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Apple deal lets A&M exclude dealers

By MIKE SULLIVAN
Reporter

The Texas A&M Micro Center sells Apple Macintosh personal computers to students, faculty and staff under an agreement with Apple computers that is no longer being offered to other universities.

A&M, along with 224 other universities, is working with Apple under the University Purchase Program, said Kathleen Dixon, manager of public relations for education and consumer markets for Apple Computers.

Universities working with Apple under the UPP are permitted to decide how much local dealer participation they want in their individual programs, Dixon said.

"We strongly encourage a relationship with the dealer for all of our UPP schools," Dixon said. "The degree to which they do that is up to them."

Dixon said some UPP schools operate their entire program through local dealers, while others choose to operate independent centers with no dealer participation.

About 50 percent of all UPP schools include local dealers in their programs, Dixon said.

Dixon said the purpose of the special agreement with the UPP schools is to gain widespread acceptance of the Apple Macintosh in the leading universities.

She said mass acceptance of the Macintosh will be good for Apple and its dealers in the future.

John Kane, manager of the Micro Center, said A&M sells the Apple Macintosh at a discount, but has agreed to let Yes Computers sell the Apple II.

Dixon said although she couldn't comment on a specific case, she is aware some Apple dealers are experiencing a loss in sales because of the program.

"We recognize the need for the dealers to have university business," Dixon said.

For that reason, she said, Apple will not take any more schools under the UPP.

Dixon said the nearly 3,300 other universities in the nation fall under the Educational Purchase Program (EPP).

A university working with Apple under the EPP is not licensed to resell Apple computers and must work through its local dealer, Dixon said.

Dixon said Apple developed the Apple University Consortium program in January 1984.

Dixon said 24 top universities, including Yale and Harvard, were asked to work with Apple to further develop the Macintosh computer.

She said the schools were obligated to produce new software programs

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42nd Street

Elizabeth French and James Darrah lead the final number in "42nd Street" in Rudder Auditorium Thursday. See story page 7.

Photo by GREG BAILEY

Lawyer says KLS trying to avoid suing A&M

By SCOTT SUTHERLAND
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An attorney for the Texas A&M University System said Thursday KLS Computers' \$4.05 million dollar lawsuit against the System comptroller was an attempt to avoid suing the University to shut down the Micro Center.

Jerry Cain, associate general counsel for the TAMU System, said he doubts that System Vice Chancellor and Comptroller Bill Wasson can be held accountable for damages inflicted by a University-sanctioned business.

The Battalion incorrectly reported that KLS Computers was suing for \$1.35 million. KLS is actually seeking \$4.05 million in damages. KLS said the Micro Center has taken \$1.35 million in business from local retailers and is asking that damages be tripled as a punitive measure.

Cain said KLS is trying to avoid a more costly and difficult law suit that would result from suing a state institution. In order to sue A&M, KLS would have to receive the legislature's permission and sue in federal court. Federal court cases are often hampered by lengthy delays that drive up attorney's fees, Cain says.

KLS Computers filed the suit in January seeking \$4 million in damages and an injunction that would close the Micro Center, A&M's discount computer store. KLS says the

University is using public funds, public facilities and public employees to operate a business that has destroyed the local computer market.

KLS's petition to sue asks that Wasson be held accountable for alleged unfair business practices.

KLS attorney John Hawtrey says he can't sue the University because the Micro Center is operating as a separate business. Hawtrey says Wasson himself has made numerous

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U.S. computer dealers: Sales hurt by colleges

By MIKE SULLIVAN
Reporter

Computer retailers in the Bryan-College Station area say the local university is unfairly undercutting their prices, but they aren't the only commercial distributors in the country who are voicing that complaint.

Kevin Henderson, account executive for Chip's Computer Center in Hanover, N.H., the location of Dartmouth College, said the college is buying the popular Macintosh computer in volume from Apple Computers and selling them at prices so low he can't possibly compete.

Jerry Pierce, assistant director of admissions at Dartmouth, said the college does encourage the students to purchase computers through the school, but they don't require it.

"Eighty-five percent of the students (incoming freshmen) did purchase computers through the college," he said.

Bob Croot, director of freshmen admissions at Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y., said they have been requiring their incoming freshmen to purchase Zenith Z-100 personal computers through the university for three years.

"Next fall, the cycle will be completed," Croot said. "With that class, every student will have his own micro computer."

Croot said the cost of the computer is built into the tuition, and when the students arrive in the fall, computers are waiting for them.

Croot said students like the convenience of their personal

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Tips to help expedite income tax returns given

By JIM LUTHER
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Editor's Note: This is the fifth in a series of five articles written to help taxpayers prepare their 1985 income tax returns. This installment covers expediting your return.

WASHINGTON — A foreteller in Washington claims to have the formula for getting your tax return through the Internal Revenue Service without an audit or any other hitch. Just be sure you file it when the moon is in proper alignment with the stars, she says.

Lynn Koiner says there are four periods in 1986 when that will happen.

The final "window": from 6 p.m. to 11:43 p.m. on April 14.

If you don't believe in astrology and you're due a refund, you might want to file your return as quickly as possible.

Although the IRS is going all-out to avoid a repetition of last year's delays in processing returns, the sooner you file, the sooner you are likely to get your refund.

An early filing could produce a



refund in as little as four weeks; waiting until the April 15 deadline may mean a wait of up to 10 weeks.

