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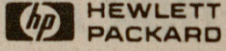
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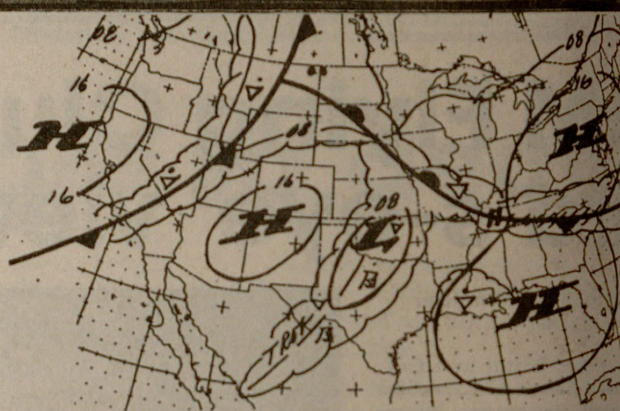
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Forecast:
Today: Overcast this morning becoming partly cloudy this afternoon with warm temperatures and high humidity. Winds will be southerly to 12 mph. High temperature 95°.

Tonight: Partly cloudy and mild with light southerly winds, low temperature Wednesday morning 73°.

Wednesday: Overcast through mid-morning, then partly cloudy and humid for the rest of the day. High temperature is expected to reach 96° and the southerly, low-level flow will continue. A 20 percent chance of rain.

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Infotrac terminals installed in library to aid in research

By Mary Kay Mulvaney
Reporter

Instead of shuffling aimlessly from one floor to the next searching for books and references in the Sterling C. Evans Library, Texas A&M students can now use the Infotrac system.

The system provides an easy and efficient alternative by tracing the material for the students.

The four Infotrac terminals, installed in November 1986, are located in the reference section on the first floor of the library.

Infotrac is a combination of three indexes that are installed on microfilm, said Bill Kinyon, public information coordinator and business reference librarian. The Infotrac system consists of the national newspaper index, the business index, and the magazine index.

The Legaltrac database and the Government Publications Index — which are included with the Infotrac data base — can help students find information pertinent to legal and governmental issues. Each of the indexes dates back to 1980 and one Infotrac terminal has the full text of the Wall Street Journal, also dating back to 1980.

When the student types in a topic, Kinyon explained, the Infotrac lists all the articles that match the subject.

"You can do in five minutes on Infotrac what might take you several hours otherwise," he said.

Kinyon said the students' response to Infotrac has been good.

The system is free for anyone, he said, although many students are unaware of it.

Danny Cosby, a senior management major, praised the system though he said he didn't read about it until recently.

"Infotrac is very helpful," said Suzie Kupiec, a senior financial accounting major, said Infotrac is easy to follow, step-by-step instructions which make it "user-friendly."

"What takes literally hours of searching for periodicals and indexes takes 30 minutes on Infotrac," said Kupiec.

There are journals located between the four Infotrac terminals that tell users if the library has a specific article in the 1987 collection.

There are printers attached to each terminal.

Kevin Fikes, a senior management major, said, "It's great, it reads out a lot."

"It's a shortcut that saves me a lot of time looking through all those books," Kinyon said.

Kinyon said Infotrac is part of the Wiley Laser Database, donated by James and Virginia Wiley.

Indexes for business, agriculture, psychology, science citations, encyclopedias and dissertations are available, but these terminals are only available 10 p.m.

"Infotrac is an asset to the library and should be taken advantage of," Kinyon said.

Vandiver attributes success of University to combined efforts

By Cindy Milton
Staff Writer

Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver assured a "sound state of the University" during his annual guest appearance at the Faculty Senate meeting held Monday.

"The modern university everywhere is in a state of change," Vandiver said. "The modern university is seeking new roles, new things to do and new models to follow."

"We must be doing something right. We have students coming over the walls and transferring from other places."

With the increase in enrollment to nearly 39,000 and the 270 new faculty members, Vandiver attributed the University's success to the Board of Regents and two Texas legislative representatives, as well as the Senate. Budget appropriations and access to the Available University Fund allowed average salary increases of more than 9 percent to A&M's faculty and staff increases of more than 4 percent, in spite of the fact that the Legislature did not provide the funds for staff salary increases.

Enrollment of minorities has increased by 18 percent over last year, he added, and he expects significant progress in this area in the future.

"I hope that this farsighted action has sent a clear signal to our faculty, and indeed to the nation's academic community, that Texas A&M is firmly committed to continuing the progress we have made thus far," he said.

Vandiver expressed his concern over the increase in enrollment which may strain the University's ability to provide quality education to its students. He added that "enrollment management" should be considered at the Board of Regents' meeting next week to raise admission requirements.

He added that the price of A&M's research program continues at about 10 percent a year, will put the University among the nation's highest ranked.

"I think that when the national search rankings are released, we will be in the top ten," he said. "If the trend continues, it should be realistic to aim for the top 10 institutions nationally within the decade."

The Faculty Senate also presented with long debates.

Considerable discussion took place on a revised University statement on academic freedom, responsibility, tenure and promotion.

The statement, once approved by the Senate, will give guidelines on academic freedom and respect in the classroom, faculty tenure, financial exigency — "an emergency survival of the institution and which cannot be alleviated by less drastic means," as defined in the statement.

After almost two hours of discussion on amendments concerning the bill, however, a final vote was postponed until the meeting, to take place on Monday.

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