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Scott Kearney, a senior elementary education major from College Station gives blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive. The drive continues through this Friday at the MSC, the Commons and Sbis.

Three U.S. research teams isolate gene that causes breast cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three teams of U.S. researchers have won the worldwide race to isolate the gene that causes the inherited form of breast cancer, the journal Science reported today. The gene, called BRCA1, is believed to cause 5 percent of breast cancer cases. Isolation of the gene by researchers — from the National Institutes of Health, Myriad Genetics Corp. and a University of Utah professor — was first reported Tuesday by NBC News.

Isolation of the gene will enable scientists to develop a test to identify women who carry BRCA1, giving them an opportunity to identify breast cancer or to make the more difficult decision of having a mastectomy to forestall the disease. Some researchers believe such a test could be developed within two years.

Scientists have known for years that the BRCA1 gene exists, and more than a dozen research facilities around the world have been working to pinpoint it. Science announced today that the work by Myriad Genetics' Douglas F. Easton, the University of Utah's Andrew Skolnick and Roger Wiseman of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences had passed peer review and would be printed in its Oct. 7 issue.

About 182,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States each year, and 46,000 die, according to the American Cancer Society. Experts have said women with the altered gene have about a 60 percent chance of developing breast cancer before age 50 and an 85 percent chance by age 65.

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Dodd said she hopes students will not be hesitant to use the modern equipment. "We want to be as helpful as we can," she said. "We'll have plenty of staff available at all times."

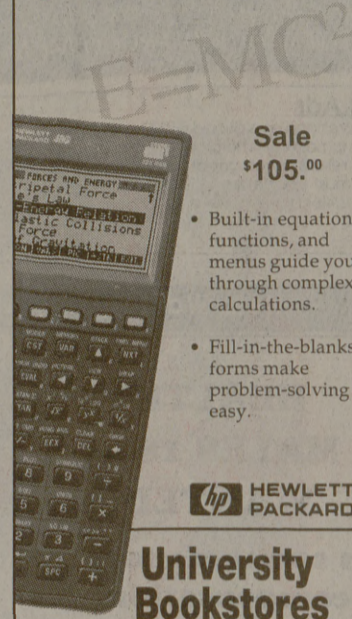
"We also want to teach people how to access the material themselves," Dodd said. "We'll have demonstrations and presentations on how to use the equipment. Noon-time seminars and instructional programs will be conducted. We don't want students to be hesitant."

Dr. Benton Cocanougher, dean of the College of Business Administration, said he believes the library will be an asset to all of the programs on West Campus. "It's a wonderful resource for us," Cocanougher said. "It's important to have the library there. We would not be nearly as excited about moving to West Campus if it weren't for the library. The two go together."

Dodd said the three-story West Campus Library is much smaller than Evans Library. "It's a more intimate environment," she said. "We have seating space for 1,000 students. The upper two floors are just for study and our bound volumes."

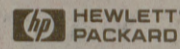
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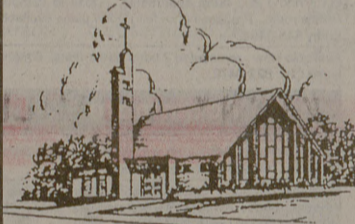
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