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#### Clues from a locker picture

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 to break the lock." and the lock has been twisted severly 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 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 some-how prevent the build-up of choles-terol 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 choles-

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

'At this time, we are not sure how other diary products might affect the blood cholesterol of consumers. A lot of the studies were done by feeding yogurt to people. But sub-sequent 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 re-'sults

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 takchecks was the combination of uating students leaving with the d check uncollectable, and all the conveniences involved," said Jim

bbins, IHOP manager. Inconveniences such as mailing ces, telephone calls to banks and poloyers and bookkeeping are oided when merchants do not e checks

"Too bad, a few people mess it up r the majority," Robbins said. Robbins has held bad checks that e over a year old He suggest a Bad Checks Com-

ittee be implemented through exas A&M's student government. A student shouldn't be able to luate if he has bad checks that ve not been paid for," he said.

IHOP is considering taking ecks again, because not accepting ecks could be the reason for HOP's drop in volume. IHOP is contemplating other reasons for drop in businesss. If he deteres the problem is IHOP not takg checks, he will change his pol-, Robbins said.

"Kids want to write checks beause it's easier and they will have a ritten record of their expendisaid Robbins

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"Restaurant business in College Station depends totally on stu-dents," 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 fraud. 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

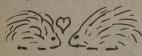
Birkner said that when an individual writes a bad check there is a

\$5 charge, unless it is the bank's er- ner said. The bank would cover a student's check for medical ex-There are exceptions to the bank's penses, but would not cover a check policy concerning bad checks, Birkfor entertainment





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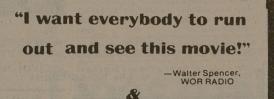






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