



Checker Darrell Pitillo uses a talking register

Safeway using talking registers

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The next time you're at the supermarket, don't be surprised if the voice checking your groceries is different than the voice of the cashier behind the counter — it might be a machine.

Safeway Stores Inc., in Culpeper Plaza, is the first supermarket in Bryan-College Station to use cash registers that electronically read and call out prices, itemize receipts and total items.

After all groceries have been passed over a scanning device, the voice from the register tells customers their total grocery bill. The customers give the cashier money, the cashier enters the amount received into the terminal and if change is due, the register's voice says how much money is owed to the shopper.

Dan Feldman, assistant manager of the store, said most of

the customer feedback on the talking registers has been positive.

Unlike many supermarkets, Safeway does not put visible prices on many of its items, Feldman said. Instead, cashiers run the item over a scanner to read prices.

He said that now both customers and checkers will be able to hear, as well as see all prices.

One cashier said the only disadvantage of the talkies is they can slow down work when groceries have to be checked one item at a time.

Feldman said he thinks that eventually all stores with scanners will adopt the new talking system which makes price checking more accurate.

The novelty of the registers has attracted many shoppers who seemed amazed at the new device and wonder what lies ahead for supermarkets of the future.

Regents

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uniform rental fees for non-ROTC Cadets from \$150 a year to \$200 a year, effective Sept. 1.

Named the Texas Engineering Extension Service in San Antonio the H.B. Zachry Training Center.

- Appropriated \$400,000 for the establishment of a President's Reserve at Texas A&M. The president will be able to use the reserve to match salary offers made to Texas A&M faculty by other institutions.
- Authorized Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen to prepare bid offerings for oil and gas leases for two tracts of land north of the University's main campus. A special meeting to act on the bids was scheduled for Feb. 22.

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Traditions

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the organization coeducational.

The head of the school of military science, Lt. Gen. Ormond R. Simpson, said that the University has had a number of high school girls who were state champion baton twirlers ask to join the Aggie Band.

"We replied that we are a military marching band and that we don't use baton twirlers," Simpson said. "We suggested that they attend a school that does."

It is for practical reasons that women are not encouraged to join the band, Simpson said. There are no coed dorms at Texas A&M; therefore, a woman in the band would have to be housed with other female cadets, he said.

The female band member would not be a part of the female unit, nor would she be a member of the band units, and therefore she would not have a particular place in the Corps, he said.

Lt. Col. Joe T. Haney, director of the Aggie Band, agrees with Simpson.

"It would create a hardship for her (a female in the band)," Haney said. "In my opinion, she would have many, many problems."

Female cadets also agree with Simpson's reasoning.

Kim Holtz, a junior cadet, said: "I think you'll find most women agree with Gen. Simpson. What makes the Aggie Band so great is living together as a unit, and until we can get coed housing, it just wouldn't be

a very good idea."

Simpson said: "It would seem to me that the females are glad to see the Aggie Band, but they would not like to see women in it."

Another area of traditions that students were questioned about was giving recognition to members of fraternities and sororities.

Most of the students polled felt that Greek organizations should not be recognized, although a large percentage said they thought they should be. Thirty-four percent disagreed and 21 percent strongly disagreed with giving fraternities and sororities campus recognition. But 36 percent said they thought Greeks should be recognized.

Don Scott Marable, president of the Interfraternity Council, said he was pleased with those results.

"I'm surprised that the number of people who agreed outweighed those who strongly disagreed," he said.

But Marable, a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, said that the IFC isn't working to promote recognition of Greeks because it would take away some of the group's privileges and damage its system of government.

"Our primary goal is acceptance, not recognition," he said. "We want to be Aggies first and Greeks second."

