



Clues from a locker picture

Battalion photo by Ken Herrera

And what, Holmes, can you deduce from a largely out-of-focus photo of some lockers?" My dear Watson, you see that the single hasp that is in focus shows signs of long use and the lock has been twisted severely to one

side. Obviously, the locker belongs to a senior Aggie who has lost his key. He has a hot temper and is strong — but not strong enough to break the lock." Incredible, Holmes!"

Milk products may lower cholesterol

United Press International
MADISON, Wis. — A University of Wisconsin food scientist says fresh milk or yogurt can reduce, rather than increase, cholesterol levels in humans.

"Recent research indicates that there are factors in milk that somehow prevent the build-up of cholesterol in our blood," said Prof. Thomas Richardson.

Cholesterol is in milk fat, which comprises a large part of certain dairy products, and is also produced by the body. High cholesterol levels have been linked with coronary artery disease.

But Richardson said drinking milk or eating yogurt — fermented milk — has been shown to reduce cholesterol levels.

"Therefore, whole milk and especially skim milk should not present a problem by increasing blood cholesterol of consumers," he said.

"At this time, we are not sure how other dairy products might affect the blood cholesterol of consumers. A lot of the studies were done by feeding yogurt to people. But subsequent studies indicated that even fresh milk reduced cholesterol."

One early study was conducted on African Maasai herdsmen, who consume large amounts of a fer-

mented milk product similar to yogurt. It showed they have low blood cholesterol and a low frequency of coronary artery disease.

Richardson said the study, by Dr. G. V. Mann of Vanderbilt University Medical School, showed the Maasai volunteers had even lower blood cholesterol levels when they were fed more of the fermented milk product than they normally eat. He said a study of American volunteers produced the same results.

Richardson said Mann's studies indicated fermentation of the milk may be important. But he said there are also indications fresh milk may be just as effective in preventing build-up of cholesterol in the blood.

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Hot checks curtail area check-cashing policies

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The main reason we stopped taking checks was the combination of graduating students leaving with the bad check uncollectable, and all the inconveniences involved," said Jim Robbins, IHOP manager.

Inconveniences such as mailing notices, telephone calls to banks and employers and bookkeeping are avoided when merchants do not take checks.

"Too bad, a few people mess it up for the majority," Robbins said. Robbins has held bad checks that are over a year old.

He suggest a Bad Checks Committee be implemented through Texas A&M's student government. "A student shouldn't be able to graduate if he has bad checks that have not been paid for," he said.

IHOP is considering taking checks again, because not accepting checks could be the reason for IHOP's drop in volume. IHOP is also contemplating other reasons for the drop in business. If he determines the problem is IHOP not taking checks, he will change his policy, Robbins said.

"Kids want to write checks because it's easier and they will have a written record of their expenditures," said Robbins.

"Restaurant business in College Station depends totally on students," Robbins said.

The problem with checks is it's hard to differentiate between a bad and a hot check, said Littlejohn.

The county attorney receives checks that are returned marked "due to insufficient funds," "account closed," or "no account." These checks are not written with the intent to defraud. Unauthorized or irregular signatures on checks is a felony, and this is handled by the district attorney. The district attorney uses his own discretion when viewing each case.

Fifty percent of the bad checks are from local residents and the other 50 percent are from students, Littlejohn said.

He stressed that he was able to collect from the local residents but in very few cases could he collect from students.

Public Relations Director John Birkner, public relations director of University National Bank, said his bank has problems with bad checks. The bank stresses personnel checking, viewing each case with discretion, he said.

Birkner said that when an individual writes a bad check there is a

\$5 charge, unless it is the bank's error.

There are exceptions to the bank's policy concerning bad checks, Birk-

ner said. The bank would cover a student's check for medical expenses, but would not cover a check for entertainment.

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