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This Way, Please

Dr. Claude Goswick, director of the A.P. Beutel Health Center, stands before a new outpatient ward, part of the facility's expansions. About 10,000 square feet of space was renovated, while

16,000 square feet of space was added to the building. The center plans to bring back its night service by remaining open 24 hours a day. The changes were funded by the building use fee.

Program at A&M offers aid to students raising children

By Theresa Emmert
Reporter

Texas A&M stresses that all "good eggs" participate in its many traditions. But not all students who would like to be involved are able to.

"Being a parent and a full-time student makes it difficult to devote time and money to campus activities. This is one reason Rachel Kennedy started Students With Children. She says she was "missing out on the spirit of traditions."

Recognized by the University in February, Students With Children is a support and action group designed for student parents. Kennedy says she believes such a group can help relieve the "continuous strain" student parents have to endure.

The organization's goals are to sponsor speakers, provide a basic support structure for members by taking children on outings and providing a baby-sitting cooperative. The group's long-term goal is to have a day-care center on campus.

Kennedy says the group's main problem is reaching students with children because no University forms ask for this information.

"The University tries so hard to reach all these other people, but they ignore the fact that there are students with children," she says. "It makes the University look bad."

The group lets student parents

know someone is out there for them. The baby-sitting co-op allows parents to leave their children with someone they know. The co-op is

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based on a point system, not a monetary one. Members win points by baby-sitting and lose points by using the service. The service allows parents to leave their children with friends, Kennedy says, adding that parents cannot take the children when shopping for their birthday or Christmas presents.

The group meets on weekends when most members have a little more time, Kennedy says. Meetings take place at a park where the children can play, thus allowing the par-

ents to take care of business and socialize under less pressure.

Kennedy says student parents feel "a lot of guilt" because they don't have much time to spend with their children. During the outings, parents can spend quality time with their children.

Pressure is something all students feel, but it is multiplied when children are involved. Students With Children has between 15 and 18 members. Kennedy believes the group should have a limited number of members because it makes the group closer and safer. If more members were to join, a subgroup would form, she says. It is important to know with whom the child is staying, she says.

Kennedy says the University "needs to open its eyes" when it comes to meeting the needs of student parents. A campus day care is needed, she says. Many universities in the state, including the University of Texas and the University of Houston, provide such a service. The service would be beneficial to children because there is a lower staff-to-child ratio than at other day care centers, Kennedy says. Also, it would reduce costs and offer students an option, she says.

More information about Students With Children is available at the Student Activities office in 216 MSC.

Tutoring services for all students offered by many organizations

By Lisa Dieterle
Reporter

The semester is just beginning, but numerous tutoring services already are available from a variety of Texas A&M organizations.

Phi Eta Sigma, an honor society for sophomores who have finished their freshman year with a 3.5 grade-point ratio or better, offers free tutoring to students taking freshman-level courses.

Curtis Lard, Phi Eta Sigma adviser, says about half of the 400 members participate in the tutoring program.

"It's the best tutoring available for freshmen, and it's free," he says. "And with the large crop coming in this fall, they're going to need a lot of help."

Several departments also have their own tutoring programs. The business, engineering and science colleges offer tutoring using help desks, teaching assistants and review sessions.

Also, various societies and fraternities associated with

each college offer tutoring services for students in need.

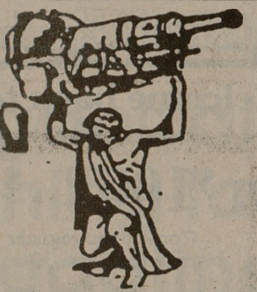
Tutoring sources also can be located through the Student Counseling Service's Reference Library on the YMCA Building's third floor. The counseling service's files contain a list of students interested in tutoring and includes the tutor's courses, qualifications, fees, hours and telephone numbers. The counseling service does not screen applications.

But students are not the only help available at A&M. The Mentors Program consists of 335 faculty and staff members who willingly devote extra hours to counsel students with academic and personal problems.

Mentors in each academic department can be identified by the mentor sign on their office door. A list of Mentors is available from the Housing Programs Office, the Off-Campus Center, the area offices or any head resident.

More information about the program is available from Mentors Coordinator Dr. James McNeal, a marketing professor, at 845-5802.

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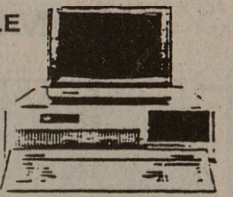
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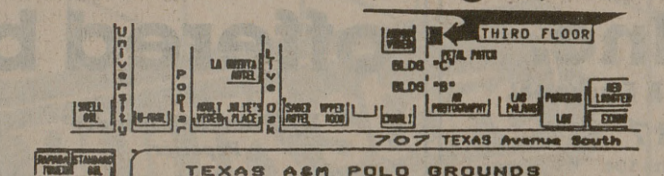
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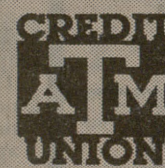


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