

# Advisers remain on call nights, weekends

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tions," Fiechtner said. Sometimes advisers have to play the bad guy as well, he said. Advisers must inform students where they stand on issues such as probation and administrative policies. Fiechtner said it is important students realize advisers are there to help them succeed, not fail. Ensuring this realization can be a 24-hour job, he said. Advisers are professional staff and work when they are needed. Sometimes this means being called at night or on weekends and seeing many students, he said. "Many students" means a ratio of almost 1,200 to 1, Fiechtner

said. The National Academic Adviser Association said the ideal ratio would be 300 students to 1 adviser, but that isn't possible at most colleges and universities, he said. Large numbers of students can often mean frustration, said Kim McGar, undergraduate adviser for the political science department. "Most students come in with the same questions all the time," McGar said. "Questions such as, 'How many hours do I have left?' or 'What classes should I take?'" The job isn't easy, but it does have its rewards, McGar said. One day a student approached

her on the street and thanked her for the advice she gave. Advisers do not want to make decisions for students but want to be a guide for the student, she said. This guidance should be a process that starts when the student first registers at A&M, said Dr. Ronald Brimhall, senior lecturer and academic adviser for the petroleum engineering department. "I advise entering freshmen who have specified petroleum engineering as their degree," Brimhall said. "I meet with parents and go through rules and procedures. My job is to also see that re-

quirements are met for degree plans and other areas that relate to the performance of a student," he said. "I act as a helper and a referee. As a helper, I advise students and as a referee, I inform students of rules that apply to violations and where they stand." Brimhall also is responsible for teaching a nine hour credit load and research. "Advising is a part of teaching," Brimhall said. "A good teacher will advise students on academic and personal matters." Fiechtner said advisers in his department also are responsible for teaching classes which further limits their time.

# 'Dusty Dillo' showcased

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could be disruptive. "Also, this policy might penalize kids who, for some reason, have to drop out," Dennis added. "They need a car to get a job." Dr. Quinn Brackett with A&M's Texas Transportation Institute will give a speech on intelligent vehicle/highway systems. Brackett said his lecture will discuss recent developments in technology for managing traffic.

"Cars are now able to provide alternate routes with an on-board navigation system," he said. The University will also be represented by Lyn Bouk of the A&M Safety Education Program, who will give a presentation about the "Dusty Dillo" safety program for children. "Dusty Dillo" focuses on seat belt, pedestrian, bicycle and school bus safety for grades two through four.

# UNT panel allows condom giveaway

DENTON (AP) — Two University of North Texas student leaders and their organization may distribute condoms at freshman orientation without penalty, a campus committee has ruled. The UNT Student Association and its president and vice president on Tuesday averted conduct and disciplinary probation through a ruling by the university's code of conduct panel.

The group's president, Bill Miller, and vice president Wade Duchene, both said they were pleased by the student committee's action. Miller said he did not know whether his organization would distribute condoms Thursday during the last of this summer's freshman orientations. "We're almost out of pamphlets and condoms," he said.

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# Alleged slur prompts resignation

AUSTIN (AP) — A top agriculture department official resigned Wednesday following an allegation that he used a racial slur while meeting with two Abilene businessmen seeking a state loan. Assistant Commissioner Dick Waterfield called the accusation false but said he was resigning for the good of the agency. "The allegations leveled against me by a desperate individual are unfounded," Waterfield said. "They have hurt my family. They have damaged my professional reputation, im-

pugned my personal character and undermined my effectiveness." Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry accepted the resignation but called the allegation "vile and offensive." Two newspapers, The Dallas Morning News and Fort Worth Star-Telegram, on Wednesday said Waterfield was accused of making the remark by businessman Charles Wood and his son, Mike. The men, owners of Mesquite Country Inc., told the newspapers that another Texas Depart-

ment of Agriculture official threatened them, telling them not to make the remark public. The Woods alleged that Waterfield told them early last month "we already have one nigger" who had applied for a loan from the agency and "we don't need another." Waterfield denied it, telling the News, "I can't imagine using the word." Wood said Waterfield used the slur when asked whether it would make a difference if a minority were on the company's

board of directors. He said he was seeking a \$2 million loan to improve the company's marketing of mesquite wood products. Waterfield, a Republican former House member from Canadian, has overseen the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority since early this year, when Republican Perry took office after defeating two-term Democrat Jim Hightower. The authority grants loans to agricultural entities to build mills, canneries and other facilities for processing Texas farm commodities.

