

RHA sponsors caroling, emergency dorm phones

by Wanda Winkler
Battalion Staff

On-campus Christmas caroling will be sponsored Dec. 7 by the Residence Hall Association. Students can live up dead week by taking a study break and getting into the holiday spirit.

Carolers first will make their way around to the north-side dormitories, picking up more singers along the way. The group next will visit the south-side dormitories and then move on to the home of President Frank E. Vandiver.

Bloch said the group also will attend the 7:30 p.m. Christmas tree-lighting ceremony in the Memorial Student Center.

In other action, Nicole Williams, director of RHA external affairs committee, provided updated information on the emergency telephones that soon will be installed in five on-campus areas near dormitories.

Williams said the residence hall councils in these areas should meet and establish a monitoring system for the telephones. The areas are: Hobby-Neeley halls, Legett Hall, A-1 lounge, Underwood Hall-Corps lounge C, and Corps lounge D.

In other business, RHA adviser Nyla Ptomey said dormitories and student organizations are welcome to use a recently-established resource file that lists administrators and faculty members who are offering to speak on various topics such as stress, hobbies and self-development.

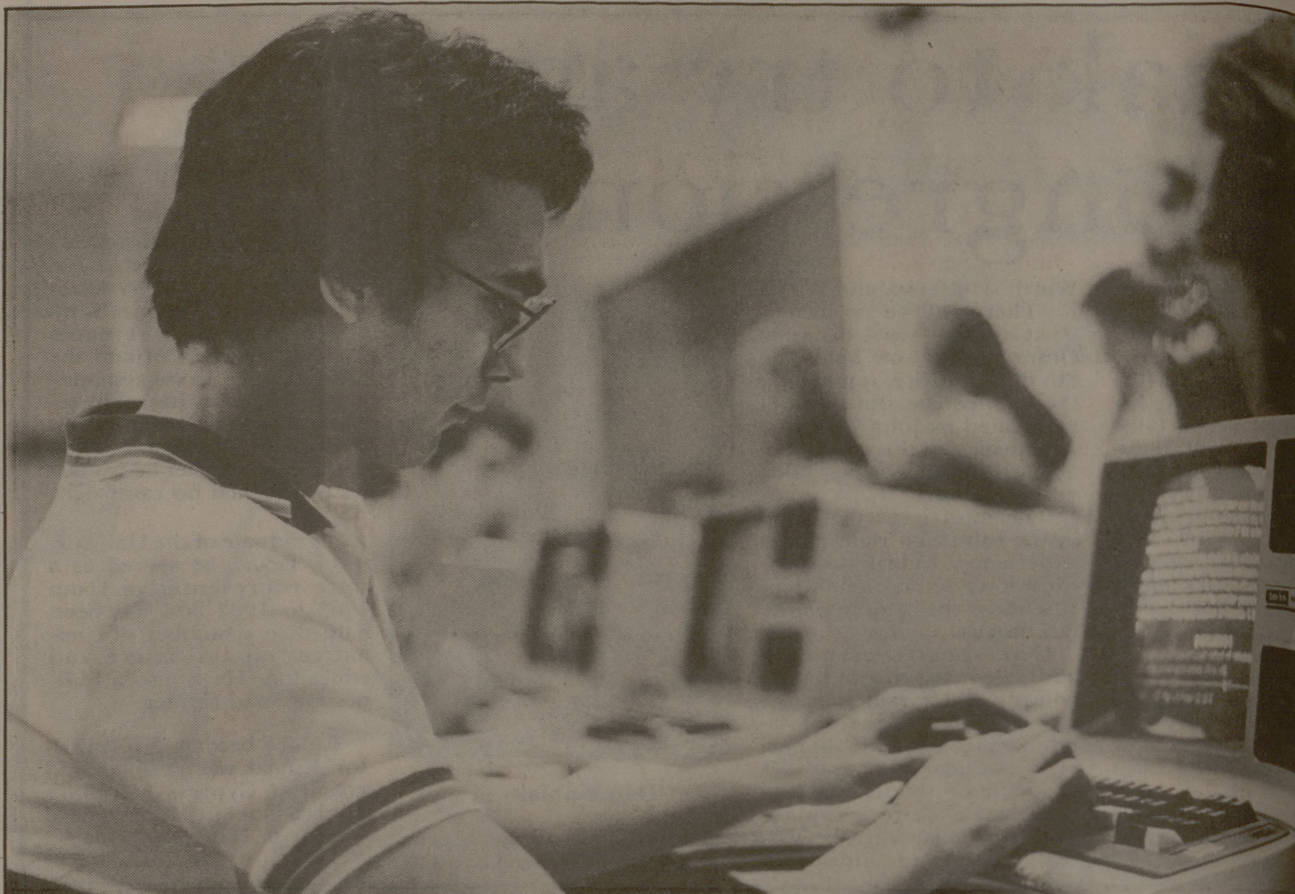
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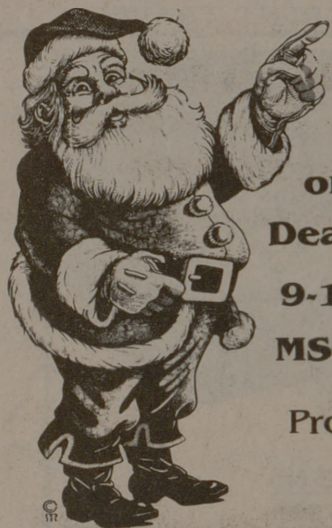
Computer science professor Bart Childs

