

# New committee places advising under scrutiny

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Student advising and counseling procedures at Texas A&M will come under scrutiny this month when a presidential advisory committee begins a five-month study.

The committee will study the problems and inadequacies in advising and counseling.

Dr. Dan Robertson, associate dean for academic programs in the College of Business, said now that the committee has been formed, he would like to begin business in two to three weeks.

The committee, which is chaired by Robertson, consists of 19 people who represent faculty, students, student services, admissions, financial aid and other campus offices.

The committee has been charged

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by A&M President William Mobley and acting Provost E. Dean Gage with six tasks. The tasks are:

- Make an assessment of the adequacy of student advising and counseling.
- Provide a description of procedures and an analysis of the effectiveness of advising in each of the 10 colleges.
- Provide an inventory of all student counseling and advising services, such as multicultural, international, general studies, financial aid, Mentors and others.
- Provide any other analyses relative to the availability of student advising.
- Study advising and guidance given to high school students before admission.
- Make recommendations for

strengthening advising and counseling.

Robertson said the study's primary focus is undergraduate advising, but the committee will not ignore the graduate students either, he said.

"It is only logical that since there are 34,000 undergraduates that we focus on the problems in that area mainly," Robertson said. "But graduate advising will not be precluded by undergraduate advising."

The issue of student advising arose during the December meeting of the Board of Regents.

Two members of the Chancellor's Student Advisory Board, Brennan Reilly and Kimberlea Ward, told the Board there were too many inconsistencies in advising from college to college and there was little coordination in advising services.

The regents asked President Mobley to look into the issue promptly. Mobley then requested that Provost Gage, Vice President for Student Affairs John Koldus, Faculty Senate Speaker Hermann Saatkamp and student body President Kevin Buchman form a committee.

The committee must make its evaluations and recommendations to Gage and Mobley by June 15.

Committee members are Dr. Peter J. Hugill, geography professor; Dr. Woodrow Jones, associate dean in the College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Leonard D. Ponder, head of the health and physical education department; Dr. Kenneth R. Poenisch, assistant dean of the College of Science; Dr. Larry Guseman, director of the Office of Graduate Studies; and Lucia DeBauge, graduate student; Reilly, Ward, and Tim King, all undergraduates.

Other members are Dr. Dan Turner, associate dean of the College of Engineering; Dr. Wade G. Birch, director of the Student Counseling Service; Gary Engelgau, executive director of Admissions and Records; Jack Falks, student financial aid administrator; Dr. Karon Sturdivant, director of the Office of School Relations; Kriss Boyd, director of General Studies; Ralph Smith, director of Biomedical Sciences; Stan Lowy, coordinator of the Mentors program; and Dr. Karl Mooney, scholastic supervisor in the athletic program.

