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## DG stands for 'Damn Good,' or 'Deaf Guy'

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Bill "DG" Coombs has a typical college dorm room with the usual clutter of books, beer cans, dirty clothes and people coming in and out. In cut-offs and T-shirt, he is a typical active college student — almost.

Coombs, a graduating senior in business management, has been totally deaf since he was 8 years old.

But his deafness doesn't interfere with his life. And his list of activities and achievements as an Aggie is longer than that of the average student.

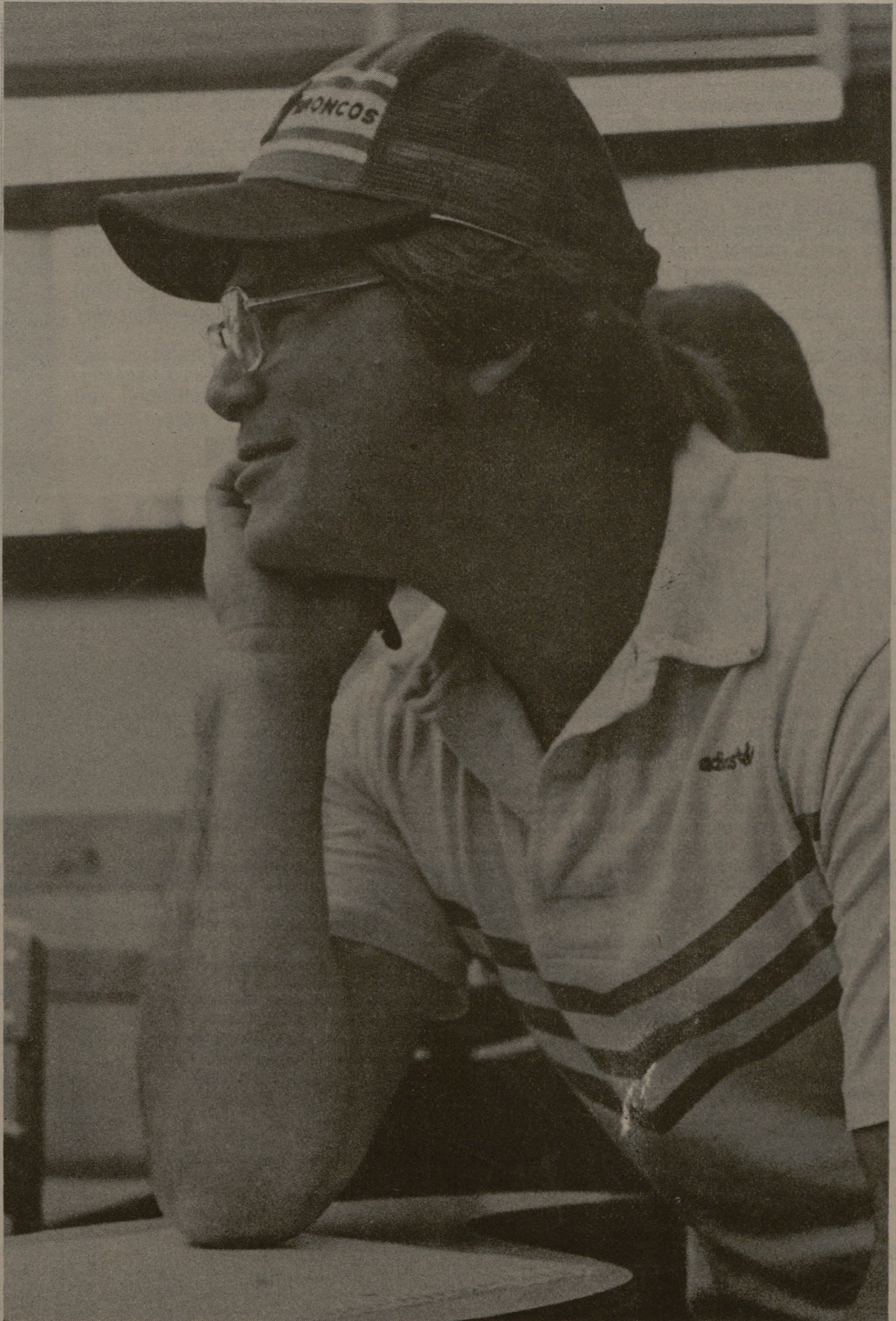
Coombs is a resident of Moses Hall and has been since he started classes at Texas A&M four years ago.

He jumped right into dorm activities, Coombs said. He has served as a floor representative and for the past two years, as public relations officer.

He is also active in the Management Society and the Snow Ski Club.

Coombs said communication is not a problem either in his officer position or in his daily activities.

After attending a school for the deaf in San Antonio for four years (grades 2-5), Coombs learned to read lips. He can understand people easily so long as they talk slowly. Coombs attributes his clear speech to his knowing how to talk before he went deaf.



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