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I would like to start by saying thank you to each and every employee for making the past three years enjoyable in a professional, efficient and courteous environment. As a donor since 1993, I have been more than satisfied with every aspect of your operation, which allows myself and others to contribute what we can to community service, all the while being serviced by diligent, but relaxed, workers. Everyone at the Plasma Center, from those behind the front counter to the phlebotomists to the supervisors, have made great efforts to insure that each donor feels hygienically safe, as well as keeping the atmosphere light.

Like most, I started coming to the Plasma Center for monetary reasons, but I soon developed acquaintances that appealed to me almost as much as the original need for money, enabling me to look forward to each donation, not only for my wallet's sake but also to see my

friends. Like I commented to someone recently, talking to people at the Plasma Center was like getting mail from a far-off friend that you don't get to do much with, but who you can talk to as often as you write. For those acquaintances and for your continual services, I would like to thank all of those I've come to know and appreciate over the past three years - Emily, and Tracy, Heath, and Marty, Ada and Josie, etc... more I can't remember or those who have gone on to better things.

So, as I graduate from this great University, I bid you all a fond farewell and strong commendations on such a successful blend of quality medical practice and friendly service. Thank you all and have a great summer. Thanks, C.F.

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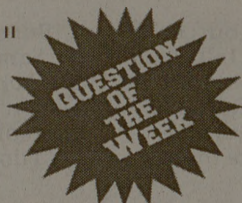
Abe said, "Honest...they're great!"



Mother Brady said,
"Here's the story"



Gandhi said, "They
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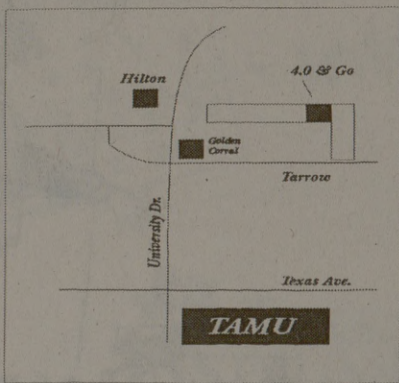
Question:

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Program aids disabled student

Computer technology transfers textbooks to audio format, Braille

BY JACKIE VRATIL
THE BATTALION

Thanks to adaptive technology, disabled students have many new resources at their disposal to help them succeed in college.

David Sweeney, the Department of Student Life's Coordinator of Adaptive Technology Services, works with the adaptive technology revolution.

Adaptive technology programs enable students with disabilities to listen to their textbooks via computer or read their textbooks using Braille.

Sweeney has taken the program, which at one time owned only two computers, and built it into a resource that owns more computers, a Braille typewriter and numerous computer software programs to convert text to speech.

"We have only been online for about a year," he said, "but we have over 150 textbooks on the Net."

Jason Sparks, a student worker in Sweeney's office and a sophomore environmental science major, said listening to textbooks on tape is a reasonable answer for students who do not have regular access to a computer.

"We ask people to volunteer to come in and read textbooks into a recorder," he said.

"That way people who do not have computers can be helped as well. These types of recordings also help the students who have any attention disorders because it keeps them focused."

Only students with disabilities can use these services. Shane Hecker, a sophomore management information systems major who uses the adaptive technology programs, said all the texts are put on the computer's server.

"Only the person who is supposed to have access to the text will get access," he said. "The access is granted using a password."

Sweeney said when students come to him they discover what services would be most advantageous.

"We make accommodations on a case-by-case basis," he said. "We tailor solutions to certain disabilities. We base our knowledge on working with previous students with similar disabilities."

The heart of this program is the E-Text, or electronic text, system which scans textbooks and converts the text into sound. Sweeney said he knows of no other university in the nation that has this program online.

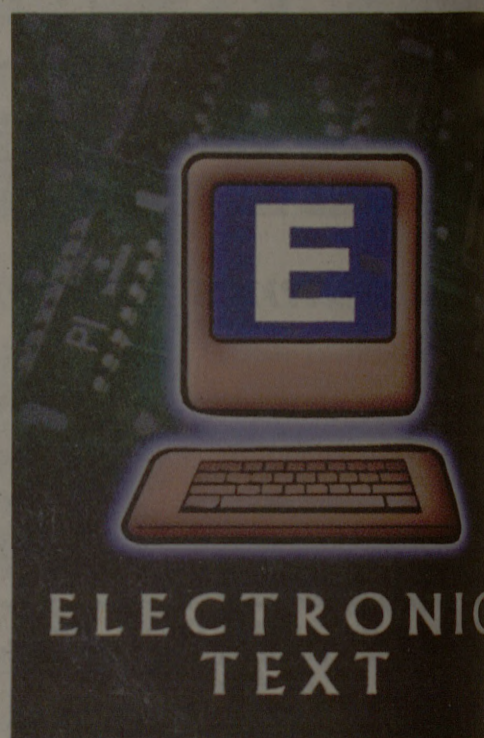
"We have pioneered this program," he said. "Plus, we have gained national recognition from Netscape for our E-Text program."

Hecker takes advantage of the opportunity to get his text Brailled and uses the E-Text system every day.