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Funding for better computer requested to aid system

by Ray Walker
Battalion Reporter

The Texas A&M computer science department has asked the administration for several million dollars over the next three years.

"We have submitted a general outline to the administration asking for a budget to establish excellence," computer science professor Bart Childs said. "The department needs specialized research and teaching equipment."

The present computer system, while it provides for the needs of the faculty and students, is inadequate for what a

computer science department should offer today, Childs said.

Texas A&M faculty and students currently use the Amdahl computer, named after the Amdahl Computer Corp. The system commonly is referred to by its software name — Wylbur.

"Wylbur just is not seen after the students graduate," he said.

The Amdahl computer is limited to the ability to teach students, Dr. Bruce H. McCormick, head of the computer science department said.

Childs said the department would like to create a network across campus of many dissimilar systems that could take advantage of each system's strengths. Now, each department in the University has a unique system, he said.

"For example," Childs said, "the engineering and mathemat-

ics departments deal a lot with formulas.

"Everyone should have access to elegant word processing from many different places on campus. We are not intended on becoming a secondary processing center. We want to furnish what our people (faculty and students) need."

The computer science department (previously a division of the industrial engineering department) was established on Sept. 1. By its second day, it was the second largest department in the College of Engineering.

The department's proposal submitted in September requested approximately \$3 million over a three year period.

The money could be raised through gifts and grants or the allocation of money from the budget and the available fund, Interim Dean of the College of

Engineering Dr. Donald

nald said. The department has received gifts of computers and software worth \$300,000 for the past year, including hardware and software.

Out-dated computer equipment has been donated to the department. Pieces have been taken from those to be replaced.

"Other than these three miles the department has no space in town, any more gifts," Childs said. "However, the request is to accept a gift of a chair and agreed to match it. The department is for micro-electronics and mon to electrical engineering and computer science."

Both chairs could be given to the department — electrical engineering and computer science — or they could be divided between the two, he said.

Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Wednesday:

THEFTS:

A maroon 10-speed bicycle from the Hobby Hall bike rack.
A blue 10-speed bicycle from

the front of Fernier Center bike rack.
A black 10-speed bicycle from the bike rack west of 8.

A purple 10-speed bicycle from the Zachry Engineering Center bike rack.
A red 10-speed bicycle from the front of the Commerce Center bike rack.

A maroon backpack from the entrance of Sisco Student Center. The backpack contained a drafting kit, calculator, book and several credit cards.

A wallet from the courts in DeWare Field House. The wallet contained \$100 in cash, a Texas driver's license, Texas A&M I.D. card and a dit card.

A black motorcycle from a motorcycle parking staff lot north of the Legett Building.

BURGLARY: Seven 35mm camera lenses and a button telephone were stolen from 625 Harrington.

A computer, two dot-matrix printers, equipment and a monitor were stolen from Academic.

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