

A&M complies with law Handicapped needs met

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Texas A&M University has become one of the "best equipped campuses for the handicapped" to comply with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, said R.M. Logan, head of student financial aid.

The act states that no handicapped individuals shall be excluded from any program that receives federal funds. The Texas Rehabilitation committee and a temporary University committee worked to make the campus accessible to the handicapped, said O.R. Simpson, vice president for student services.

The University has provided dorm rooms adapted to the needs of the handicapped. For example, rooms are designed with wider doors, and telephones are lowered on the wall for students in wheel chairs.

Fish drill team wins 2 trophies at national meet

Texas A&M's Fish Drill Team brought home a pair of trophies from the nation's largest drill team.

The FDT won platoon basic drill and placed third in exhibition drill at the 30th Illinois Invitational Drill Meet. Seventy-four teams competed in college and high school divisions Saturday in the University of Illinois-hosted event.

Commanded by John Stine of Dallas, the Fish went against top collegiate teams from Penn State, Michigan, Purdue, Marquette and Illinois.

The team has one more competition in a state championship-deciding series, at Trinity University on April 22.

The University also provides sloped curbs to sidewalks and ramps to some buildings. Since all programs must be accessible to handicapped students, Simpson said, classes are scheduled in buildings that can be reached by these individuals.

The University holds an advanced preregistration to find out which courses handicapped students are taking. This year's preregistration is scheduled for Thursday in Room 140 of the Memorial Student Center.

Simpson said problems arise in adapting the older building on campus because it is expensive and difficult to build elevators in them. The new buildings are designed with ramps and elevators, he said.

Problems also arise in funding such construction. Funds are appropriated from the physical plant, said Cynthia Irby, head of the ad hoc committee. Since the University is a state supported institution, there are no special funds appropriated, she said. However, the University can request legislation for

funding if the renovation project is more than the school's budget can handle.

The Texas Rehabilitation Committee along with student financial aid helps handicapped students adapt to the program.

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