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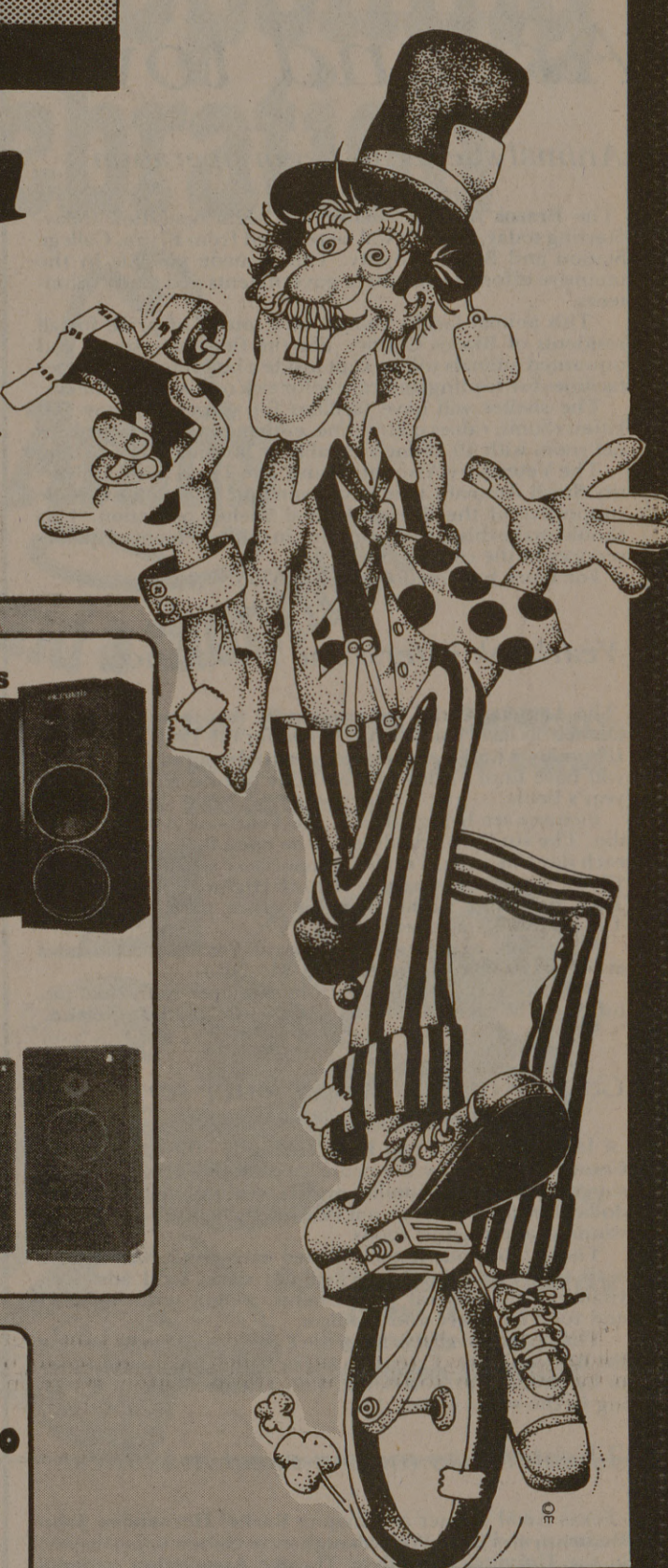
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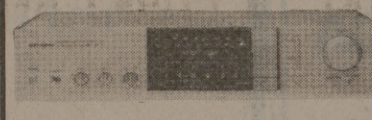


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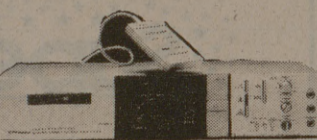
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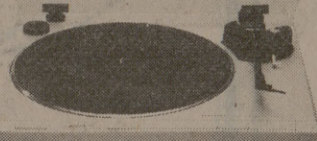
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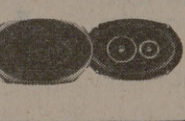
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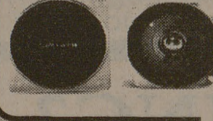
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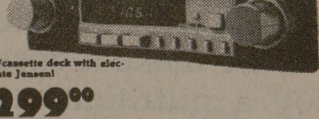
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