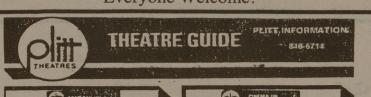
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New Batman hits bookstores

Boy Wonder replaced; female Robin joins comic book

Associated Press

NEW YORK - A new Batman has hit the bookstores — a cynical, middle-aged warrior who, with a female Robin at his side, leaves retirement to lash out at the disintegration of law and order in Gotham City.

'The Dark Knight Returns" is not like most comic books. Its printing is deluxe, its artwork complex, and its mood nightmarish and somber. At its heart is a 50-year-old Caped Cru-

sader who battles his own dark side.

29-year-old mastermind of the new \$2.95. The cover is a stark silhouette

'The Dark Knight Returns" is a four-part mini-series; it will not replace the original Batman pulp comic books, which continue to show the debonair young millionaire Bruce Wayne and his ward, Dick Grayson, fighting crime in Gotham as they have since their first appearance in May 1939.

But while those books sell for 75 "I try to show him as a very angry, frustrated, obsessive man. Very righteous," said Frank Miller, the book and specialty stores and costs

of Batman, lit by a bolt of lightning.
"It kind of announces to the world that this is not a typical comic book," said Dennis O'Neil, senior editor at

DC Comics, publisher of Batman.
O'Neil said the idea is to reach adults and sophisticated teen-agers, and those who do not normally read comic books.

So he shows Batman in retirement, drinking heavily. He tries to fight the impulse to become a vigilante again, as a gang known as the Mutants rapes, murders and robs at

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ing leaves him aching all over. The girl who will become Rob future parts of the series was introduced in the first book, which we published Feb. 28. The Joker at other villains of the past also play part in the series.

Government rules Japan 'dumping' computer chips

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Commerce Department, in a preliminary ruling, said Tuesday that Japan was "dumping" computer memory chips in this country at below fair-value costs in violation of U.S. trade laws.

The ruling, which could have wide-ranging implications for U.S.-Japan trade relations, came in one of three separate U.S. investigations into allegations of unfair trading practices by Japanese semiconductor makers.
U.S. semiconductor makers ap-

plauded the decision.

"We are confident that the government will affirm its preliminary decisions in its final ruling," said Tom Dunlop, general counsel for Intel Corp., of Santa Clara, Calif., one of three American firms that initiated the complaint.

A final ruling was expected by May 27, the department said in a statement. The finding could lead to stiff tariffs on future Japanese semiconductor sales.

The ruling came in three separate major complaints brought against Japan — two by U.S. semiconductor manufacturers and the third by the Reagan adminstration itself.

Reagan administration sources. who spoke on the condition that they not be identified by name, said a similar ruling will be issued later this week on the administration-initiated

Tuesday's prelimary judgment was issued in an investigation that began last September after three U.S. semiconductor firms — Intel, Advanced Micro Devices Inc. and National Semiconductor - filed a petition alleging illegal "dumping."

Wiatt gives warning to students

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parking annex 30 on the north side of campus, Wiatt says.

There were four burglaries of cars in PA 30 in 1985 and six instances of criminal mischief,

Wiatt says Kyle Field and married student apartments are also spots where crime is high.

Most of the crimes that occur near married student residences are bike thefts, Wiatt says. In 1985, there were 26 reported bike thefts in that area, he says.

Wiatt says although there are many areas around campus that are not well-lit, particularly near the Academic Building, these areas generally are not more prone to crime.

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Joe Estill, director of the Physical Plant, says lights that have gone out are repaired the next day. Unfortunately, Estill says, it's impossible to keep all lights in perfect working order.

"Certainly when you're working with a system as old as oursits hard to keep all the lights working at one time," he says.

Wiatt says the police have nightly stake-outs designed to catch offenders, and he says the have been successful overall. 'We've caught a number of of-

fenders," Wiatt says. "Our stakeouts have been very productive. We can't catch everybody, of course, but chances are we will eventually. "If you've gotten away with it

Wiatt says officers report in-stances on campus where lights the 11th time," Wiatt says.

Astronaut duty for military pilots reduced

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for civilian pilots who would not be limited by military restrictions.

Military pilots have formed the backbone of the astronaut corps since there are few civilian pilots who meet the qualifications required to fly spacecraft.

in the astronaut corps. NASA has established a plan of annual selection and is accepting applications constantly. Gomez said it is hoped that the astronaut corps can be stabilized

at 100 to 105 members

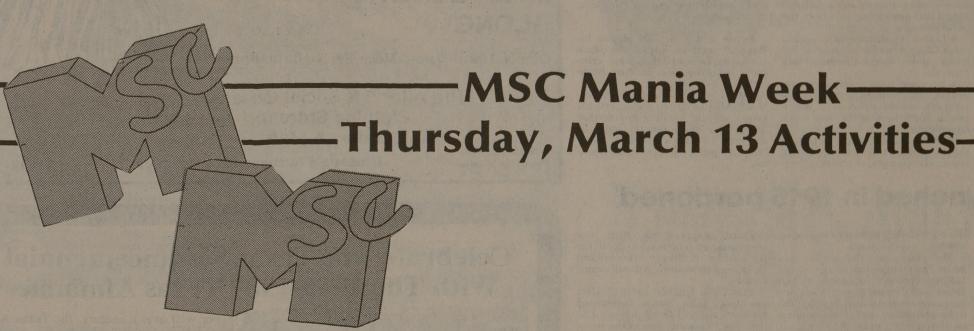
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Ross said the new system will lead tary pilots can spend in the astronaut to establishing a set rate of attrition in the astronaut corps. NASA has esgroup selected this spring, said Ross,

The agreement between NASA

1978 are scheduled to end their extended tours in July of 1987 and The limitation on the time mili- whether or not they are returned to will no longer be the case.

The agreement between NASA and the Department of Defense has always included a limitation on the time military pilots can spend as as tronauts, but the limitation has been extended routinely. Ross said that



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