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Library to adopt 'tougher' policies

By JERRY MAZE
Campus Reporter

Police lack the personnel to effectively guard the entire campus, Stark said.

"I suggest the library follow the idea of other buildings on campus and include a security guard in the budget."

The Library Council is also seeking tougher penalties for failure to return articles checked out of the library.

Kenneth Denmark, chairman of the committee appointed to investigate solutions for the problem, said he considered not returning a book as theft — even though it's not as deliberate as walking out with one.

Denmark said he will present ideas for more efficient enforcement of rules governing theft in the library at the council's February meeting.

In other action, the council imposed a \$5 charge for opening lockers in the library when keys have been lost and discussed the nature of book acquisitions for the coming year.

Specific statutes governing theft and vandalism inside the library are needed in the University Rules and Regulations, Dr. Ron Darby, Library Council chairman, said in Friday evening's Library Council meeting.

"There are some teeth in a regulation if it says in the rules that 'this is a violation of a specific rule, punishable by a specific course of action.'

"If there was a direct statement in the rules concerning library materials, it might make people aware that we are concerned with this as a problem and intend to do something about it."

J. Wayne Stark, Memorial Student Center director, said people stay in the library after it closes and leave later in the night. Stark said this creates a risk of theft that cannot be tolerated and some preventive course of action must be taken.

"Like many of us, the University



Ron Darby, chairman of the Library council, explains a point at the Friday's meeting of the

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Local drives provide fund for two A&M researchers

By LAURA RUTHERFORD
City Reporter

Through local drives like the Mothers' March and the Super Walk, the March of Dimes has provided research grants for two Texas A&M University professors and a community information resource center.

Dr. Garret M. Ihlers, head of the medical biochemistry department, is trying to cure Gaucher disease, an inherited enzyme deficiency causing a fatty substance to accumulate in the bone marrow, liver, spleen or brain. This disease, affecting over 2,500 Americans, can cause pain, fractures, abnormal blood clotting, anemia, liver disease or progressive mental deterioration.

Ihler said he hopes to one day reverse the progress of the disease by injection of red blood cells containing the deficient enzyme. The blood

cell is then damaged and the enzyme is released into the body.

Ihler said the red blood cell works to stabilize the enzyme. Before, the enzyme disappeared quickly and had little affect.

Ihler said no one would be working on a cure for Gaucher Disease without the March of Dimes grant, which completely funds the research.

Dr. James E. Womack, associate professor of veterinary pathology, is also a March of Dimes grant recipient.

Womack is researching the normal biology of the developing embryo, specifically the sequence in which genes are regulated. Womack said this is an area almost devoid of knowledge.

Distributing information is another major function of the March of Dimes.

Dr. Clifford Sherry, assistant professor of biology and a director of the March of Dimes office is a great resource center.

"From an informational standpoint, I think they do an excellent job," Sherry said.

Sherry said he was pleased with the results of Monday's Mothers' March which netted \$15,500. He said this amount was about 40 percent more than last year.

Sherry said they hope to get college students involved in the Super Walk on March 15. He said he is encouraging group competition at the walk and he is trying to get a group from the biology department to participate.

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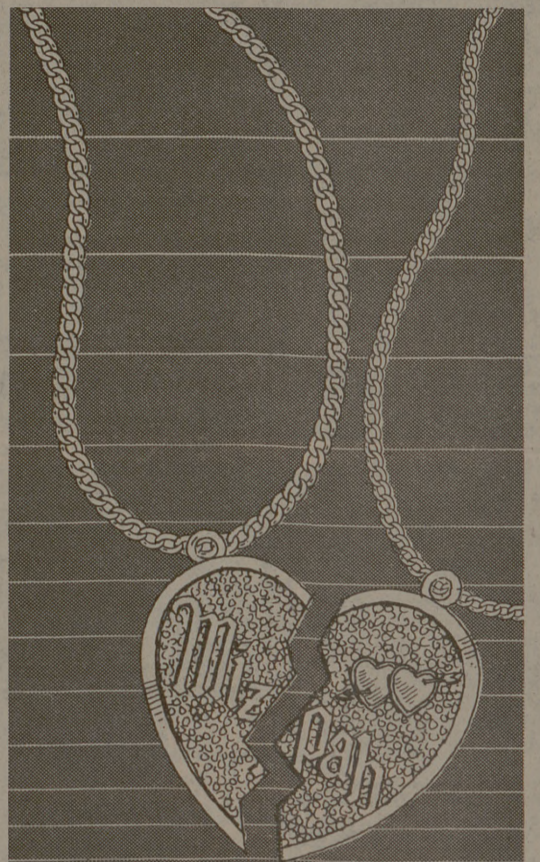
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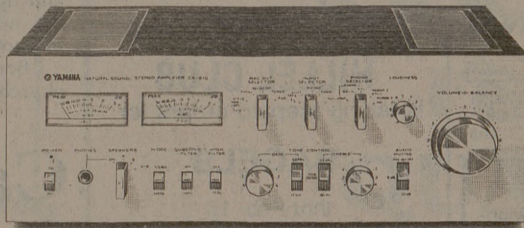
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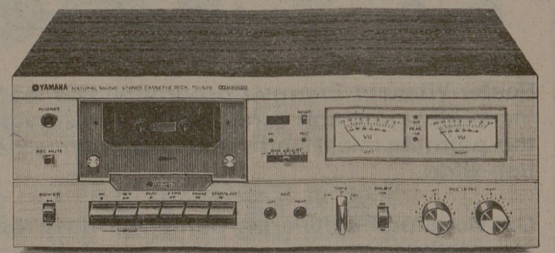
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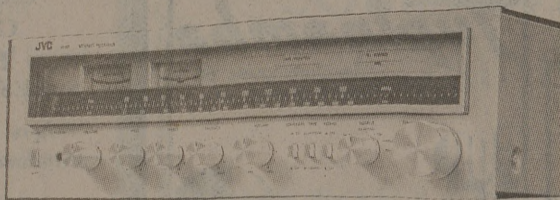
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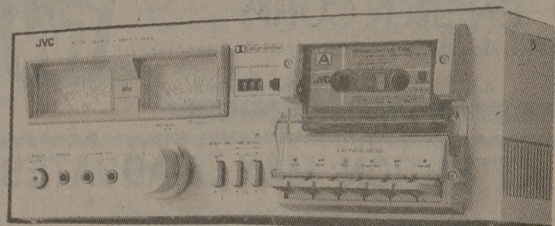
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