

# Special Services offers help

Frustrated with classwork? Problems with your roommate? Money troubles?

The Special Services Program at UTA may be able to help. The program offers academic tutoring in all courses as well as personal, social, academic and career counseling.

"The overall purpose," said coordinator Lonnie Walker, "is retention — to improve the students' grade point average and keep them in school until

they graduate." The counseling is designed to help the student overcome problems which may hinder academic achievement.

Those eligible for the federally-funded program include students from low-income families; the physically handicapped; students of limited English-speaking background (though foreign students are ineligible unless they have a permanent visa); those from rural isolated areas, a deprived cultural background, or a poor educational background.

"The guidelines are flexible," Walker said. "We try to find a pigeonhole to fit the students into the program and get them some help."

Most of the 186 current participants are freshmen and sophomores, but upperclassmen and graduate students may enroll. Students returning to school after several years' absence are also eligible.

Four professional staff members and the coordinator counsel while tutoring is handled by 30 students who have grade point averages of 3.0. Hours and location for tutoring are flexible, worked out between tutor and student.

Tutoring is available for courses ranging from mathematics and English, science and foreign languages, to design graphics. A tutor will be recruited for any course in which a student needs help, Walker said.

Though the program is designed to provide long-term assistance through the semester, Walker said it may not be too late to help students facing finals. "We hope to pull some of them through. It's kind of like cram time now," he said.

Cultural enrichment activities form

## Meetings

**SAB Coffeehouse Council** — 1 p.m. today; Ransom Hall 100.

**SAB Fashion, Etc.** — noon today; Preston Hall theatre.

**SAB** — board meeting, 5 p.m. today; Preston Hall 101.

**Right-to-Life** — election of fall officers, 7 p.m. Thursday; University Hall 106.

**Christians on Campus** — 12:30 p.m. Thursday; University Hall 228.

a part of the services offered, Walker said, with the two main areas being *Semana Chicana* and Black History weeks.

The Special Services program began last October with 63 participants. Of

those, 58 continued in the program this semester.

Federal funds for the program expire May 31 and Walker hopes it will be re-funded or supported by the Student Life office.



Shorthorn: Barry Rodgers

**TIPPING PERMITTED** — The uniform number may be the same but Will Parker, director of student housing, can only dream of capturing a tip like Dave Cowens. Ron Le Bar and Jimmy Strader (middle) rudely awakened Parker's faculty team with a 90-23 spanking last week. The Freewheelers then pounded the Veterans Association 69-18 Thursday night behind La Bar's 31 points.