'Progress' retires doormen

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dition opens.
Blackburn, a 25-year resident of ryan, and the six other men who spect outgoing library materials to sure they have been properly necked out, will be replaced by a

ew book security system.

Attempts will be made to locate ther positions on campus for the cormen, but because they receive cial security, it restricts them om working more than part time, nd there are not many part-time obsopen, said Dr. Irene Hoadley, rector of the library.

The new security system works n an electromagnetic principle. All brary materials will be tagged with ensitized (magnetically charged) letal strips called targets. These detected by a magnetic field at library's exit. When the material checked out at the circulation esk, the target will be desentized. However, if the material is ot properly checked out, as the son tries to leave the library the gnetic field will detect it causing exit turnstile to lock and a buzto sound at the circulation desk. Reference Librarian Charles nith, the project coordinator for enew addition, said the system is nilar to metal detectors in stores nd airports and that the targets can

put on just about anything. Hoadley said the main reasons for opting the new system are its onomic value and increased effec-

It costs approximately \$26-27,000 ally to pay the doormen, whose aries range from \$2.65 to \$3.06 an bur, depending on how long they are worked there. The book secuty system will cost roughly 5,000, according to Smith, plus e price of the targets which cost a price of the targ

weents apiece.

Because of its impersonality, the we system will catch more offeners, according to Hoadley. "It's and, on a one-to-one basis, to demanyone" she said. The system so will create new jobs for the apple who have to place the targets the materials.

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"Chalk it up to progress" is the titude of Phil Blackburn, a library porman at Texas A&M University ter learning he will not be a constructed by the construction of the library annually. In 1976, a total of 9,259 items was missing. Some 15,580 were missing in 1977. The items reported missing from the shelves by students and other libra-rians in 1977. A waiting period of one year determines if a book is lost and needs be replaced by the li-

> Not having enough time to check the material out and needing it longer than the allotted time, are some of the reasons materials are taken without being checked out, said Smith. The attitude that "I'm the only one using this book" is

> "Materials show up sometimes when they were accounted lost

Blackburn said students are sometimes preoccupied and forget to check out books. When he catches them with a book, he sends them back to the circulation desk to check it out properly. Some students resent this, he said, but none has ever resisted him physically. He only catches "maybe one or two a week," he said.

Most of the doormen are retirees. It was not a policy to hire the re-tirees, Hoadley said. "It just hap-

punctual and responsible where maybe a student wouldn't be be-

cause of classes," said Blackburn.
Blackburn said he heard about the job through a student and opera applied for it. He said he knows of year. some other applicants who have been turned down because of the limited number of jobs.

Blackburn is not resentful of the book security system and said he expected it to happen because he knows of other universities that have it. "I will just re-retire," he

according to Hoadley, an average smile is understood in all lan-3,000 periodicals and other ma-



"Our superiors count on us to be Fred Norcross, a 10-year veteran as doorman at the University Library, is serving in his last days at that position. His job is being replaced by an electronics sensing system that will detect books that have not been checked out. The new system will be put into operation when the new addition to the library is opened next

Ancient Texans traced

Anthropologists at Texas A&M sequences of periodic habitation tunious pattern of life from prehistinuous pattern of life toric Indians in southwest Texas that dates as far back as 7,200 B.C., mak-ing it one of the oldest on record

Radiocarbon tests on wood, charcoal and other material taken from a cave near Del Rio confirm the dates, says Texas A&M archeologist Dr. Harry Shafer.

Some material from the site uggests man existed there around 10,000 B.C., and latest radiocarbon results show continued habitation of the site since 7,200 B.C.

The Indians, probably all members of an extended family, lived at the site periodically until the 16th Century, explains Shafer. "This is one of the most consistent

Vaughn Bryant Jr. have directed excavation and analysis of material from the cave for three years. In that time, the project has received support totaling \$100,000 from the

support totaling \$100,000 from the National Science Foundation, National Geographic Society and Winship Foundation of Corpus Christi.

Excavation has yielded an abundance of preserved plant material (1,500 sacksful) plus 2,000 coprolites (fossilized human foces) examined (fossilized human feces) examined for what it can tell about early man's

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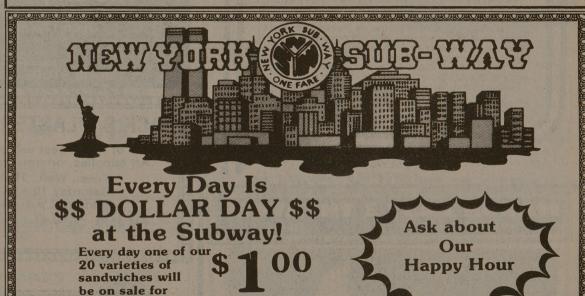
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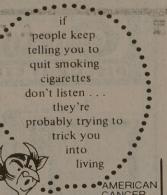
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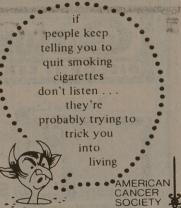
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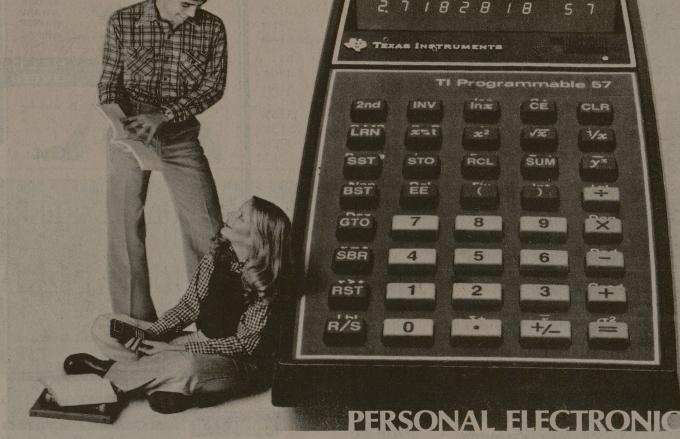
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