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TRC tells community of services

Any disabled person may qualify for help

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The Texas Rehabilitation Commission needs help spreading the word about services it provides.

Any individual with a disability is eligible to receive TRC services.

Examples of disabilities which may qualify someone for services include hearing and speech impairments and internal medical conditions like epilepsy, heart disease and diabetes.

Other disabilities include severe asthma and allergies, orthopedic impairments like scoliosis, polio, amputations, cleft palate, back impairments, arthritis and paralysis, birth defects and learning disabilities or emotional problems.

"We work with almost anyone who has a professionally documented disability that could cause (them) difficulty when applying for a job," TRC Senior Counselor F. Jerome Duderstadt said.

Some services which the TRC can provide include tuition payments for colleges, universities, technical and trade schools and purchases of tools, books and supplies for technical training.

Others include purchases of adaptive equipment such as hearing aids, van modification and prostheses, vocational counseling and testing and further financial assistance based on individual need.

The TRC receives 80 percent of its funding from the federal government and 20 percent from the state. For every \$1 the TRC spends on its clients, \$11 comes back, Duderstadt said.

The TRC is cost effective, he added.

"The more we can push vocationally at a young age, the more they will earn," Duderstadt said. "Then they will be able to contribute taxes to the government on their incomes instead of using taxes to support themselves."

The only criteria for receiving services from TRC is that these services likely will result in gainful employment.

Targeted caseloads include students, staff and family members from the community.

For more information call 845-0350.

A&M earns 'interest' from Wadley blood bank

By JAMES LOVE
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Texas A&M students, faculty members and their family members are guaranteed a complete emergency supply of blood from the Wadley Institute in Dallas.

Established by Wadley, the Aggie Blood Drive Committee has replenished to hospitals any blood used by A&M students and their families since 1959.

Carol Hill, Wadley's director of donor recruitment, said A&M issued credits for the

blood collected during its blood drives on campus.

"We collected about 5,000 units of blood per year from A&M," she said. "Only about 10 percent of that was needed for students. So A&M is definitely on the plus side of receiving blood from us."

"It's like a checking account" Hill said. "The more blood we collect from campus, the more credits A&M will have to use in the future." The credits are like interest earned for depositing money in a bank account.

Hill said most insurance companies will cover the cost of the blood (approximately

\$100 per unit), but will not pay for the cost to process the blood.

A benefit given by the blood drive committee is not having to pay this extra cost.

Hill said insurance companies are trying to promote blood donations by not paying the processing costs. This encourages people to receive the cost benefits of donating from the blood collectors.

Harriet Montgomery, Student Government's senior secretary, said many students at A&M do not realize they have this kind of "blood coverage."

She said any A&M student, faculty, former

student or family member is covered. All that is needed is basic information about the patient in need.

"We need the patient's name, admission date, hospital, diagnosis and the number of units requested, and they'll be covered," she said.

Montgomery said the system is used frequently and is successful.

More information about the Aggie Blood Drive Committee can be obtained by calling Student Government or the Wadley Foundation at 1-800-DONATE-4.

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Agricultural economics major R.L. Bordovsky (left) receives his auctioneer seminar certificate from Walter Britten. Britten, Class of '41, has performed auctions nationwide for over 45 years.

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Summit leaders balk at Bush's request to remove subsidies

HOUSTON (AP) — President Bush pressed his summit partners Monday to phase out billions of dollars in farm subsidies, but there were few signs his call would be heeded at the economic meeting.

European officials attending the seven-nation summit insisted they would never accept America's proposal for a complete phase out of the expensive farm subsidies over the next decade.

Bush has made ending agricultural subsidies a top U.S. priority at the summit, believing that successfully reaching a compromise is critical to breaking a deadlock in a nearly four-year effort to overhaul the global trading system.

The administration has much at stake in the global free trade talks, which hold out the promise of greatly expanded markets for U.S. farmers and businesses. More exports would help reduce America's \$100 billion annual trade deficit.

The trade talks, known as the Uruguay Round for the country where they were launched in 1986, have reached a virtual stalemate over the divisive farm issue. The administration is hoping that the seven-nation economic summit will be able to reach a compromise that will re-energize the talks.

Bush brought up the trade negotiations in a string of one-on-one sessions he held with world leaders before the summit officially got underway Monday, stressing how important the talks were to the United States.

