

Book buzzers will aid library security

By DEBBIE PICC

The library addition, scheduled to open in December, will be equipped with an electronic security system.

The security system for book detection will eliminate the need for security personnel to check books and briefcases before students leave the library. The system will make it difficult for students to take books from the library without checking them out.

"You see these systems all the time in department stores and at the airport," said Dr. Irene B. Hoadley, library administrator.

A magnetic target which resembles a 7-inch foil strip will be placed in each book. When a book is checked out, the target is deactivated by a book verifier, Hoadley said.

A book verifier is an electrical console about the size of a portable typewriter. The book verifier activates and deactivates the book

target with either an electromagnetic field or a radio frequency.

If a student attempts to leave the library without checking out a book, a bell alarm will ring throughout the library. A chime will sound at the circulation desk to alert librarians and a turnstile will lock, said Charles Smith, plan coordinator for the library addition.

The library staff will assume that the student forgot to check out the book and will ask him to do so, Hoadley said.

The book detection system will have three exits, two equipped with turnstiles and one with a gate. The gate will enable students with braces, crutches and wheelchairs to use the system. The gate will remain locked until a handicapped student notifies the librarian that he needs to use the exit. The exit also will be unlocked during emergencies, Smith said.

The system will not affect stu-

dents with pacemakers or hearing aids, Smith said.

The book detection system costs roughly \$20,000 to install, Hoadley said. This does not include the cost of placing magnetic targets in the books. The library staff has not decided whether to place targets in the old books or to buy new books with targets included, Hoadley said.

The library pays \$20,000 a year in wages to security men, Hoadley said.

Contract for the installation of the detection system has not been awarded. The library has written specifications for the system and hopes that more than one company will bid for the contract, Smith said.

Hypertension test set

By LAURA HENDERSON

The Texas A&M University Circle K Club, along with the American Heart Association and the Texas Emergency Care Team, are sponsoring a clinic for testing hypertension Wednesday and Thursday.

Director of the University Health Center, Dr. Claude Goswick said hypertension is elevated blood pressure. It can cause such things as strokes, heart disease, renal disease and kidney disease, he said.

Craig Clark, president of Circle K Club, urges people to take the test. "It will consist of just sitting down and having your blood pressure taken," Clark said.

Qualified volunteers from the Heart Association, Emergency Care Team, and the University Health Center will be taking the

blood pressure, Clark said.

Clark said he hopes participation will at least be doubled this year from last year. He said last year 2,250 people took the test.

Approximately 80 to 90 of those tested had high blood pressure he added.

Testing will be from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center lobby. Charts with ages and what the blood pressure for that age should be will be posted.

Clark said people with high blood pressure are advised of what they can do to lower it. Those with extremely high blood pressure are referred to doctors.

The test is free and will only take a few minutes, Clark said. He said it should be convenient to everyone because they can take the test on their way to or from class.

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"A Streetcar Named Desire" will be presented at Texas A&M University by the Aggie Players beginning Thursday and continues Friday, Saturday and March 1, 2, 3, 4. This Tennessee Williams drama was made into a movie in 1952 starring Marlon Brando and Vivien Leigh.

The director is Theatre Arts faculty member Nancy Pride. Beth Seibert, a Texas A&M Theatre Arts major, is the assistant director.

Set in the French Quarter of New Orleans in the 1940s, the play centers around Blanche DuBois' search for love and security. Blanche's attempt to escape from the reality that she is an aging Southern belle is

tragically thwarted by her brother-in-law, Stanley Kowalski. The cast includes Bill Weldon as Stanley Kowalski, Linda Nystedt as Blanche DuBois, Terry Martin as Harlow Mitchell (Mitch), and Ellen Dowling as Stella Kowalski.

Other members in the cast are Vicki Brumley, Jaimie Craig, Leslie Denton, Debbie Ellis, Steve Jacobs, Chuck McDaniel, Dave Rich, Kathy Steinle, and Michele Wolstein.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. curtain are \$1.75 for students and \$2.75 for the general public. They are available at the box office in the Rudder Tower or at the Forum door on performance nights.

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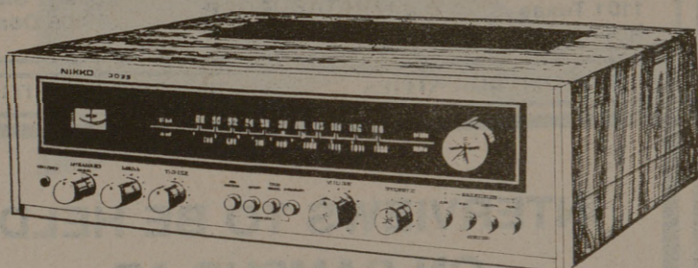
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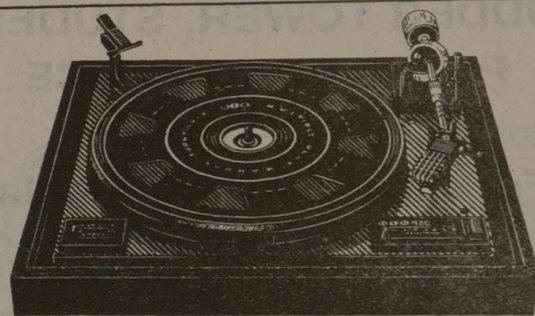


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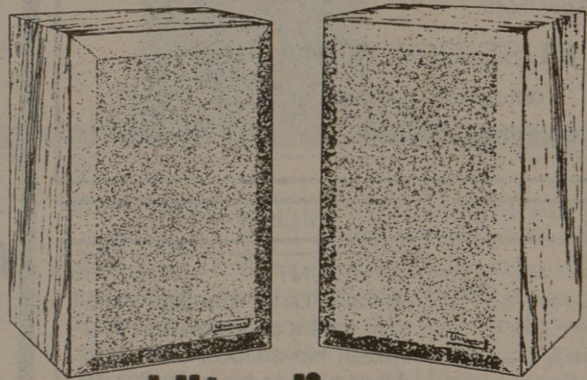
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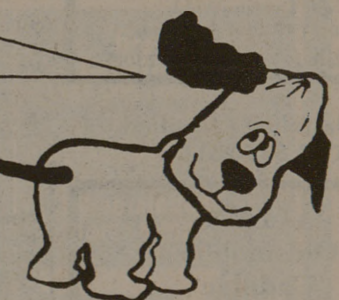
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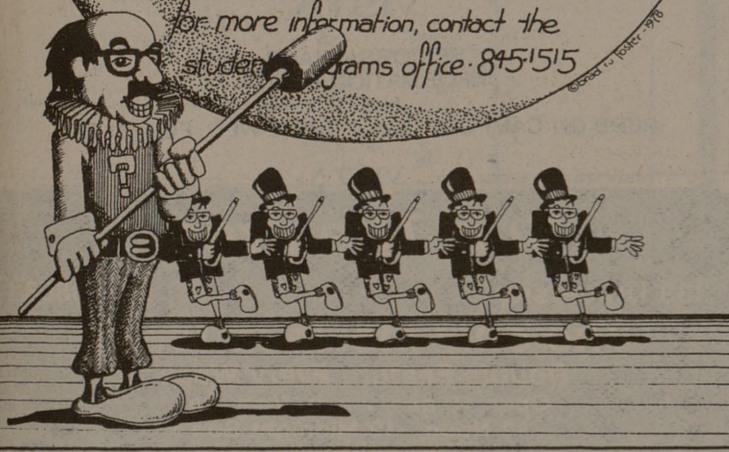
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