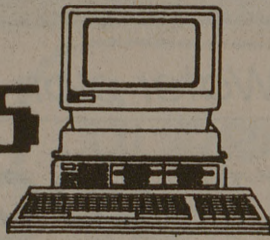


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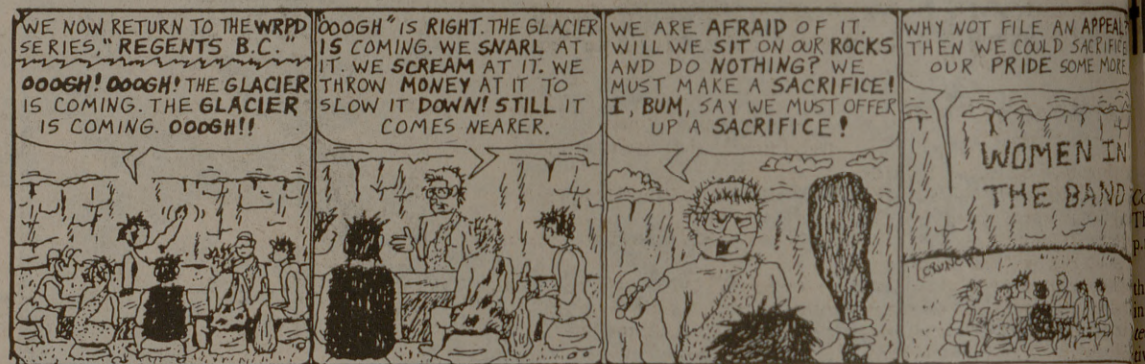
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First step in modernization

Bookstore expands

By ANN CERVENKA
Staff Writer

Renovation of the lower level of the Memorial Student Center Bookstore is under way in an effort to modernize the store and offer more services to the customers.

The patio area has been enclosed to make room for a trademark area, Store Manager Howard DeHart said. A trademark area is for books other than textbooks.

The trademark area, which has been requested by faculty members and students, will make room for books previously not furnished, including bestsellers, he said.

Because the 5,500 required textbooks take up a tremendous amount

of space, the bookstore has not provided a trademark area before, DeHart said.

He said they plan to start a book club so individuals who buy a certain amount of books will receive one free.

The expansion also will provide books for groups who attend conferences and seminars at the University, like the Pecan Growers Association, he said.

"We want to stay ahead and abreast of all the coming events at A&M," DeHart said.

Included in this effort will be recognition of books written by faculty members or well-known authors.

"We will have shop talks and auto-

graph parties," he said. "This is something that we've never done before."

The renovation phase, which will be completed by Aug. 1, is preparing the bookstore for another change—the addition of computers.

The new computers will enable the bookstore to keep more accurate accounts and to serve customers 50 percent faster, DeHart said.

DeHart said the computers will be purchased within 18 months. "Eventually this will be one of the most modern bookstores in the United States," DeHart said.

Two guards suspended pending results of escape investigation

Associated Press

TENNESSEE COLONY — Two prison guards are on suspension pending the outcome of an investigation into the escape of a convicted rapist who is still at large, a Texas Department of Corrections spokesman said.

TDC spokesman Phil Guthrie said the investigation does not indicate

the two guards were paid or participated in the escape. However, they may have known that Bevan was planning to flee, he said. Neither guard has been charged.

Both officers were earlier linked to the escape when the Anderson County Sheriff's Department assisted a TDC search of the officers' Palestine mobile home.

A sheriff's department report says

a pair of unidentified guards were accused of accepting \$30,000 in helping inmate Roy W. Bevan escape on Feb. 19 from the Collins Unit in Tennessee Colony, the Palestine Herald Press said Sunday.

Both officers took polygraph tests, Guthrie said. The suspension will last until the investigation is completed and a decision on disciplinary action is made, Guthrie said.

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