

Overdue policies enforced, differ at university libraries

By TRICIA BRUNHART

Every university library has had to suffer the headache of overdue books, and each has its own system for enforcing the return of these books.

Until last September, the Sterling C. Evans Library at Texas A&M University was not fully enforcing its policy of fining those with overdue books.

Emma Perry, head of the circulation division, said that strictly enforcing the fining policy has resulted in many people coming in to return books and pay their fines.

According to the book borrowing policy posted in the library, if a book is overdue and has been requested by someone else, a notice will be sent to the person who checked out the book. If the book is not returned within the stated amount of time, the person will be fined 25 cents the first day late, \$1 the second day and on up to \$5 for each day past the fifth day. This fine applies to all users with overdue books, not just students.

Also, if the book is extremely overdue user will be sent a notice saying he will be billed to replace the book unless he returns it. If the book is still not returned, the user will be charged the assessed value of the

in Texas, the overdue book policies can be examined through the complexity and the strength of their enforcement systems.

The circulation system at the general library at the University of Texas at Austin appears to be as complex, if not more so, than the one at the Texas A&M library.

Jo Anne Hawkins, head librarian of circulation services at UT, explained their enforcement system.

Overdue notices are generally sent out when a book is five days overdue, Hawkins said. Experiments are being conducted to determine if sending out notices at seven or 10 days overdue is more effective, she added.

The patron is fined 25 cents a day until a maximum of \$12 is reached. When this occurs, the book is presumed lost and if it is reported lost, the person must pay a \$5 processing fee, said Hawkins. This fine applies to students and non-professional staff members, faculty and professional staff members are not fined, but must pay the processing fee.

Everyone who loses a book pays for it, she said.

If someone else requests a book, a recall notice is sent to the user, Hawkins said. If two recall notices must be sent, the fine is increased.

This is done to try to increase the availability of books for those who want them, she said.

A person is billed by the bursar's office (an equivalent to the fiscal office) in the spring for fines which occurred during the fall. If the person fails to pay his bill, Hawkins said, he is barred from registering and is unable to obtain an official transcript, although he may obtain an unofficial transcript.

At UT there is a University Library Committee, said Hawkins. Under this there is a fine appeals committee, three of whose members are students, and whose purpose is to review letters of appeal concerning fines.

When a student has an appeal pending, he is allowed to register, although he must have appealed within one year after he was billed, said Hawkins.

The circulation system at Texas Tech University appears to be quite a bit simpler than those at Texas A&M and UT.

Roger L. Rainwater, circulation librarian at Texas Tech, said that their policy is to use the \$7 state property deposit each student must pay when he enrolls to cover library fines.

He said as the fines are incurred they are deducted from the \$7 or they will be added in with the completed tuition and fees. Therefore,

Regarding the library's inability at Texas Tech to charge the faculty and staff, Rainwater said, "We're rather at their mercy."

the student must pay them to be considered enrolled.

If a student decides for some reason not to enroll the following semester and does not pay the fine, the registrar's office will block the sending out of any official transcripts, but will continue sending out unofficial transcripts, Rainwater said.

Grades are not withheld and registration and graduation are still permitted, he said.

Texas Tech does not have an automated circulation system and everything must be done by hand, said Rainwater.

Overdue notices are sent out at midterm and the end of the semester, and at the end of both summer sessions. Last fall, approximately \$14,000 worth of charges were sent out, he said.

The circulation system at the University of Houston appear to be simpler than those of the three other universities.

Joan Dabek, head of circulation at the University of Houston library, said that for three and one-half years they have had an automated circulation system called C.L. Systems, Inc.

Dabek, who has been with the library for 21 years, said that when a book becomes one month overdue, the system automatically sets that person delinquent. The person then cannot check out any more materials until the loan period is renewed or the book is returned, she said.

If a book which is on a recall order is not returned within five days, a \$1 a day fine will be charged, with the maximum fine being \$10, said Dabek.

The names of the people are then sent to the bursar's office, where if they do not pay their fines they cannot register for the next semester or get their transcripts. But they can get their grades, she said.

The Texas A&M library has a stronger enforcement system in regards to faculty and staff than do the three other universities.

