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Grants allow access time for computer

By Susan Maguire
The Battalion

A new grant for some Texas A&M students provides access to the University's supercomputer, bypassing much of the red tape students have had to face when using the facility.

Victor Hazelwood, a systems analyst with the center, said students first need to get a faculty or staff sponsor to receive the research grant.

"The grant allows students to get computer time for research that a faculty member might not be involved in," Hazelwood said.

Students otherwise will have to wait to use one of the slower computers.

The supercomputer, called a Cray Y-MP, is approximately three times faster than the VAX computers which students presently are allowed to use. The Cray is located in the Zachry Engineering Center.

Hazelwood said the program was set up to increase use of the supercomputer. The grants became available in April 1991, and 22 grants have been given.

Forty graduate student research grants are allocated for each fiscal year, with a maximum of 20 hours per grant. Each hour available costs \$1,000, and the money comes out of a general University fund.

Other grants for computer time are designated by the separate colleges who contributed money to buy the computer in 1989. Time, equal to the balance of each college's contribution, is given out at the beginning of each fiscal year.

Hazelwood said computer time is valuable because the CPU — or central processing unit — works faster than the older VAX system.



Duck, Duck, Goose

Erika Isbell, of Bryan, attempts to feed a duck at Central Park Wednesday. Her father, Eric Isbell, works for the Texas Transportation Institute.

ROBERT METZLER/Special to The Battalion

Fishing trio finds partial body remains

EDINBURG (AP) — Hidalgo County officers Tuesday investigated the gruesome discovery of the partial remains of a man in a canal north of Edinburg.

A man and two boys who were fishing found the remains Monday night. Deputies were notified that the remains of a body included a torso, from the waist to the top of the legs, officials said.

Officers believe the remains may be of a man in his early 20's or late teens.

A&M prepares warning system

By Robin Goodpaster
The Battalion

Texas A&M's Safety and Health Office is taking steps to institute an early warning system to prepare the University for disasters such as tornados, chemical spills and fires.

Dan Mizer, chairman of the task force looking into the early warning system, said some of

the factors involved when considering such a system are how to warn the public and how to educate the University community for emergency situations.

Mizer said the committee has only met twice since it has been formed. He said one of the reasons for this infrequency is getting people together during the summer.

The committee consists of both students and faculty including Robert Stiteler, director of

the Safety and Health office and Student Body President Stephen Ruth. Other committee members are Angie Saylor and Lori Peterson, directors of the Residence Hall Association.

Mizer said the committee has not yet settled on any one system, although it has considered many ideas. One such option is a telephone network system to link the entire campus. Another system being considered is a tornado-type warning siren.

Mizer said the committee begun to evaluate these systems by reviewing campus procedures already being used. The probability of emergencies and their effects will also be considered, he added.

"Right now, the committee looking at the whole concept," Mizer said.

The committee will make a report as soon as it has acquired enough information to be specific.

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