# 130,000 dump trucks of contaminated soil Texas lacks landfill space for lead slag

DALLAS (AP) — Three known dumps for lead slag contain enough contaminated soil to fill 130,000 dump trucks, said state officials who worry that the debris won't fit into any of Texas' hazardous waste sites. "We may be forced to look outside the state," Texas Water Commissioner Buck Wynne said Tuesday. "I think it's disgraceful we don't have the capacity here in Texas to deal with it." The commission's preliminary study estimates the known dump sites could contain 1.57 million cubic yards of slag and tainted soil, enough to fill a line of dump trucks that would stretch from Brownsville to Gainesville. Disposal of that much slag, which could pave a two-lane road for 335 miles, could

mean skyrocketing costs and lengthy delays, said officials. But many West Dallas residents said removing the slag is the only option. "That's a lot of stuff, and it's only the tip of the iceberg," said Jim Scherbeck, a community organizer with Texans United, an environmental group. "I hope this is not a pretext for leaving it where it is and capping it." But Wynne said that won't happen. "If we've got to send it to Alabama or to Timbuktu, we'll do it," he said. Earlier, state officials said they could decide to remove all of the slag and soil or choose to seal some of the areas under con-

crete. Water Commission members were studying the sites to decide which approach to take. "By my rough calculations, that's enough to fill Texas Stadium six times," Wynne said. A commission memo said the estimates were "extremely speculative" since only part of the sites' soil was assumed contaminated. A higher figure could be 3 million cubic yards if all the landfill's soil is tainted, said officials. The sites don't pose an immediate health threat to the west side neighborhoods, said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which has declined to use federal Superfund money to clean the areas.

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# Grand jury indicts ex-con in five capital murder cases

HOUSTON (AP) — An ex-convict released from prison after serving less than a third of a 13-year-old prison term for trying to kill two policemen has been indicted in five capital murders that occurred in a two-month span. Prosecutor George Lambright said Eugene Alvin Broxton, 36, may have committed more capital murders in a brief period than anyone since the late 1960s. Broxton was indicted Tuesday and remained in the Harris County Jail without bail. Harris County grand jurors also indicted Broxton in two attempted capital killings and five

armed robberies that occurred between March 24 and May 16. Broxton is the latest parolee to face charges connected with a crime wave that has terrorized Houstonians this summer. Residents have begun staging rallies to demand better police protection in the wake of the summer murders. In October, Broxton was paroled after serving four years of a 13-year sentence. Broxton is charged with slaying five people in the Houston area, including the April 6 stabbing of Gary Wayne Stuckwisch, 46, who was killed in an apartment.

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# TABC hires first woman

AUSTIN (AP) — Fort Worth lawyer Renee Higginbotham-Brooks was approved by a Senate committee Wednesday as the first woman and first minority member of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, which was formed 56 years ago. Higginbotham-Brooks, 39, would fill the unexpired term of James Huffines of Austin, which extends to November 1995.

Huffines, former Gov. Bill Clements' appointment secretary, was not confirmed by the Senate in the regular session, which cost him the position. Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock appeared before the Nominations Committee in support of former House Speaker Byron Tunnell's appointment as a trustee of the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

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**CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** Jeff Paine from Grace Bible Church will speak at 7:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder. For more information, contact Pat at 696-1091.  
**STAGECENTER COMMUNITY THEATER:** Live theater production at 8 p.m. in Town and Country Shopping Center in Bryan. For more information, contact StageCenter at 846-2219.  
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