Some other tips that might expedite your refund and help you avoid a costly or troublesome mistake:

• There's just no way to pay the tax you owe now? Don't let that keep you from filing a return and working out an arrangement with the IRS to pay later. There's one penalty for failure to file and a separate penalty for not paying on time.

• If you don't have the records in

hand to complete your return by the April 15 deadline, file a Form 4868 by that time and get an automatic four-month extension. You'll still have to estimate what you owe and pay it by April 15.

• Generally, a person you claim as a dependent must have had a gross income of \$1,040 or less last year. But the limitation does not apply if the dependent is your child who was under 19 at the end of the year, or was a full-time student (including on-the-farm training courses) during five months of the year.

• Such a dependent child also must file his or her own return if income totaled \$3,430 or more, or if self-employment income was at least \$400, or if unearned income, such as interest, was \$1,040 or more. Even if you don't have to file, do so to get a refund if any tax was withheld.

• Income averaging is less beneficial since passage of a 1984 law, but it still can save money for a person, such as a farmer, whose income can fluctuate sharply from year to year.

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IRS: Taxpayers receiving refunds faster than last year

IRS News Release

Tax returns are now arriving at the Internal Revenue Service's Austin Service Center faster than they were a week earlier, and taxpayers are receiving refunds at more than twice the rate of last year, according to the IRS.

As of Feb. 14, the Austin Service Center — which processes returns from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Kansas and New Mexico — had received 2,456,000 returns, compared with 2,584,000 last year at this time — a decrease of five percent from last year.

Currently the Service Center has processed 442,000 returns, up 63 percent from last year's 271,000 at this time. So far 18

percent of the returns received have been processed, compared with only 10 percent last year.

Nationwide, the IRS has received 20,102,000 returns, down 1 percent from last year's 21,621,000. A total of 5,413,000 returns have been processed, up 54 percent from last year's 3,520,000.

The IRS has mailed 1,934,000 refunds nationwide, up 68 percent from last year's 1,151,000 at this time. The average refund is \$606, down from last year's \$684.

A new toll-free number, 1-800-554-4477, not listed in the instruction packet, will allow taxpayers to call TeleTax, a system of about 150 recorded messages. The instructions for using the system are in the tax instructions.

Panel chief criticizes NASA decision-making

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the presidential Challenger commission bluntly denounced NASA Thursday for a "clearly flawed" decision-making process, after hearing of a second instance in which the space agency brushed aside contractor fears for the safety of the shuttle and crew.

Summarizing three days of hearings at which several witnesses complained their concerns were not passed to the agency's top officials, Chairman William Rogers lectured four senior NASA officials: "You eliminate the element of good judgment and common sense."

Rogers said he was speaking for the entire panel in saying the process "should require people to

take stands, and you should have a record on it."

His statement after testimony by the official who decided to launch Challenger that he rejected an unsafe-to-fly warning from the spaceplane's manufacturer, because "it was not an objection to launch."

Arnold Aldrich, the No. 2 man in the shuttle program, said he rejected an objection on the morning of the Jan. 28 liftoff by Rockwell International that ice on Pad 39B made conditions "not safe to launch."

But, he told the presidential commission, "I would think it was more than reasonable that if someone were still concerned this was a very bad judgment or bad action, they would call me. I left every opportunity for that to happen." No such call came.

New president suspects pilfering

Aquino's Cabinet takes over

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Corazon Aquino's Cabinet officers took over their posts Thursday and she ordered all departments to check their records because of reports that some documents had been destroyed by supporters of the deposed Ferdinand E. Marcos.

The new government said hundreds of political prisoners held by the fallen Marcos regime probably would be freed next week.

Thirty-nine prisoners were ordered set free Thursday.

A spokeswoman for Task Force Detainees, a human rights group, said that as of Friday morning, 16 prisoners had been released from military detention.

The process was slowed by medical clearances and the fact that each release had to be signed by several

people in different locations, officials reported.

Former Sen. Raul Manglapus returned to his homeland Friday from the United States, where he had spent 14 years opposing Marcos' government.

Manglapus had left the Philippines the day before Marcos declared martial law in 1972.

"So, I'm back, and as I was saying before I was so rudely interrupted by Ferdinand Marcos, we are going to be the greatest democracy in the world," Manglapus said at a news conference at Manila International Airport.

He praised Aquino as a "goddess of democracy," and President Reagan for help in persuading Marcos to leave.

"It was the people of the Philippines, people power, that pushed

the dictatorship to the brink," Manglapus said, "but it was the final Reagan touch that pushed him over."

Philip Habib, the special U.S. envoy, spent 1½ hours with Aquino on Thursday.

A statement from her office said Habib extended "the warmest greetings of President Ronald Reagan and the American people."

He told Aquino that the popular uprising that forced Marcos from office, which was largely peaceful, had "deeply moved the American people and those in the highest circles of the U.S. government," the statement said. It did not say what the two discussed.

Aquino's executive secretary, Joker Arroyo, ordered heads of government offices to preserve all records and make inventories of their assets and finances.

A government announcement said he issued the directive in response to reports of "deliberate destruction and pilferage" of records at several ministries and agencies.

Among them were Human Settlements, a heavily funded ministry headed by Imelda Marcos, the former president's wife; the Government Corporate Counsel; and a gambling regulatory board.

Aquino's official spokesman, Rene Saguisag, told a news conference that a five-member committee was reviewing lists of political prisoners and decisions on release were being made on a case-to-case basis.

He said the committee would meet again Saturday, and "we would hope to be able to announce by then the release of maybe hundreds of political detainees."