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7:30-9:55

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7:20-9:30

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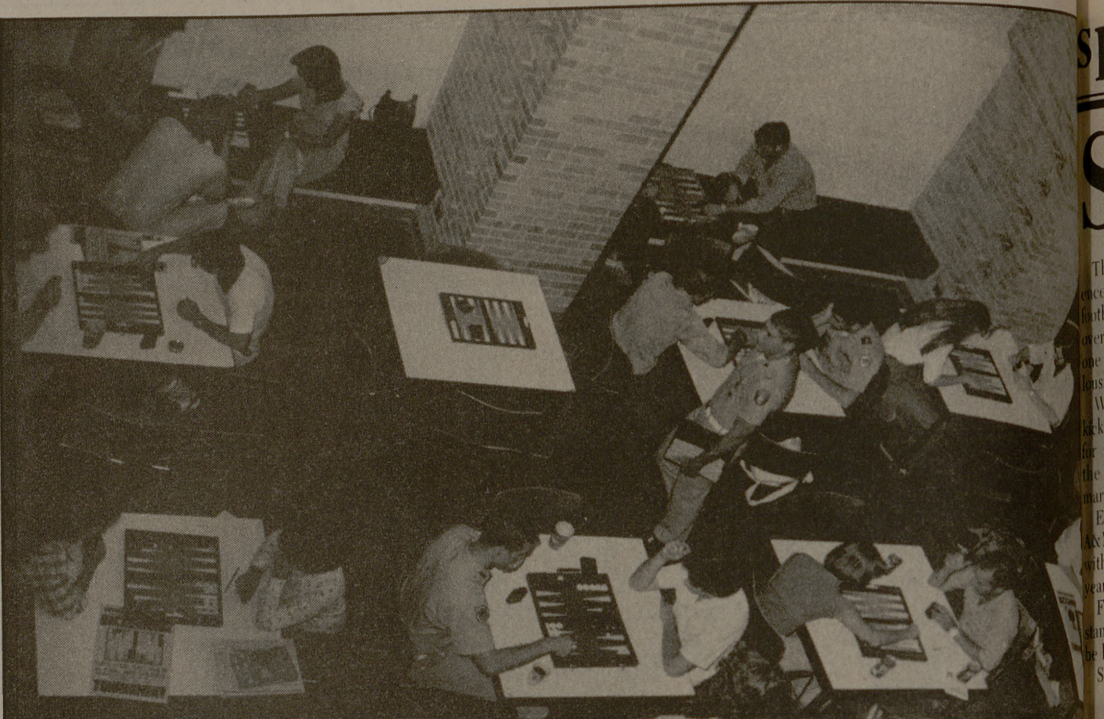
Smithsonian gains jewel for collection

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Smithsonian Institution's gem collection has acquired a 75-carat emerald worth more than \$100,000. It once was the centerpiece of a Turkish sultan's belt buckle.

The flat, oval gem, the size of a 50-cent piece, was donated by Mrs. Stewart Hooker of New York, sister of former U.S. Ambassador to Britain Walter Annenberg, the wealthy publisher.

Mrs. Hooker bought the gem from Tiffany's in New York about 15 years ago and wore it as a brooch surrounded by 13 carats of diamonds.

Smithsonian gem curator Paul Desautels said the jewel probably came from India and belonged to Abdul Hamid II, one of the last Ottoman sultans who reigned until 1909 when he was exiled.



Get ready-set — Concentrate!
The MSC Lounge was the scene of intense feelings and well-planned moves as students competed in the Backgammon tournament this past week. Battalion photo by Dick...

MANOR EAST THEATRE
Held Over for 2nd Week 7:40-9:40

MORE Bad NEWS
THE BAD NEWS BEARS ARE ONE YEAR OLDER AND ONE YEAR WILDER

THE BAD NEWS BEARS
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ALL NEW Bears

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The Only Thing More Terrifying Than The Last 12 Minutes Of This Film Are The First 80.
FRI. 7:30-9:25, 11:20
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Phony identification papers behind large credit losses

United Press International
NEW YORK — If you've wondered why so many states are reluctant to accept any identification except a driver's license to cash a check, the answer lies in the \$1 billion a year or more in losses American banks and stores suffer through forged ID papers.

The driver's license isn't 100 percent reliable, especially in the states that don't require the motorist's photograph on it, but it's better than other ID cards.

That's mainly because the states do exchange information about lost, stolen and known forged drivers' licenses in a fairly rapid way through computer networks.

Nevertheless, according to the trade magazine, Bank Systems & Equipment, losses of banks and other credit grantors stemming from forged ID papers still are mounting because of carelessness on the part of bank officials and mercantile credit managers.