At Texas A&M, the faculty and full-time staff members may check

out materials for one month; while at the other three universities, the faculty and staff members (or in the case of UT, professional staff members) may check out materials for a whole semester.

At Texas Tech, the graduate students also have semester loans, said Rainwater.

The main charge for overdue books against the faculty at these universities is suspensions of their right to check out materials.

But at Texas A&M, the library has the ability to fine the faculty members. Faculty members are not billed, but there is a possibility they will be billed in the future, said Perry.

The other three universities do not fine their faculty members. The exception is at UT where faculty members can be charged a processing fee, Hawkins said.

Regarding the library's inability at Texas Tech to charge the faculty and staff, Rainwater said, "We're rather at their mercy."

At Texas Tech, Texas A&M, and UT, all patrons except faculty and some staff members, may check out books for two weeks. At U. of H. it is three weeks during the regular semester and two weeks in the summer, Dabek said. The graduate students at UT have a 28-day loan period, Hawkins said.

At these libraries, the users may renew books indefinitely unless someone else wants one of them.

Heart's Magazine: second time around

By BOB ASHFIELD
Battalion Staff

It's not really fair to say much of anything about this album. It's a freak — a miscarriage of the record industry. Mushroom Records had released Heart's "Magazine" two years ago in unfinished form after Heart left them for the Portrait label. Heart went to court to have it recalled and now under a new settlement has rereleased it with five tracks spruced up and the whole album remixed. "Magazine" is again available to the common man.

Until now, only fans lucky enough to grab hold of one of the very few copies of the original album were able to hear Heart in the transition period between their successful debut "Dreamboat Annie" and their latest gem "Little Queen." "Magazine" has lost its momentum and will suffer because of it, since it is not an outstanding album.

Not all of it is original material. Note-for-note rehashes of "I Got the Music in Me" and Harry Nilsson's "Without You" are a waste of plastic. So are the two boring live recordings. What is good are the Wilson sisters' fresh approach to their own music. "Heartless" is bright and lively — a splendid mixture of rock and gutsy female funk. Ann Wilson sings each passage with unerring anxiety that instantly appeals to any starved male tired of bland rock. Ann's vocals adds an enchanting touch that can render

the listener into a blissful dream. Then you feel the bite — (the gnawing of sister Nancy's guitar and Roger Fisher's leads. "Devil Delight" follows "Heartless" as a good back-to-back combination.

"Just the Wine" floats in soothing the sad soul that it flows from. This and "Here Song" recorded in 1973 show the superb acoustic side of Heart. The latter is a breath of fresh air — delicate and fleeting. The title cut is a pleasant cross between the two mediums. "Magazine" is another Ann Wilson autobiography as was "Little Queen" that spouts off images of a "princess whispering her rhymes." It's good and Ann sings her best with this same storyline but sooner or later it'll be a very worn out theme. The lyrics are still great as on the refrain she sings "And everyone knows who they are... they go dancing on the pages of the magazine." Heart evokes a subtle statement on the overkill methods of today's media.

Remember Mom! Sunday, May 14

© 1977 Hallmark Cards, Inc.



Hallmark
Mother's Day Cards
When you care enough to send the very best

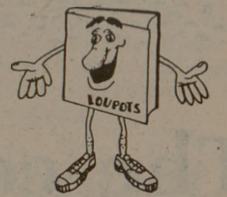
YARBROUGH'S

Downtown Bryan
205 N. Main 779-9363

Need to borrow a book for finals? Borrow it now from Lou!



We'll loan you a book now and give you your full deposit back when you return it. We want to be your used book headquarters.



Loupot's Bookstore
Northgate
(Across from the Post Office)

USED BOOK HDQRS

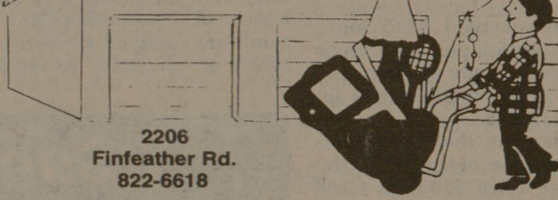
Store stuff!