White House Chief of Staff John Sununu told reporters that Bush believed resolution of the trade dispute was "crucial. It is critical. It should and must be done. The United States believes in that issue so strongly that we will continue to make that point to the allies."

The agricultural question was expected to be taken up in the first round of talks between the leaders on Monday afternoon at Rice University.

The 12-nation European Community is putting up the strongest resistance to the U.S. farm proposal, arguing that between two and three million European farmers could lose their jobs if the subsidies are eliminated totally.

The EC, known as the Common Market, is represented at the economic summit by EC President Jacques Delors, who met with Bush before the summit began to discuss

their differences.

Bush took a tough stance on the farm dispute, telling Delors that the political leaders needed to exhibit courage to resolve the issue, an EC official said.

"It was quite hard on agriculture," said the official, who spoke on condition that his name not be used.

Bush also discussed agricultural policy in his meeting with French President Francois Mitterrand, aides said. France and West Germany are the two European countries with the strongest opposition to total elimination of farm subsidies.

West Germany Chancellor Helmut Kohl is considered to be particularly opposed to any change at the present time, because he doesn't want to upset farm groups in the West German region of Bavaria and in East Germany before crucial Dec.

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2 elections on the unification of Germany.

Those elections will occur around the time negotiators are scheduled to meet in Brussels for the final bargaining session to complete the Uruguay Round of trade talks. The talks are being conducted under the auspices of the 97-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

In addition to phasing out farm subsidies, the United States has an ambitious goal of expanding global trade rules to include about \$1 trillion in trade not now covered by the GATT, the world body which polices trade disputes.

The U.S. proposal would result in the elimination of barriers to trade in the high-growth area of banking and other services.

Delegates criticize rich nations

HOUSTON (AP) — Delegates to the World's Poorest Peoples summit toured a public housing project and criticized the seven richest nations meeting in an economic summit.

"Development is always done at the expense of the poor," said Filipino human rights activist Enrique de la Cruz. "That is what we saw here today and that is what is hap-

pening in all our countries."

The delegate to the Poorest Peoples summit — part of The Other Economic Summit, or TOES, that ended Sunday — was alluding to plans to redevelop the 1,000-unit Allen Parkway Village.

De la Cruz told the Houston Post that "poor people are being pushed

out to make room for the developers and big business."

De la Cruz, Francisco Torres of Puerto Rico, Pedro Galindo of Colombia, and APV Residents Association President Lenwood Johnson said the economic summit participants proved their disregard for the world's poor people by not inviting their representatives.

City of Bryan refunds 50¢ bus fare to pools

By JAMES LOVE
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The City of Bryan has joined with the Brazos Transit System to offer cash discounts for those riding transit buses to Bryan pools.

The program provides a 50-cent refund to riders taking buses to the Bryan Aquatic Center, Haswell Park Pool or Bryan Municipal Pool.

The program works by allowing riders to pick up a blue ticket as they exit the transit bus at one of the three pools.

The ticket is then presented to the pool cashier for a 50-cent refund — the cost of the bus ride.

The discount ride program was started in late June and will continue through the end of the summer.

Tony Cisneros, division manager of Bryan Parks and Pools, said he believes the new system will help many who have problems finding a ride to the pools.

"We were concerned because many people who don't live near a swimming pool were having a difficult time getting to one," he said. "If kids can't walk or ride bikes to the pools and their parents work, it may be hard for them to find a way to go swimming."

"This will allow all Bryan residents to catch a transit bus to Bryan pools without having to pay extra for the ride."

Joe Brown, communications officer for the City of Bryan, said the program is directed toward children since they might have a harder time getting a ride, but anyone is allowed to use

the discount.

"Some kids don't have access as easily as others," he said. "We wanted to give everyone an equal chance to go swimming."

Brazos Transit System buses run every hour from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. However, pools are open until 8 p.m., so those wishing to return home on the bus must leave within the regular scheduled stops.

Each bus route will include a stop at the Aquatic Center and Haswell Park. Buses also will make a stop at Villa Maria and Wellborn, which is within walking distance of Bryan Municipal Pool.

Brown said the program has been a success since many blue tickets are refunded everyday. He expects more people to use the buses as they find out about the offer.

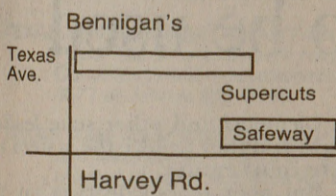
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