

Mud-surfing U.S.A.

staff photo by David Fisher

It isn't Malibu Beach but when but it's the closest we have at the University. David Rennie rode the "waves" in Walton Courtyard

Wednesday after the sudden rain left a small lake there. Rennie is a freshman from Houston studying mechanical engineering.

Workshop to promote hiring the handicapped

by Kordell Reid

Battalion Reporter
A workshop on employment of the handicapped will be held Monday in 401 Rudder.

Gerald Wright of the Texas A&M Affirmative Action office said the workshop is presented by the governor's office to promote hiring the handicapped and will be assisted by members of the Texas A&M System Employment of the Handicapped Task Force. The task force is composed of several staff members throughout the Texas A&M System.

The workshop will start at 8:30 a.m. and run until 4:30

p.m. The program will include the award winning film, "A Different Approach," by Norman Lear, lectures, slide presentations and briefing on laws concerning the handicapped.

The workshop is open to students, University employees and the public. However, reservations must be made through Joyce Thompson, Affirmative Action office at 845-8152. Limited seats are available.

Even though there are laws to protect the handicapped, Wright said, "Hiring the handicapped is good business."

"Any institution that is getting federal funds has to have an

affirmative action program to advance, hire, promote and train handicapped employees."

Institutions of higher education have a double obligation, he said, because it is one thing to promote and hire a handicapped individual, another if the person has problems getting into buildings.

"We are really stressing program, building and facility accessibility in this workshop," he said, "plus how to utilize handicapped employees and to make accommodations for them."

The handicapped have excellent attendance records, Wright said.

Detoxification unit planned

United Press International
BROWNSVILLE — The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council plans to build an alcohol detoxification facility in Brownsville to combat the problem of alcoholism, a council spokesman said.

Residents are expected to voice opinions on the project at a public hearing Thursday night.

"One of the things the (council) has tried to do for a long time is to do something about constant inebriation," Susan McElroy, council director of criminal

justice, said Tuesday.

"What we want to do in Brownsville is set up a model program and have people come down here and see if this program would work in other communities in Texas."

Because money for such a

unit would come from a federal block grant allocated by the Texas Commission on Alcoholism, the Harlingen-based council must first hold a public hearing to see if Brownsville residents perceive inebriation to be a problem, she said.

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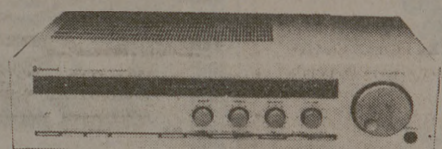
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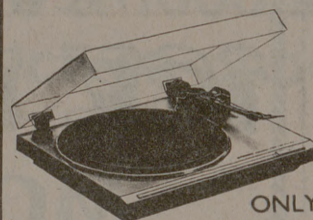


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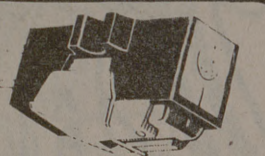
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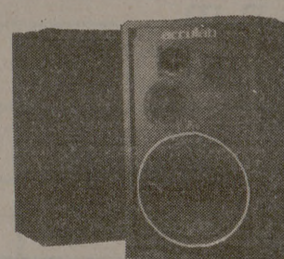
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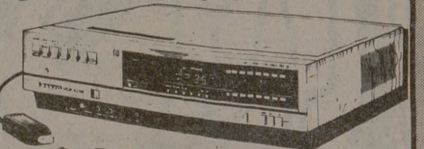
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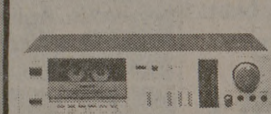
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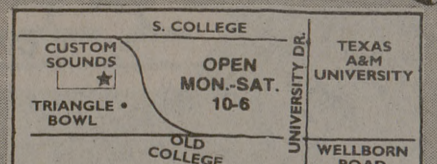
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