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Snack area monitoring begins today in library

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Students will no longer be able to sneak soft drinks and candy out of the Sterling C. Evans library lounge and snack bar if a new policy works.

Beginning today, the entrance will be monitored to stop students from carrying food into the rest of the library.

The problem of people taking food and drinks into other areas of the library has gotten out of hand, said Deborah Brown, a resource development librarian. She said the library has had to call an exterminator more frequently than usual because of the problems with insects and mice, and that the carpets have been damaged from wasted food and drinks.

"You can go any place on any one of the floors and see empty Coke bottles and chip and candy wrappers," Brown said.

"It seems to me that people just don't think about what they're doing."

Brown said monitors will probably be stationed at the top of the

stairs at the entrance to the lounge. If this idea fails, the student lounge may close and the vending machines will be taken out, she said.

Emma Perry, the head of the circulation division, said Alvin Witcher, J.W. Davis and Phil

Blackburn will be monitoring the post outside the lounge. Witcher, Davis and Blackburn were the door monitors for the library for many years before the new addition was built.

Record 202 Merit Scholars attend this fall

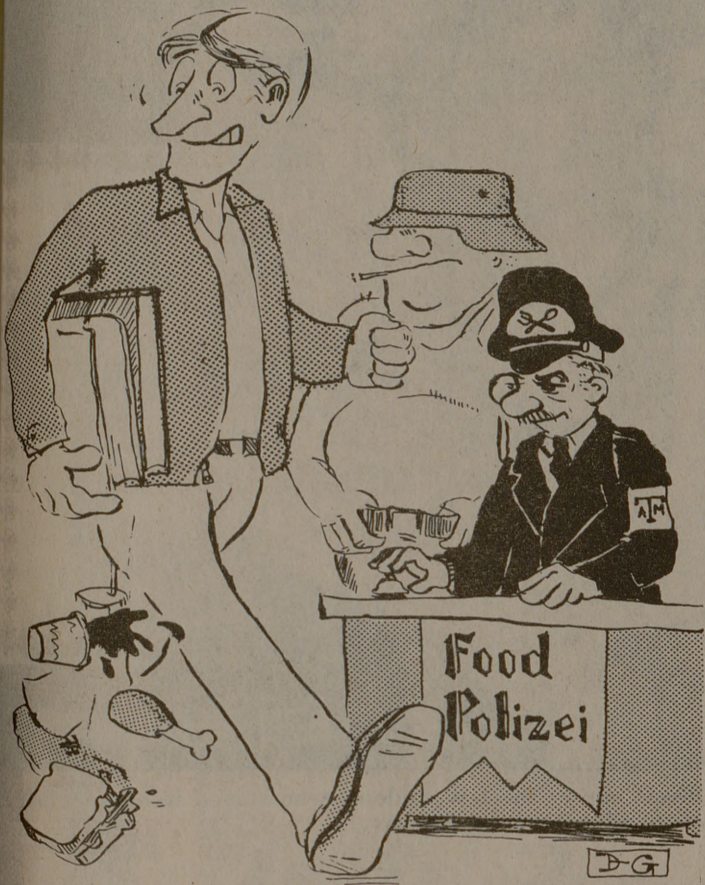
A record 202 National Merit Scholars are attending Texas A&M University this fall, an increase of 31 over last year.

Texas A&M had already ranked first among public institutions in the Southwest in enrollment of these high-achieving students.

The 1979 National Merit Scholar total represents an 18 percent gain, as opposed to a 3.6 percent increase in the school's overall enrollment. Texas A&M's enrollment this fall is 31,331, an all-time high and up

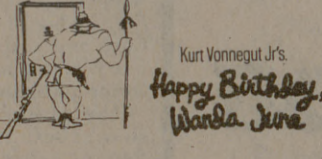
1,076 from last year when the institution recorded the state's second-highest registration. The University of Texas at Austin has the largest enrollment.

Texas A&M's enrollment of National Merit Scholars is exceeded in the Southwest only by Rice University. Last year Texas A&M ranked 15th overall and fourth among the nation's public institutions. Comparative figures for the current school year are not yet available.



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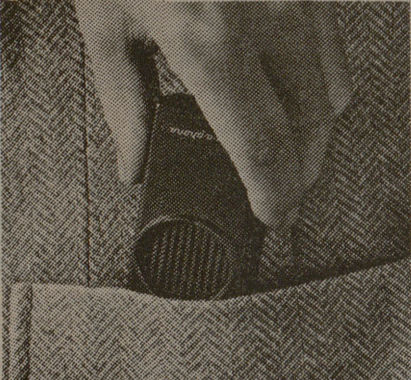
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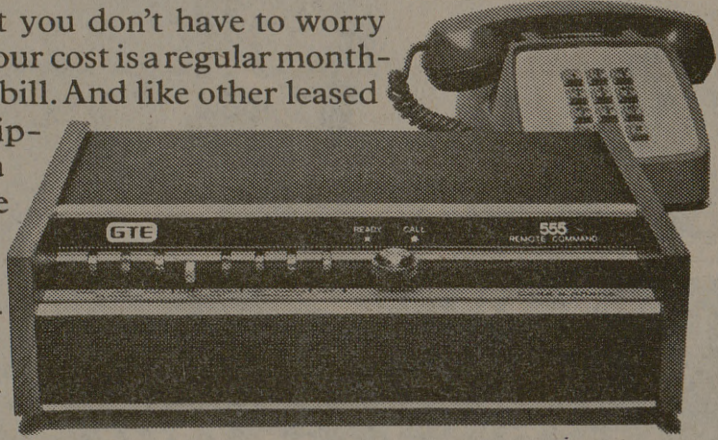
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