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TRANSCRIPT

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"I would think that A&M wouldn't have a problem as long as the transcript indicated that the student does indeed possess a high-school diploma," he said. "But that is a decision that will have to be made by each admissions counselor at each college on an individual basis.

The problem originally was identified at an Oct. 11 BISD board meeting after the parents of two students expressed concerns about their children's graduation status. An examination of all transcripts could not be completed until the beginning of the next school year because of a lack of summer personnel.

Taylor said that in response to the problem, BISD is instituting a new transcript-review process that should prevent further errors.

The BISD Transcript and Graduation Plan Review Procedures for the 1999-2000 school year include several new regulations, including updating transcripts at the end of each semester and performing a complete audit of all 12th-grade transcripts by the end of the first six weeks of each school year.

EVALUATION

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Representatives include an academic administrator, a student-affairs representative and other University faculty and student representatives.

The review process consists a two- to three-day visit by the review team, including tours of the department, meetings with faculty from each department and a summary interview with an A&M academic administrator. The team keeps in touch with the department with updates until the next review.

The whole process takes a year of preparation by the department under review. Each member of the department contributes to an all-inclusive summary booklet of the department. Osters said this gives each member of the department an opportunity to be involved.

The booklet is an extensive study of the department for the review team to familiarize themselves with the goals and workings of that specific department," she said. Every staff member in the department must add to the booklet, because someone in one area cannot say what another is doing. It is a wonderful opportunity for the whole department to come together.

Osters said the program provides departments an opportunity to improve and gain more knowledge of their specific field.

The program provides departments and staff a valuable understanding of who they are, what they do, how well they function, what

they want for the future," she said. Zamora said the review is a great program because of the involvement of each department.

"This is going to be a successful program," she said. "A lot of the team's suggestions are already being implemented by Student Life. The offices are really interested in improving and focus[ing] on what they can do better.

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