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Sinking dorms? haas, McFadden to get partial reconstruction

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industry the residents' shoes and other per-Stanley Gorisona Michelle Leighton, McFadden's

ist floor resident adviser, says, "At ist we thought the water was com-

By BRIAN PEARSON

Staff Writer

rs who work Some people collect stamps. Some tem. Gone people collect doorknobs. Some peo-ple collect keys. trying to be Recently, some of those who col-

the sale of blect keys have used them to steal ld only bend money from coin-operated ma-

ve denied to ing a period from Sept. 26 to Oct. 9, s themselves 534.20 vanished from three coin-

nough. Anymays a key had been used in the inci-

n three separate incidents, dur-

rated machines on campus. Detective Bill Wade of the Univer-

Police says none of the machines

nts that occurred in the Sterling Evans Library, Zachry Engi-

wed any sign of forced entry. He machine.

finally realized that it was seeping up from under the carpet."

Both dorms also have extensive cracking between the rooms, allowing rain to enter and settle, and causing some ceilings to leak. Built in 1979, Haas and McFad-

den were the first modular-type dorms built at Texas A&M. Each module was constructed separately

After a heavy rainfall, one room in McFadden Hall flooded up to a foot in a closet, damaging some of the resident's shoes and other personal items.

Ferris says that, of the six modular-type dorms on campus, Haas and McFadden are the only two

due to a lack of funds, renovation has been delayed and is scheduled to begin late next spring.

In a memo last January, B.E. Woods, the engineering and design

people who stock, maintain and col-

lect money from vending machines, copier machines and bill-changer

machines, Wade says. Sometimes those people lay their keys on top of

the machines and may turn around

somebody has already beat him to them (keys)," Wade says.

"By the time they come back,

Because some keys can open more

than one lock, a person has a chance

"The key is common if you know what you looking for," Wade says. "It's just a matter of getting a set of

to steal money from more than one

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and walk off.

ing in through the window, but we supervisor of the Physical Plant, said it was obvious that the original construction of the grout joints between each room was, in some cases, far be-low that called for in the plans and specifications of the dorms.

> Woods suggested relocating the existing sprinklers, constructing a new concrete retaining wall and mowing a strip around the perime-ter of the buildings to stop the flow

> of water Three feet of soil beneath the dorms must be excavated by hand, Woods wrote, and all the underground piping and insulation must be replaced.

> Wood also recommended that all the defective grout joints between the modules be replaced and rebonded and then painted to match the wall texture.

Ferris says the estimated cost for the renovation of the two dorms is \$230,000 and is expected to be com-pleted by next fall.

needing reconstruction. The problems of the dorms were first reported in 1982, he says, but dorms is exterior, we definitely don't have to shut the dorms down," Ferris says. "We hope to work around the residents with as little inconvenience as possible, doing the bulk of the work during the summer.

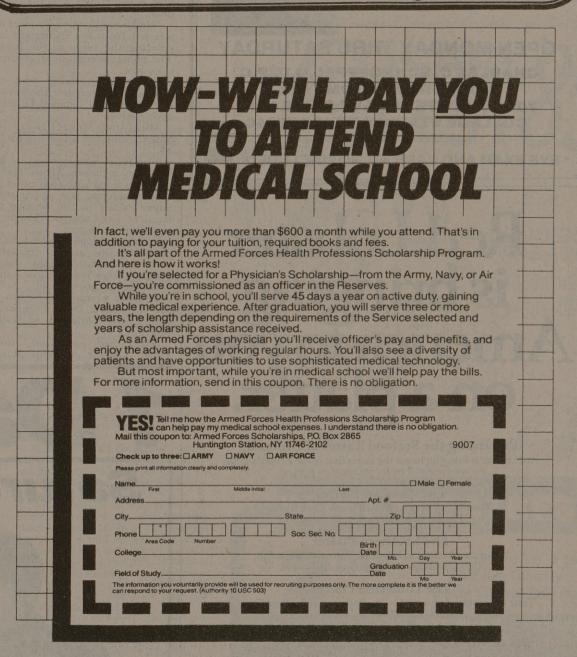
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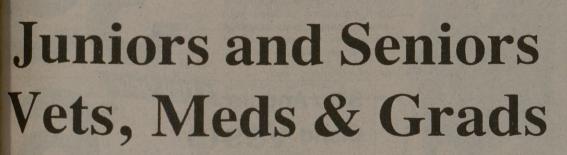
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operated copier machines on the A&M campus also can be used to open similar copier machines on the University of Texas campus, Wade

He says there are no suspects in the three latest incidents.

chine is a class A misdemeanor, which carries a maximum fine of \$2,000, a maximum prison sentence of one year or both.

thieves of these machines?

"Change the locks and hope that they can't get a hold of a master key,' Wade says

lending machines burglarized keys and going around until you find one that works." Some of the keys that open coinneering Center and the Commons Sets of keys are stolen from the

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