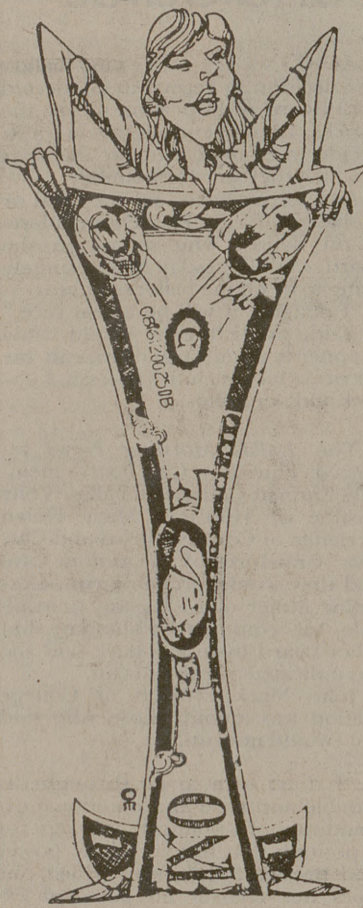


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# Officials: Advising helps students avoid trouble

By Richard Williams  
Reporter

Although academic advising is not mandatory with Texas A&M's new phone registration system, not meeting with an adviser before registration can cause problems for a student.

Registrar Donald D. Carter said students can bypass the advising process because of the way the telephone registration system works, but he said students should still take the time to meet with their advisers.

Students who are blocked from registration for academic reasons must receive advising before they are allowed to register, but others can register without consulting an adviser.

Colleges or departments can block students for academic reasons. Some advisers have said they

don't like students being able to register without getting advised because of the problems that might arise.

Among the problems mentioned most are students registering for too many tough classes or students registering for classes having prerequisites that they do not meet. Students registering for classes without meeting the prerequisites will usually be dropped from the class to make room for those who meet the prerequisites. Once dropped from a class, students may find it hard to pick up another class that will fit in their schedule.

Dr. Alvin Larke, an adviser in the agricultural education department, said, "Without advising, students may take some courses we would not advise. This could lead to problems."

Advisers have said students not taking advantage of opportunities for advising may find themselves

without enough courses in an area to graduate or without the courses necessary to get the job they want after graduation.

Larke said students sometimes register for a course thinking it will substitute for another, but he said students not to sign up for a course as a substitute without first checking with their adviser.

The spring semester class schedule contains a disclaimer warning students. "Failure to obtain course information will not exempt you from having to meet degree requirements."

Academic advising will be available for all students through November during times posted in each department.

"Advising is available for you," Carter said. "You just have to decide to take advantage of it."

# Betting enthusiasts start making plans for races at track

WEATHERFORD (AP) — Horse and track owners in this community already are planning their first race after Texans voted to legalize pari-mutuel betting in state and local option elections.

Jimmy Bradley and Jack Johnson, co-owners of Trinity Meadows Race Course in Parker County, said they plan to apply for a track permit as soon as possible and prepare the track for the large number of visitors expected to attend the racing events.

"We'll immediately go apply for a pari-mutuel license for a Class 2 track," Bradley said Wednesday. "We'll make general improvements — like improve the grandstand, put in (betting) windows, improve the parking."

About 57 percent voted in favor of legalized race track gambling statewide, while about 43 percent rejected the referendum.

In Parker County, supporters of pari-mutuel betting outnumbered opponents by 1,188 votes.

Parker County Clerk Carrie Reed said, "That surprised me because we had a lot of local churches — a lot of Baptist churches in our county against gambling."

every summer where we can make more money," she said. "The purses are bigger there."

Pike said she was at first uncertain of the final results of Tuesday's election concerning the racing issue because of what she called a misinformation campaign waged by opponents.

"At first I thought it would win by a lot," she said. "But as the campaign went on, I didn't know what was going to happen. You heard so much from both sides. The thing that really shocks me is the ignorance on the subject."

Weatherford resident Carol Davis said she also was unsure how much support the pari-mutuel issue would receive from Texas voters.

Davis said she and her husband train race horses and were planning to move to Louisiana if the issue didn't pass.

"Financially, we need pari-mutuel to stay here," she said. "I've lived here all my life, but my first love is horses."

Now Parker County race enthusiasts need only to worry about getting local tracks ready for the races.

Bradley is looking forward to the opening, saying he anticipates demand for training facilities in Parker County will increase threefold.

