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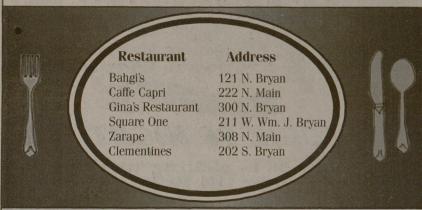
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Software to help prevent loss of data to computer crashes

• Thursday, April 29, 1999

A product from Symantec, Norton CrashGuard 4.0, is a computer program that warns users of crashes before they happen, allows them to save their work before any data is lost and walks them through the crash recovery process, but Texas A&M network operations specialist Bob Brooks said he is skeptical of

Omar Garcia, public relations coordinator for the Symantec Corporation, said although crashes are inevitable, protection from the loss of data saves students time and

Garcia said the most significant features of the CrashGuard are Crash Assistant, Vital Save and Crash Advisor.

"CrashGuard Assistant and Crash Advisor allow users to understand what went wrong with their computer systems and recommend what the user should do," Garcia said.

Vital Save is prompted when the system crashes and allows work to be saved.

Garcia said the installation process is simple and uses a small amount of drive space

'It comes on a CD-ROM, so all you have to do is follow the instructions," Garcia said. "It's intuitive, it guides you through the process, and it takes up only 5 megabytes of hard-drive space.

The program runs in the back ground, so users don't have to do anything. Users will be prompted before anything happens. The program is built for the not-so-technical user.

If a user experiences a crash while surfing the Internet, Crash-Guard allows users to restart the crashed Web browser quickly and return to the last URL visited.

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The older versions of Windows were notorious for locking up and crashing, so if someone is using one of the earlier versions of Windows, it's a good thing to have," he

against losing data is to save work

time of the crash.

CrashGruard can be purchased at for about \$30 in most computer stores or on the Symantec Website.

Brooks said, as far as students are concerned, he thinks the program is a waste of money. He said the best and cheapest protection

Norton CrashGuard 4.0 is compatible with major programs, including Microsoft Office '97 and Microsoft Office'98, Quicken and Adobe Photoshop, and it will save any information that is open at the

Discoverer of Titanic says future of exploration lies on ocean floor

BY EMILY R. SNOOKS

Dr. Robert D. Ballard shared his experiences of the study of the Mid-Atlantic ridge, the discovery of the Titanic and his ongoing uncovering of the mysteries of the sea.

"Deep Sea Exploration" was the third and final event of the inaugural season of the Distinguished Lecture Series. Ballard is most known for his

discoveries of the RMS Titanic, the German battleship, Bismarck and the U.S. aircraft carrier York-

Ballard said he and his team discovered the *Titanic* in the summer of 1986 by finding a trail of debris from the massive ship on the floor of the north Atlantic

He said once they discovered the remains of the ship's boilers, it was not long until they found

the sunken ship. Ballard said the ocean serves as an exceptional preserver of ships and artifacts. He said the Titanic's chandeliers were still hanging in the dining room when they discovered the foundered luxury liner.

Ballard said he and his team have been able to excavate artifacts and antique remains in near pristine condition.

Ballard said the discovery of the RMS Titanic sparked interest in the world's youth population in deep-sea exploration.

To keep young people motivated, he started the JASON project. The JASON machine is a robotic exploration tool used to view underwater life.

The project is in it's 10th year and consists of a variety of specialized scientists who compose a curriculum for junior highschool students to learn about and participate in deep-sea ex-

Future plans for Ballard inof the Black Sea.

Ballard said he and his team have two major foci: to discover terrestrial remains of ancient populations that were wiped out by a catastrophic flood and to discover artifacts along the continental shelf of the sea.

Ballard also wants to explore the thousands of feet of stagnet, anoxic water, which provides perfect conditions for preserva-

Ballard said the next genera-

Students participate in deepsea dives throughout the world by down linking by satellites in classrooms built for the JASON project. Down link sites are in 37

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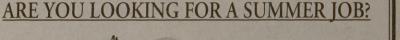
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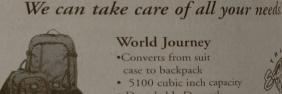
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