## Bad breaks

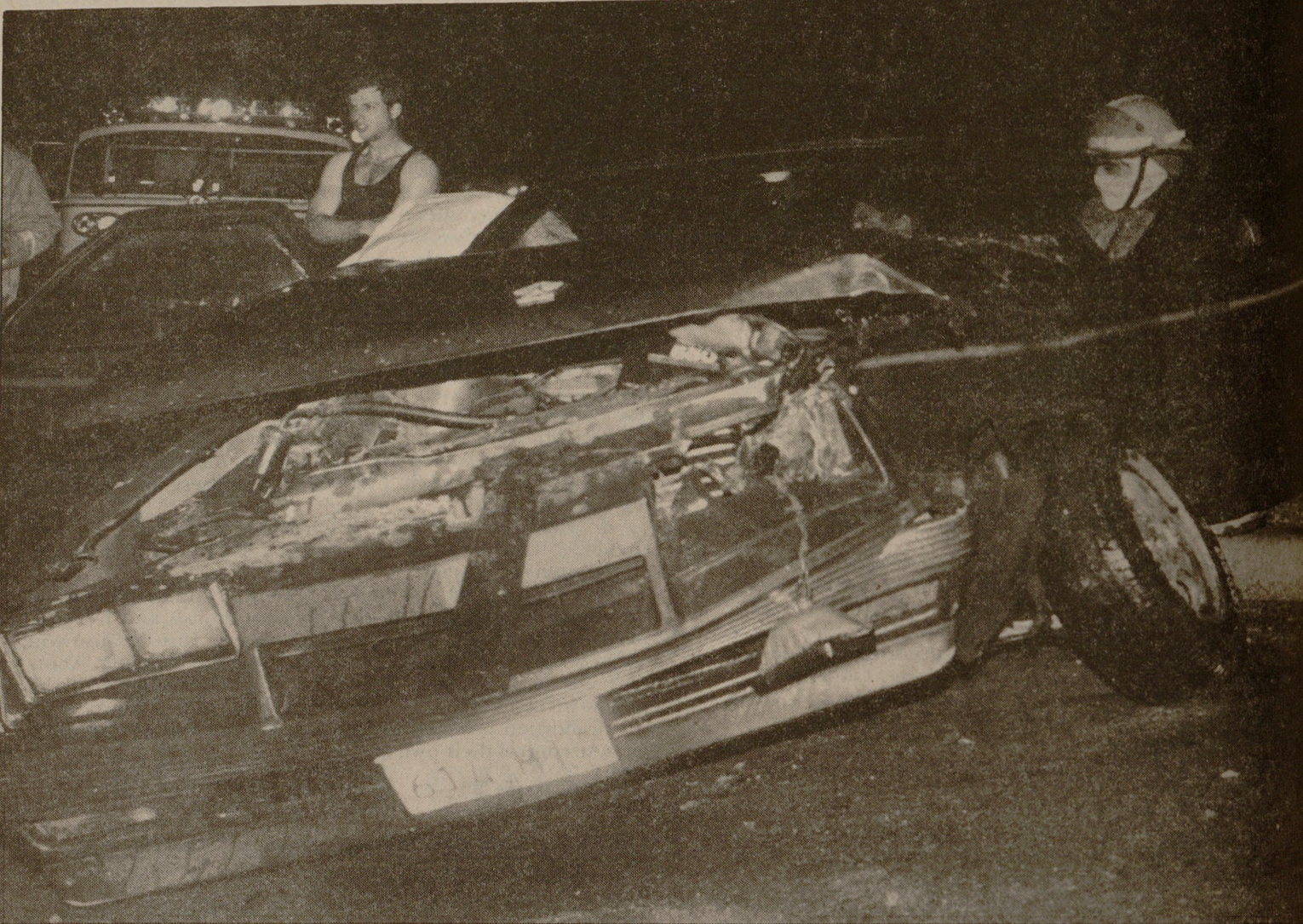


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College station firemen responded to a major auto accident at Wellborn and Holleman involving A&M students at 7:10 p.m. during Thursday night's storm. Police continued to investigate the matter into the night.

## Forging a Fatherland

# Germany ready for negotiations

EAST BERLIN (AP) — East Germany's Communist premier on Thursday appealed for negotiations with West Germany to forge a "united fatherland" that eventually would be neutral and governed by Berlin.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl welcomed the call to discuss reunification, but rejected the call for military neutrality.

"Such a proposal contradicts the logic of the pan-European process of unification," Kohl said. He added that a single German state in the heart of Europe could not afford to be isolated.

East German Premier Hans Modrow called for "a reasonable time horizon" for reunification to be mutually determined, apparently hoping to gain control over the galloping pace of events drawing the two countries together.

His announcement marked a turnaround in the Communist-dominated government's position on the German question. The East Berlin leadership had previously resisted reunification efforts as premature and destabilizing.

But mounting economic woes and an accelerating exodus of thousands of skilled workers to the West are forcing the nation's interim leaders to address public pressure for a merger with prosperous West Germany.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev also has softened his view on the issue; earlier this week he said reunification was inevitable.

At a news conference to announce his plan, Modrow rejected suggestions that he was angling to win votes for the Communist Party, which is threatened by opposition groups in East Ger-

many's first free elections set for March 18.

Kohl flew to West Berlin to meet with East German opposition leaders to discuss possible campaign assistance for their challenge of the Communists. He said he would discuss reunification with the new government elected in March.

Modrow cautioned that German reunification must be carried out carefully to avoid stirring up fears among neighboring nations that a powerful German state would rise and threaten them.

"Nothing can occur that runs counter to the process of overcoming the division of Europe or that would create new dangers," he said.

He titled his proposal "For Germany, a United Fatherland," a slogan touted repeatedly by reunification advocates at weekly rallies in Leipzig and other major cities.

## Bulgarian premier and cabinet resigns

### Atanassov and Communist government buckle under pressure

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — Premier Georgi Atanassov, a holdover from the era of disgraced leader Todor Zhivkov, resigned along with his 22-member Communist-controlled Cabinet, Bulgarian state radio said late Thursday.

The resignation was the first by a government since 1947, when the Communist Party consolidated power in postwar Bulgaria, according to the state news agency BTA.

The government has been under severe pressure to resolve Bulgaria's labor strife and other economic ills. Their departure clears the way for creation of an interim government to run Bulgaria until elections this year. The Communists have proposed such a government to share power with the opposition.

The state news agency said the resignations became known Thursday night during an emergency,

closed-door Communist Party congress.

The government will continue to serve until parliament accepts its resignation, the agency said. No date was given.

Atanassov's departure was earlier reported by an official source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Delegates to the party congress remained in session and were expected to continue meeting into Friday.

On Thursday they approved moderate reforms before starting the secret session to elect the party leadership.

Also, a reform faction of the Communist Party decided it would split off and form a new socialist party, spokesman said.

Atanassov, the No. 2 man in the government after President Petar Mladenov, had come under fire for failing to curb labor unrest.

## Down to earth



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An airplane descends on Easterwood Airport Thursday, the first day of operation for the new McKenzie Terminal.



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