

# *Blind planning session set*

Jim Hayes, handicapped students adviser, will meet this week with visually handicapped students to plan a program of recording textbooks. The blind students will decide which textbooks will be recorded for summer school.

Hayes also is recruiting readers to record.

Two companies now offer taped textbooks, but they're not satisfactory, mainly because of mailing time, Hayes said. Plus "not all texts are available."

Tapes made here will be available in the Library. Blind students or severely handicapped students who can't turn a page should contact Hayes this semester before they need the text.

"If there is a charge to the student, it will not exceed the cost of the textbook," he said.

In other areas of progress, he said that formerly

some teachers forbid tape recorders for note taking. Now, "no one we've approached has refused — if the student agrees not to let other students use the recorded notes and to erase the lecture immediately after the notes are made."

Anyone having trouble recording a lecture should contact Hayes and there will be "no jeopardy whatsoever."

Fifteen blind students are on campus, Hayes said, although barriers still exist. He has asked the physical plant to install raised buttons or braille dots on elevators and class description numbers located in a central place on each door would help.

He added that "the library will have magnification devices before too long for students who are less than totally blind."