

State and Local

Computers make research easier

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Reporter

will allow the student to go directly to the shelves, Anders said.

The library currently has the back file for 1980 to 1982, along with the current laser disc from 1983 to the present, Anders said.

Jackson said government publications are not available in the card catalog, so the new system enables students to find the citations easier.

InfoTrac is located in the reference area, and is available to everyone.

The Electronic Encyclopedia is a compact disc system that includes the full text of 12 complete issues of the Academic American Encyclopedia. Anders said. Users can search for specific words, phrases or concepts in context in seconds by using the electronic index.

One Electronic Encyclopedia station currently is available.

Jackson said DATEXT is a business database that can be used to find financial information, summaries of companies, references to journal articles and names of directors of companies.

Anders said DATEXT includes information on approximately 10,000 companies.

"It doesn't take too long to do anything you want," Anders said. "The system is very useful for answering standard reference questions that a student might otherwise have to run to five, six or seven different books to find the answer."

Naomi Caldwell-Wood, microtext librarian, said the Educational Resources Information Center will be available to students within the next few weeks. ERIC is an educational database that includes references to more than 345,000 articles and reports related to education.

Two work stations will be set up for students' use, she said. One station will be used to search for citations that may be on the files from January 1967 to December 1982 and the other for current citations.

Jackson said each of the new systems will include an instruction sheet on how to use it, and that librarians and student workers are available to offer individual help.

What's up

Tuesday

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS: will present a panel discussion concerning the "dual-career marriage" at 5 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS: Captain Winzler will discuss "Engineers in the Military" at 7 p.m. in 103 Zachry.

TAMU SCUBA CLUB: Frank Viola will present a program on the Philippines and the Caribbean at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION: will hear a guest speaker from Lufthansa Airlines at 7 p.m. in 164 Blocker.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in 161 Blocker.

AGGIE PARTNERS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 274 Read.

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 201 VMS.

TEXAS STUDENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

ABILENE HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.

Wednesday

COOKE COUNTY HOMETOWN CLUB: will have photos taken for Aggieland '87 at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Zachry Engineering Center.

GREAT COMMISSION STUDENTS: will present a program, "Looking for Love in all the Wrong Places," at 7:30 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.

AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

MSC POLITICAL FORUM: will meet at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

SAILING CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES: will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 102 Zachry.

INTRAMURAL RECREATIONAL SPORTS: will hold a meeting for soccer officials at 6 p.m. in 167 Read. A meeting for basketball officials will be held at 6 p.m. in 164 Read.

TEXAS INSTRUMENTS: anyone with information concerning a copy machine removed from 224 MSC on the evening of Nov. 18 is requested to call the University Police Department at 845-2345.

FISH CAMP: applications for Fish Camp '87 co-chairmen are available in 213 Pavilion.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three working days prior to desired publication date.

MSC Council OKs proposal for Aggie Cinema promotion

A promotional agreement between a student organization to display cars by Rudder Fountain sparked discussions at the Memorial Student Center Council's regular meeting Monday that such promotions might be interpreted as endorsements by Texas A&M of the council.

MSC Aggie Cinema plans to display General Motors cars around the fountain in exchange for underwriting from the company on a series of films.

Jim Reynolds, secretary-treasurer for the council, said historically there have been some feelings on campus that allowing such displays could set a dangerous precedent, although current University regulations don't support denying the request.

Reynolds said he was involved in a study three years ago to recommend a policy regarding such agreements. He said every university the committee contacted said it was wrestling with the same problem but was unable to formulate a workable policy.

"There's an awful lot of anxiety about the University selling its soul to corporate sponsorships and ultimately turning the University grounds into a shopping center," he said.

The council gave the venture the go-ahead, but agreed a policy decision is imminent. Members of Aggie Cinema agreed to contact other car dealers in the area prior to the event to explain the arrangement.

Police 'cabbies' nab crooks in parking lots

WEBSTER (AP) — Police detectives here are taking cabs to work in an effort to curb crime.

Non-uniformed officers in Webster, south of Houston, have been conducting an undercover surveillance operation called "Operation Yellow Cab" the past two weeks.

The effort has netted 29 arrests and the recovery of stolen merchandise, along with the arrests of 11 juveniles suspected of possession of drugs or alcohol, said Webster Police Chief Reyes Sonora.

On most days, the policemen-turned-cabbies park in two shopping centers during daylight hours, while a marked police unit sits in the third lot, Sonora said. The shopping cen-

ters were chosen to monitor possible auto break-ins, hubcap thieves and shoplifters during the holiday shopping rush.

"The marked car kind of flushes them to the other shopping centers where the cabs are," Sonora said. Participating officers wear baseball caps, blue jeans and flannel shirts to look the part, and politely say "no" when asked if they are for hire.

"We have more auto theft and larceny cases than any other crime," Sonora said. "It reached a point where something had to be done about it. This being the holiday season was as good a time as any."

The idea to disguise the cops as cabbies was proposed to Sonora by a Yellow Cab company executive.

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