

# State and Local

Free accounts available at centers

## Computers now open to students

By Susan Arriaga  
Reporter

Beginning this fall, all Texas A&M students will have access to about \$12 million worth of computer resources at the Computing Services Center.

Under a new program implemented by Dr. John J. Dinkel, associate provost for computing and information systems, students can open a computer account at no charge.

In past years, only students enrolled in courses where computer usage was required could use the facilities. But now any registered student can use the computer resources.

"The idea is to give all students appropriate levels of access to computing in a fairly easy way," Dinkel says.

Computer accounts are divided into a two-tier system. Undergraduates can use \$10 worth of computer resources a week, while graduate students can use \$20 a week. Students enrolled in intensive computer courses are automatically given larger account balances based on amounts requested by the departments offering the courses.

Computer money is non-cumulative and non-transferable. Anyone caught using someone else's account is subject to disciplinary action, Dinkel says.

Accounts are replenished to \$10 each Friday night. Leftover funds go back into the system rather than the user's account.

"According to past data, \$10 seems to be a good amount," Dinkel says. The funds cover the cost of computer usage, storage and printing fees.

"Before, the system was cumbersome," Dinkel says. Money was divided into several accounts, and the billing office had to make adjustments each time a professor needed more money for his class, he says.

"With the new system, it's up to students to manage their own computer resources," Dinkel says. "It takes the burden off of the billing office."

Students can activate a computer account by following handout procedures at help desks in the Teague, Zachry, Kleberg and Remote computing centers.

The Academic Computing Center is primarily for business students.

Dr. M.P. "Pete" Marchbanks Jr., assistant director for user services at the Computing Services Center, says, "This campus network is also expanding into the dormitories with one opening in the Commons very soon. The idea is to bring the computing to the students."

Upon activation, students decide which operating system they want. These include MVS (multiple virtual systems) or VM (virtual machine) operating systems that run on different Amdahl computers. There's also VMS (virtual multiple systems) that is a single operating system on the Academic Vax (virtual addressing extended) system.

Accounts are available for use the day after they're claimed. They're good through Aug. 20, 1987.

Wylbur is one of the most popular programs treated as a subsystem under MVS. This program, originally designed at Stanford University, can be used as a text editor, file handler and job submitter.

"It is able to process large numbers of users on computer terminals," says Dr. Glen Williams, associate professor of computing science. "That's why it's used in a student environment."

The updated version, OBS (On Line Business) Wylbur allows full screen editing as opposed to line editing. It can also be used as a calculator.

Once students start word processing it will lead them to other things such as electronic mail, Williams says.

Bitnet is software that makes that function possible. It's an international network that enables its users to communicate with people all over the world.

Directories are available at all the centers to tell the user where he can send messages.

Students who have never had a computer course before are encouraged not to shy away from the centers.

Instructional classes on OBS Wylbur are offered Oct. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22 in 132 Blocker from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. free of charge.

Students interested in further instructions on how to perform certain jobs on computers can go by the Teague Building for further information.

## What's up

### Tuesday

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH:** will sponsor a writing workshop, "Referential Essay," at 6:30 p.m. in 153 Blocker. The instructor will be Diane Dowdey.

**DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION:** Data General will present information on careers in data processing at 7 p.m. in the Ramada Inn Penthouse.

**NUTRITION CLUB:** will discuss sports nutrition and have an aerobics workout at 7:30 p.m. in 401 Read.

**TAMU ANTHROPOLOGY SOCIETY:** will show "The Year of Living Dangerously" at 7 p.m. in 301 Bolton.

**COOKE COUNTY HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

**TAMU ONE-WHEELERS:** will meet at 6 p.m. in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

**AGGIES FOR CLEMENTS:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 321 Physics.

**AGGIES FOR BARTON:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

**CIRCLE K:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

**AGGIE GOP:** David Davison, candidate for lieutenant governor, will speak at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

**ABILENE HOMETOWN CLUB:** will elect officers at 8:30 p.m. in 305A-B Rudder.

**GALVESTON COUNTY HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB:** will have an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Cycles Etc. For more information call Marty, 846-2453.

**I CARE:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

**TAMU MEN'S RUGBY:** will hold practice every Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. on the rugby field. For more information call Mark, 846-9772.

### Wednesday

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH:** will sponsor a writing workshop, "Persuasive Essay," at 6:30 p.m. in 153 Blocker. The instructor will be Sam Dragga.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at noon. For more information call 845-5826.

**WATER SKI CLUB:** will meet at 8:30 in 502 Rudder to discuss the regional tournament, to be held this weekend in Houston.

**PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT:** will sponsor a "Stress Management" workshop for faculty and staff members from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in 701 Rudder. For more information call Gigi, 845-4153.

**MSC GREAT ISSUES:** will sponsor a multimedia presentation by Dr. Wilson Bryan Key at 7:30 p.m. in 201 Rudder.

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## Senate OKs Texas 'Super Tuesday' primary

AUSTIN (AP) — The Legislature Monday approved a bill that a sponsor said will make Texas votes more important than ever in presidential "Super Tuesday" primary.

The Senate on voice vote accepted House amendments and sent to Gov.

Mark White a bill to move the Texas presidential primary from May to the second Tuesday in March, allowing the state to join in the southern "Super Tuesday" primary.

The bill was passed by the House Saturday. Sponsors said White has indicated he will sign it into law.

"Texas with this vote assumes its leadership position in the South, which I think will continue to grow," said Sen. John Traeger, D-Seguin, who spearheaded the date change.

The other Senate co-sponsor, Chet Edwards, said the "entire South — except Arkansas, who will be going with us soon — is going to be voting for our president early in the presidential process."

Edwards, D-Duncanville, said because of a bipartisan effort "we're going to see that Texas votes — from Hispanics in South Texas to the farmers in the Panhandle — will count in the most important election in this country."

Eleven southern states already have scheduled their primaries for early March.

Texas had held its presidential delegate selection on the first Saturday in May in conjunction with the primaries for state offices. But some complain that the May primary comes too late, since many candidates drop out before Texans get to see and hear them.

Texas in 1984 sent the third-larg-

est delegations to the Republican and Democratic national conventions. The 12 combined southern states would select about one-third of the national convention delegates in the "super primary."

Some Republicans have predicted that the earlier primary should help Vice President George Bush, who calls Houston home.

Rep. Clint Hackney, D-Houston, House sponsor, agreed. "I think it's very possible that George Bush could benefit from the bill," he said. "I don't know of any polls or anything that says George Bush can win Texas. I would think that he's got a pretty good shot in Texas, so it would help him to take a big state early."

### Correction

Monday's article in *The Battalion* incorrectly reported that the Texas A&M volleyball team was ranked 14th in the nation. The team is not ranked. *The Battalion* regrets the error.

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