

Copy machine use could be illegal

A case before the U. S. Supreme Court this week may result in removal or restricted use of coin-operated copying machines in libraries. The action was expected to be heard Tuesday.

A leading medical publishing firm initiated the action, saying that the photocopies are a violation of the "fair use" concept of the basic copyright law which allows restricted copying of material.

Should the high court not find for

the defendants, two federal libraries, the TAMU library might not be able to keep the coin-operated copiers currently available to students and faculty.

Depending on the material, some office copiers might even fall under the illegal category.

If the copiers were allowed to remain, says libraries director Dr. Irene Hoadly of TAMU, they would probably be used in conjunction with a records system to compute fees in accordance with the required

payment of royalties on copyrighted books and articles.

Another alternative, depending on interpretation and outcome of the case, would have TAMU and other libraries in America not copying at all. Handwritten copies of books and articles would have to replace the convenience of almost instant reproduction available through photocopiers, notes Dr. Hoadly.

But libraries would not be the only "copiers" affected. Any person, such as a student, would no longer be able to legally copy a page from a copyrighted work without paying the royalty.

Even persons who have private

book collections and wish to copy a few pages for a friend might be in violation of the law if they used a copying machine.

"This will put a crimp on any kind of cooperation among libraries in Texas and the United States," remarked the TAMU director.

"TAMU might have to start buying more material instead of borrowing the sources and copying them or having the other libraries copy the material and send it to us," she explained.

Over half of the requests sent to TAMU by other institutions are for photocopied material, most of it copyrighted, notes Dr. Hoadly.

The basis of the case involves just

such practices in which federal libraries copied medical material and sold it to users for a fee.

Other legal action is also in the works in which plaintiffs contend that hook-ups to a central system would also be a violation of fair use.

License arrangements between the government and libraries or higher costs of subscriptions and books to insure payment of fees might result, said Dr. Hoadly.

Texas Rep indicted on state fund abuse

AUSTIN (AP)—Rep. Greg Montoya, D-Elsa, was indicted Tuesday on charges that he misapplied state funds through his payroll as a House member.

Montoya issued a statement at the office of his lawyer, former Sen. Jim Bates of Edinburg, proclaiming his innocence.

"I have done no wrong as a state representative. I am sure a jury will find me innocent," Montoya said.

He also has claimed a female former employe had gone to Austin Dist. Atty. Bob Smith in an attempt to discredit him.

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Bond for Montoya was set at \$5,000, but Dist. Court Judge Mace Thurman released him on personal recognizance.

The two-count indictment alleges that between Aug. 1 and Oct. 7 Montoya diverted the services of Olivia Silva to the benefit of Graciela Montoya.

It also alleges that between Jan. 1 and Nov. 1 Montoya misapplied state funds by paying Ramirez Marcello Cavazos, Joe Garcia, Fernando Silva, and Olivia Silva. These people were paid for secretarial services "when in truth and in fact none of said persons had the secretarial skills as was indicated on their ap-

plications of employment and were unable to perform the services for which they were paid, a fact well known to the said Greg Montoya," the indictment said.

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Bryan duo linked with Houston fire

Two Bryan girls, both 13, have been tentatively identified as the possible victims of a fire which gutted an apartment building in Houston Dec. 8, according to the Harris County Medical Examiner Dr. Joseph Jackimczyk.

No official word of the girls' identity will be released until medical charts and dental x-rays are studied, according to the arson division of the Houston fire department. That official word is expected today.

Knowles said. "When we found this out, we made a statewide alert on the matter giving information to law enforcement agencies." The boys later returned home but the girls never did.

The remains of the girls were found lying together in a corner of a room after the fire was extinguished. One of the girls possibly died of a crushed skull and the other was burned beyond recognition with no wounds visible, Houston authorities said.

Arson investigators said the bodies were doused with an unknown flammable liquid and set afire. Five rooms of the upstairs portion were also soaked with the liquid with a trail leading to another room where a five gallon can was found.

"We have been having numerous calls from worried parents of runaway girls who think their daughters were the two discovered," a spokesman said.

The girls possibly had run away in the past, Knowles said, but the parents had never reported them. Since there hadn't been any record of runaways of the girls, the police here haven't any records, Knowles said.

It began Dec. 4 when two boys who were possibly with the missing girls, were reported missing.

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his assistant Dr. Tom Adair said the matter was a concern between Williams and Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, president of Prairie View A&M.

Black said he felt that Prairie View's students "didn't deserve less than those of other universities."

He specifically mentioned handball courts, a golf course and bowling lanes in his list of deficiencies at Prairie View.

Robert Cherry, assistant to President Jack K. Williams, said the funds for such facilities come from student fees and that the legislature does not allocate money for these purposes.

Black said that this is not enough, because most of the student population at Prairie View is black and from low-income families who cannot afford high student service fees. The only recourse, he felt, was to ask the legislature for the needed funds.

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