follow-up meeting with Shevardnadze was set for late Thursday afternoon. It was to be followed by a Friday between the Soviet foreign minister and Secretary of State George P. Shultz.

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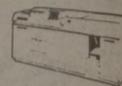
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