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Lending an ear
Free faculty assistant program offers help to A&M staff

By TAMARA BELL

Faculty and staff members who need psychological advice can participate in a free faculty assis-

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tant program. The program, which has been available since September 1983, is provided by a faculty assistant committee made up of faculty and overseen by Dr. Candida Lutes, associate dean for the College of Liberal Arts.

Lutes, who is the committee chairman, says a Bryan psycholo-gist is paid a fee to see staff mem-

"The staff member can visit the doctor up to six times a year for free," Lutes says. "Usually six visits aren't even necessary. The program isn't for faculty or staff with deep psychological prob-lems, it's for those people who need practical advice from someone not connected with the Uni-

Lutes says people visit the doctor to discuss marital and other

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- Dr. Candida Lutes, dean of College of Liberal

family problems. They also can discuss how to tell a colleague that he's driving them crazy or tell a department head that they are being treated unfairly, she says.

The idea for the program, which is funded through President Frank Vandiver's office, came from articles published about faculty burn-out, Lutes

She says the A&M administration was becoming aware that the faculty and staff were facing these problems.

Lutes says about 150 faculty and staff members used the program the first year and 280 members used it last year. She says she is uncertain of the number of people using the program this people using the program this year but says it has increased.

Faculty and staff members find out about the program by wordof-mouth, she says.

cluding the Lloyd Carter Award for Outstanding and Inspirational Tea-ching at OSU (1978).

He was the keynote speaker at the Fifth International Seminar on Mathematical/Mechanical Modeling

of Reactor Fuel Elements held in

Harwell, England last August. Ped-

dicord's professional associations in-clude American Association for the

Advancement of Science, American

Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Society of Engineering Educators, National Society of Pro-fessional Engineers. He has been

particularly active in the American Nuclear Society (ANS), where he is currently secretary-treasurer of the Materials Science and Technology

Division, a member of the division's

Mexico four years ago after he met and married Natasha Lagunas Wolf-man, dancer and daughter of a Mex-

"But after the performance, the university's International Student Services arranged for me to continue staying in El Paso with a student visa." he said.

inspectors, like the Russians, do not know what it is to be a dancer," he said. "There is no way we can work under a contract like that. Also, I'm a Russian and my wife is supposed to live where I am, not I where she is."

Defector to dance in El Paso

Associated Press

EL PASO - When D'mitri Korobeinikov danced "The Nutcracker" last year with Ballet El Paso, it was as a guest artist from the Ballet Nacional de Mexico.

This year, he again will dance in the Christmas special — but as a Soviet defector to the United States.

Korobeinikov, 22, was granted political asylum last week by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service after formally defecting Sept. 6.

Korobeinikov, who trained for eight years in the Bolshoi Theater School of Dance, said he arrived in Mexico four years are after he met

ican diplomat in Moscow.

"The Russian government could not legally deny a passport to the spouse of a foreign national," he said. "It's in the Helsinki accord."

Korobeinikov, who speaks better Spanish than English, said that al-though both he and his wife were members of the Ballet Nacional de Mexico, he was the only one invited by Ballet El Paso last year to perform in "The Nutcracker."

Korobeinikov explained that a problem arose when he had to re-turn to Mexico because his permit expired and had to be renewed. He said the Mexican government de-manded he sign a labor contract proving he worked eight hours a day, 40 hours a week in Mexico.

"But the Mexican immigrations inspectors like the Pussians do not

Nuclear engineering head named

as a professor of nuclear engineering in 1983, Peddicord taught at

Oregon State University. He also has

University News Service

Dr. Lee Peddicord has been named the new head of Texas A&M's Department of Nuclear Engineering, announced Dr. Herbert H. Richardson, vice chancellor and

dean of engineering.

Peddicord succeeds Dr. Carl Erdman who was recently named associate dean of the College of Engi-

"Dr. Peddicord has the vision and intellect to lead the nuclear engineering department to a premier position among its peers, building on the excellence which has been developed in recent years," Richardson "We are fortunate that such an outstanding person within the de-partment has accepted this challenge and responsibility.

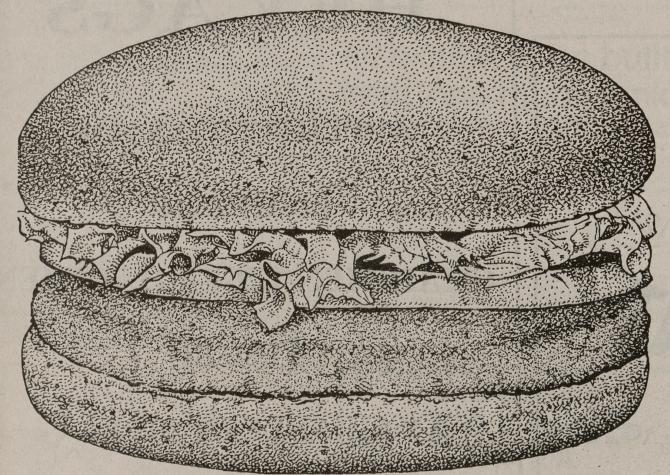
Prior to joining the A&M faculty

been a visiting scientist at the Joint Research University in Ispra, Italy and a research nuclear engineer at the Swiss Federal Institute for Reactor Research in Wuerenlingen, Swit-

Peddicord's research interests include the behavior of nuclear fuels, reactor heat transfer and fluid flow. He is co-author of a forthcoming book "LWR Nuclear Fuels," to be published by the American Nuclear Society. Peddicord has served as a consultant to Los Alamos National Laboratory and Battelle Human Affairs Research Center.

A registered professional engineer, Peddicord has received several

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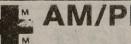
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