"I used to use David's (Sweeney's) scanned text," he said. "But now, not only can I scan my own textbooks, but I am a student worker in David's office and I scan other people's text as well. I only use David when I need stuff Brailled."

Sweeney said only 10 percent, or about 400, of the legally recognized disabled students on campus are registered with the accommodations coordinators.

"There are many different reasons why not more students are registered with our office," he said. "One being a possible social stigma. I think students are



James Palmer, The Battalion

afraid to ask for help because they think their disability will somehow end up in writing somewhere record when, in actuality, it comes nowhere close being put on a permanent record."

Sweeney said only about 5 percent of disabled individuals were born with their disability. The other 95 percent acquired their disability at some point due to accident or aging, he said.

"Because some students just acquired their disability they may still be in denial," he said. "And that may be another reason why students do not register with our office."

"Another reason why students may be afraid is they may feel their professors will discriminate against them. On the contrary, they are more apt to help if the issue is brought to their attention."

Sweeney said it is a mistake for students to be afraid to register with the office because so many options are offered.

"I want to allay their fears because our office is at the forefront of adaptive technology and we have a number of resources available," he said.

As for the future, Sweeney said it is very exciting to see all the new perspectives on disabilities.

"There is a new social awareness about disabled individuals," he said. "People are learning more and more about adaptive technology. In addition, new legislation is being passed in this session of Congress regarding copyright laws for adaptive technological purposes."

Sweeney said online adaptive technology has become a hot commodity across the nation and A&M should be proud to possess such extensive resources.

"A&M is very lucky to have a staff that is dedicated to disability services," he said. "Most universities only have one professional on staff, whereas we have two professionals, two assistants and about twenty student assistants."

MUSTER

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Overflows watch Muster on a movie screen in Rudder Complex.

Leslie said the elaborate and solemn ceremony held at A&M is the largest of the Muster ceremonies held around the world.

Leslie said each Muster has

equal meaning.

"In no way do we want to make the Texas A&M [campus] Muster seem better than any other Muster," she said.

The Muster roll call may be extended when the event is held in Reed Arena, which will hold 12,500 people.

Jones said although future Musters will be held in Reed Arena, it is still undecided whether the roll

call will be larger or not.

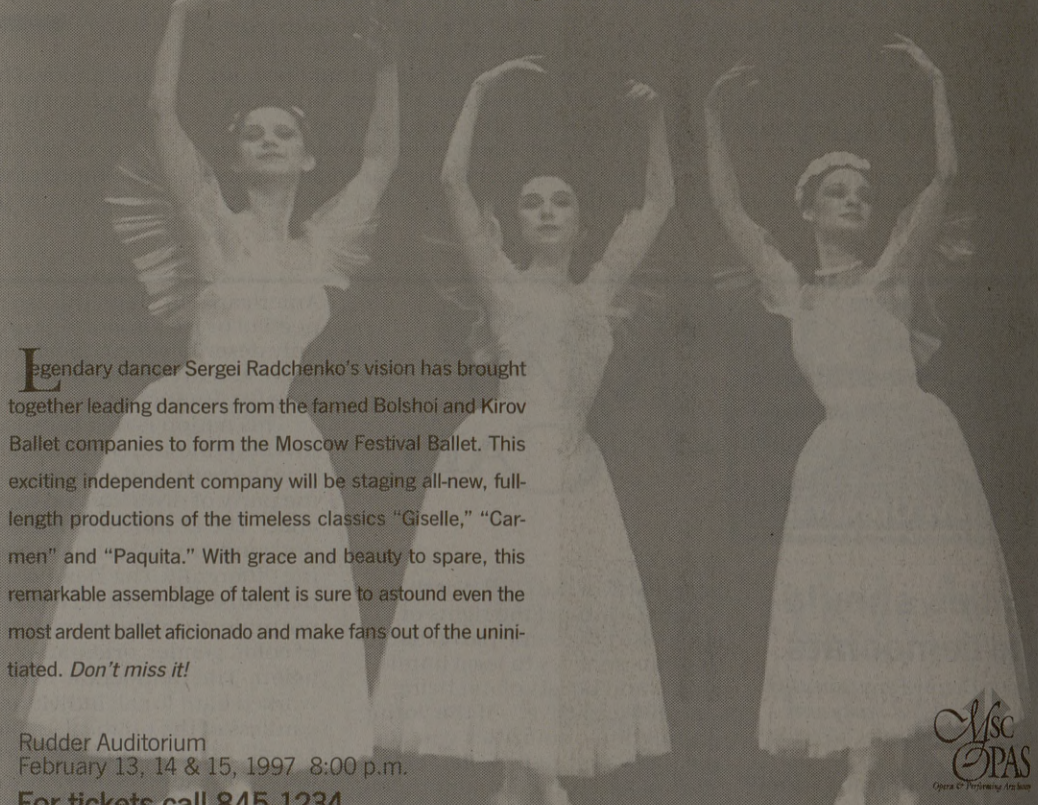
"It (expanding roll call) will take away from the other Muster Musters," Jones said.

Leslie said Muster is a time-honored tradition reminding students they will always be a part of A&M.

"We know we will be here one day," she said. "It is our duty as Aggies to honor the people who are being called now."

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