Author James Natal says losses on check passing are small compared to those on loans, credit cards and demand deposit accounts resulting from use of phony ID papers.

Natal said far too many bank officials just write the losses off and refuse to prosecute because they don't want to admit how naive they have been or they think it takes too much time and money to push the case.

Obtaining fraudulent loans and bank deposits in the name of people who are long dead or never existed has become an extremely lucrative racket that owes its mushrooming growth to the fact the computer can't have sudden flashes of intuitive suspicion as a human clerk can.

As a result, banks, finance companies and merchants are hit for millions of dollars of losses on loans and credit card charges and big overdrafts on deposits by characters whose identification apparently checks out until they suddenly vanish into thin air.

Banking Systems & Equipment said there are a number of companies around the country that boldly advertise in various magazines that they will supply complete set of phony identification papers, sometimes including driver's license, for as little as \$75.

Some of the people who use phony ID's are amateurs, but the title said most are professional working through organized networks operated by criminals who, for a fee, will give backup verification services on the phony ID papers.

A girl sits in a room with a phone connected to an answering service for a long list of numbers. When she gets a call from a bank store about Paul X, she checks cardfile and answers unblinking. "Yes, Mr. X is employed here," she says. "He has been with us a year and makes \$18,000 a year," reading the card information which she knows is false.

In an even more sophisticated operation, the rings, operating under various fictitious business names, succeed in feeding false credit information directly into computers of legitimate credit reporting agencies about various titious individuals.

The criminals rush out to banks and stores and make a killing taking out loans and running up bills for valuable merchandise that can be fenced. Then they vanish.

'Social register' lists the nation's 700 finest trees

United Press International
SACRAMENTO — California boasts more than 40 national champions of the tree world.

They are among about 700 towering arbores which have made the "Social Register of Trees," compiled by the American Forestry Association to honor the biggest and presumably the best of the nation's trees.

Heading the list of California trees in the elite group is Sequoia National Park's lofty, 3,500-year-old General Sherman.

There also are some lesser-known greats, such as the Sequoia evergreens on Redwood Creek in Humboldt County. Measuring in at 367.8 feet, it's the tallest tree in the world.

California does not have the most champion trees among the states. Hawaii has 200 of them, selected by height and girth. Florida, Michigan and Texas also have more giants than California.

But the biggest Jeffrey, lodgepole and sugar pines in the country grow in Stanislaus National Forest. The champion golden chinkapin is rooted in Sonoma County, while the biggest Modoc cypress grows in Plumas National Forest. The state also is home to six varieties of the tallest oaks.

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Campus activities

- Thursday
College of Engineering Seminars, Elmer Lignoul on "Mechanical Engineering in Construction", 10 a.m., 203 Zachry Engineering Center
Town Hall, University Symphonic Band, 12:30 p.m., University Center Mall
Dance Arts Society, modern dance and jazz, 7:30 p.m., 260 G. Rollie White Cepheid Variable, The Blob", 8 & 10 p.m., Rudder Theater
Texarkana Area Hometown Club, 8 p.m., 501 Rudder
- Friday
College of Engineering Seminars, Dr. Charles Dalton on "Water Waves and Wave Forces", 2:30 p.m., 342 Zachry Engineering Center
College of Engineering Seminars, Dr. J. H. Morehouse on "Solar-Assisted Desiccant Cooling", 4 p.m., 12 Zachry Engineering Center
Aggie Cinema, Swashbuckler", 8 p.m., Rudder Theater
- Saturday
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- Sunday
Management Seminar, sponsored by the Executive Development Programs Office of the College of Business Administration, Oct. 23-28, Texas A&M University

MSC Cafeteria

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THURSDAY EVENING SPECIAL Italian Candle Light Spaghetti Dinner SERVED WITH SPICED MEAT BALLS AND SAUCE Parmesan Cheese - Tossed Green Salad Choice of Salad Dressing - Hot Garlic Bread Tea or Coffee		
FRIDAY EVENING SPECIAL BREADED FISH FILET w/TARTAR SAUCE Cole Slaw Hush Puppies Choice of one vegetable Roll or Corn Bread & Butter Tea or Coffee	SATURDAY NOON and EVENING SPECIAL "Yankee Pot Roast" Texas Style Tossed Salad Choice of one vegetable Roll or Corn Bread & Butter Tea or Coffee	SUNDAY SPECIAL NOON and EVENING ROAST TURKEY DINNER Served with Cranberry Sauce Cornbread Dressing Roll or Corn Bread - Butter - Coffee or Tea Giblet Gravy And your choice of any One vegetable

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