FOR YOUR PEACE OF MIND

- WELL LIGHTED
- CONCRETE BUILDINGS
- RESIDENT MANAGER
- INSURANCE AVAILABLE



WE'RE THE PROFESSIONALS™



Lips take it, couple sets kiss mark

United Press International

PITTSBURGH — After establishing a continuous kissing record of 130 hours, 2 minutes and 7 seconds, the smooching couple in Pittsburgh — and the world — celebrated by dancing into the wee hours of Sunday.

Clad in T-shirts emblazoned with giant ruby-red lips, Ray Balzina, 25, and Bobbi Sherlock, 28, broke the mark of 124 hours and 51 minutes in the Guinness Book of World Records at 3:52 p. m. Saturday, but kept busying each other until 9 p. m.

While Bobbi said, "My lips are fine," Ray admitted, "Mine hurt a bit."

Now You Know

United Press International

The geodesic dome is the only man-made object that becomes structurally stronger as its size increases.

The longest-lived animal is the giant tortoise of the Galapagos Islands. Some of these tortoises have lived an estimated 190 years.



UNIPERMS
for
LADIES & GENTS
\$25.00
Milady Beauty Salon
MANOR EAST MALL
822-0252
OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK
LATE EVENING APPOINTMENTS

Embrey's Jewelry
We Specialize In
Aggie Rings, Diamonds Set — Sizing — Reoxidizing — All types watch/jewelry Repair
Aggie Charge Accounts
9-5:30 846-5816

Canvas Handbags initialed FREE. Rugged good looking. Canvas tightly stitched to keep things together.

ANTIQUE COPPER
20% OFF

the **Curiosity Shop**
1703 Texas Ave. Culpepper Plaza

Lucille's Bridal Shoppe
1103 Villa Maria 779-8405
Bryan

Complete selection of **WEDDING attire — OVER 300 gowns in stock!!**

Also **DRESSES** for bridesmaids and mothers-TUXEDOS for the men.

\$1.00 off Any Large Pizza (except Cheese)

Name _____
Phone _____
Expires: Sun., May 14

... PIZZA — Our ingredients are made daily to insure quality and freshness.
... FREE DELIVERY — We'll deliver to your door a piping hot Pizza — within 30 minutes!
... SAVINGS — and for trying us, we'll give you a Dollar off. Call us ...

846-7785
319 PATRICIA

Pizza Express
Free Delivery

WE BUY ALL BOOKS

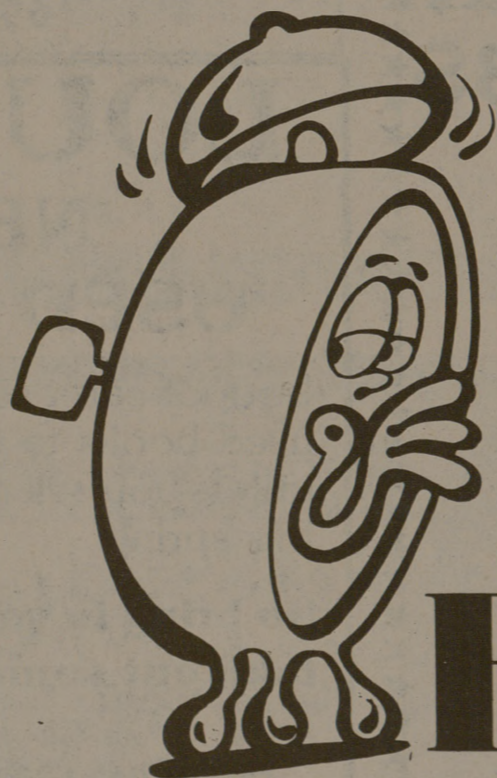
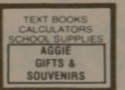
(Even paperbacks & out-of-edition books if you bring them in with your good text books)

Sell your books before you leave for the summer — they're worth more now!

We also buy used Biology, Chemistry & drawing equipment

University Bookstore

"At the Northgate"



It's time to return your Refrigerator.

PLACE: MSC LOADING DOCK (WED., THURS. & FRI. 10-4)
SBISA AREA (WED. 10-4)
COMMONS AREA (THURS. & FRI. 10-4)

NOTE: NO SUMMER RENTALS OR RENEWALS!
ALL UNITS MUST BE RETURNED TO AVOID

PENALTIES

(Please clean and defrost your machine before returning.)