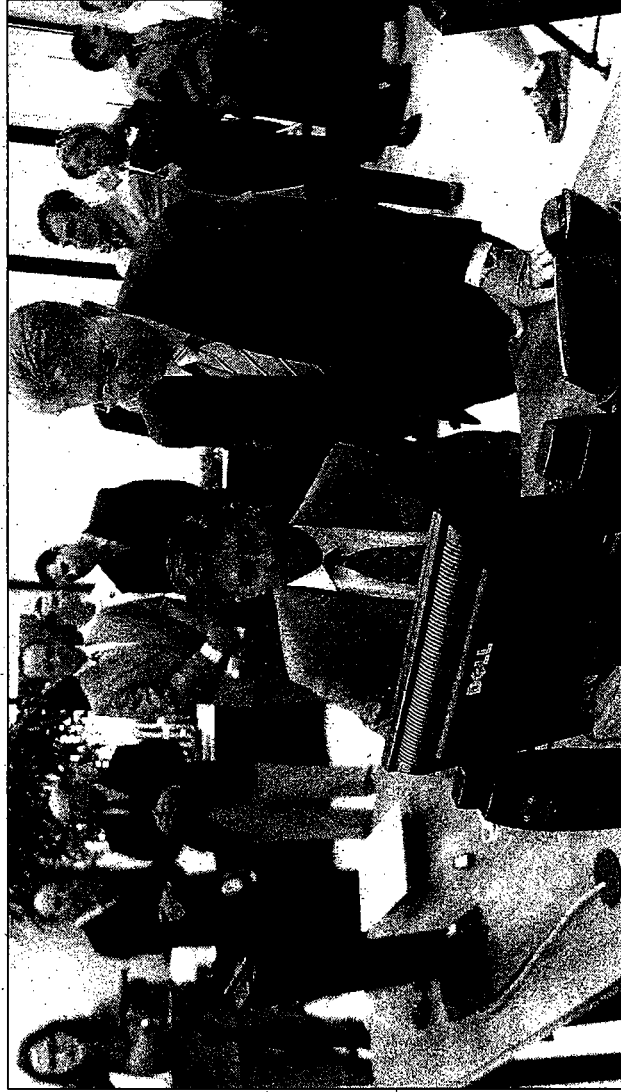


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On the cutting edge of office communications

Austin Mayor Will Wynn got to try out Cisco Systems Inc.'s newest office communications system Tuesday at the Bank of America building at 515 Congress Ave. Developer Tom Stacy, right, who owns the building, said his firm has been working with Cisco for the past three years to develop a top-of-the-line communications system that could be offered to tenants via subscription.

Stacy said the system will be one amenity in his planned 41-story retail/office/residential tower next door to the bank building.

Stacy said the system offers smaller tenants access to technology such as large-scale conference calling, e-mail to voicemail conversion and remote network access, without having to pay for their own network equipment.

ON THE MOVE

Scott Nietschmann has been named president of Fuddrucker's Inc.

He previously was chief operating officer of Chill's Grill & Bar.

Chris Buffum has been promoted to vice president of sales and marketing programs at Uplink Corp., an Austin-based provider of GPS-based golf course management systems.

He had been the company's AdSmart program director.

■ Professional organizations: Randy Howry

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