"We're going to get the horses from Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas," he said. "It's not just Texas that's going to stay home; we're going to get them from other states."

"(Trinity Meadows) is like McDonald's — we've got the best location in the state."

# Cisneros pursues car after wreck

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Mayor Henry Cisneros, a former member of the Texas A&M Board of Regents, went on a late-night chase in hot pursuit of a car he suspected of crashing into his family's parked sedan, the mayor said.

Alfonso Moreno Villagomez, 25, was charged with driving while intoxicated and on offense, a jailer said. The jailer who asked that her name not be used, said Villagomez was released Thursday from the Bexar County jail after posting a \$500 bond.

Police spokesman Patricia Calderon said the accident still was being investigated but added that the mayor's 1985 Chevrolet Caprice sustained damage to the left front and rear.

The car suspected of hitting the mayor's car, a 1975 Dodge Monaco, had damage to its right front side, Calderon said.

Cisneros said he was inside his house watching television at 10:25 p.m. Wednesday when he heard something crash into his car.

He saw a car drive away and decided to pursue it.

"I was barefoot when I got into the car," Cisneros said.

"I didn't have a weapon and didn't want to run him off the road," Cisneros said. "I wanted to follow him to see where he was going. He must have had a good six-block lead."

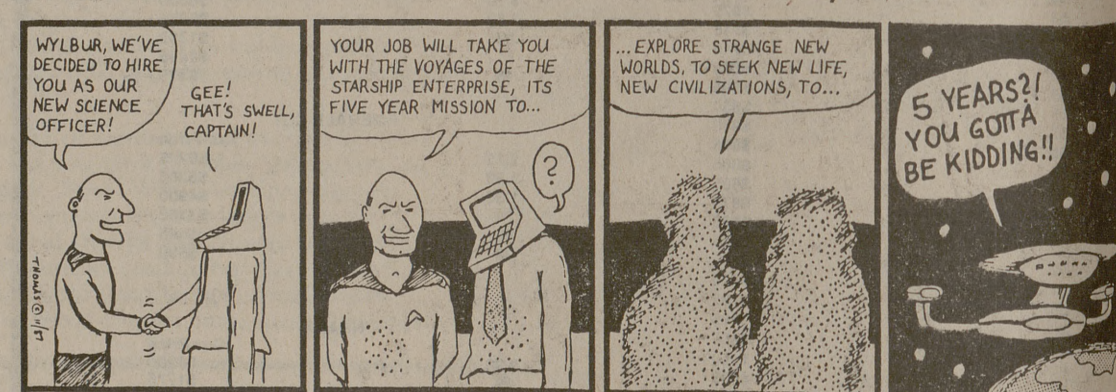
The mayor recently has taken a tough anti-crime stance, earlier this year forming an anti-crime task force after the beating death of an elderly woman.

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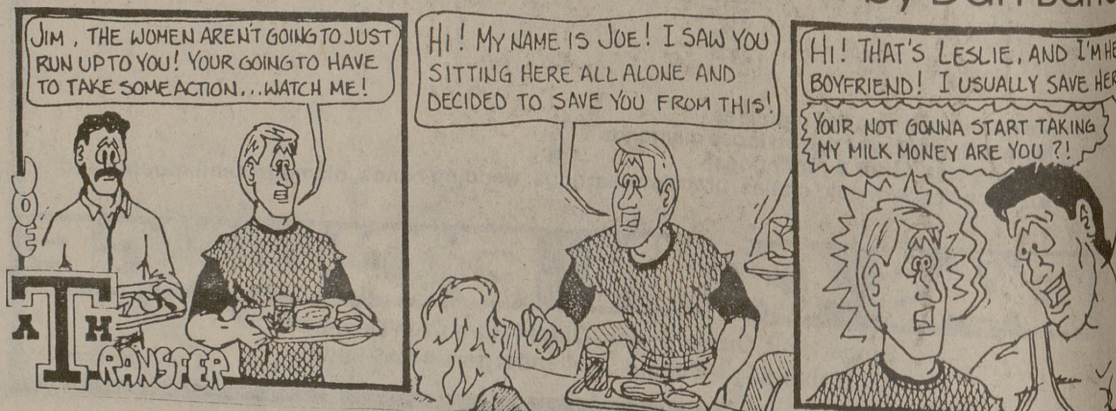
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