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Local Briefs

Book sale to benefit B—CS libraries

The Friends of the Library will sponsor a used book sale Thursday, Oct. 6 until Saturday, Oct. 8 in the Manor East Mall. The sale will be held Thursday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

sacks of books will sell for \$1 after noon.

More than 400 boxes of best sellers, children's books, cookbooks, pictures and records have been donated for the sale by people in the community.

Proceeds will be used to improve the Bryan and College Station library systems.

British paintings exhibited in Rudder

"Aspects of British Painting 1550-1800" will be on display in the Rudder Exhibit Hall from 8 a.m.-11 p.m. daily through Oct. 31.

The exhibit will include paintings by Thomas Gainsborough and J.M.W. Turner.

Interested parties can schedule an appointment for tours of the exhibit for groups of five or more.

For more information about tours or the paintings, call 845-8501.

Parking permit refunds available

Today is the first day to request parking permit refunds from the University Police Department.

present proof of payment.

Request forms can be filled out at the UPD.

For refunds on red, blue and motorcycle permits, students must fill out a request form and

Permits paid for but never issued will be refunded in full until the end of the semester.

Wazobia's Afro-Caribbean beat rocks small, enthusiastic crowd

Responsive audience contributes to 'fun' show

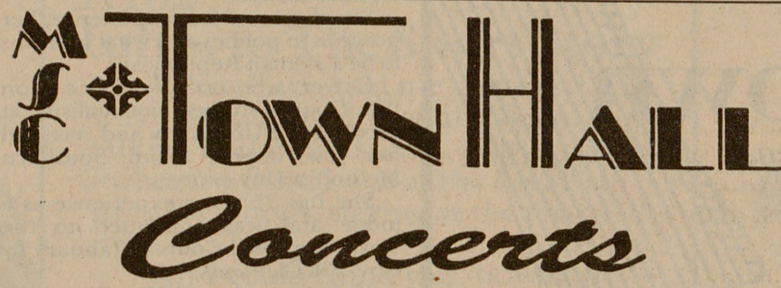
By Becky Weisenfels

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Wazobia was greeted by a small but enthusiastic crowd Friday night in DeWare Fieldhouse as it showed Texas A&M why it was voted Houston's Best Reggae Band.

The five-member band played a consistent stream of fast-paced, rhythmic music that kept the audience dancing all night. Besides reggae, the band played different styles of African music, including Soca, Juju and Makossa.

Wazobia began its performance with extended versions of UB40's



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"Red Red Wine" and Bobby McFerrin's "Don't Worry, Be Happy."

The band then deserted top-40 radio fare, but kept up the pace with songs with foreign lyrics and a strong Afro-Caribbean beat.

Periodically throughout the per-

formance, the lead singer, Kelly, held the microphone out to the audience, inviting everyone to join in singing parts of the songs. Great acoustics, talented musicians and a responsive audience made the show fun.

It was disappointing to note that the band drew only a few hundred people. Concert sponsor MSC Town Hall said about 400 tickets were sold, which Town Hall Chairman Keith Spera said was about average for a

band without big-name recognition. With less than 1 percent of A&M's students and faculty attending the concert, the majority of Aggies missed out on an excellent opportunity to hear a top-notch band.

After a 10-minute intermission, the band returned to the stage, asking the audience, "Are you ready to reggae?" The audience responded by yelling "Yeah!" and the band was on its way.

After technical difficulties forced

a 5-minute delay after the first song of the second set, Wazobia dedicated a song to Aggies called "Reggae Dance."

During one song, as the band members danced and strutted on stage, audience members formed a dance line that slowly grew as it circled the floor. Throughout the evening, people who had been in the stands at the beginning of the show slowly emptied out onto the floor to join the dancing.

Kelly told the audience that Wazobia comes together for everyone, regardless of race, creed or color. He said Wazobia plays for "oneness as children of one father."

Members of the band are Terry, vocals and guitar; Coles, synthesizer and Drumulator; Darryl, drums; Lee, percussion; and Kofi, bass.

The band was voted Best Reggae Band in a 1987 poll of Houston music fans.

Better business officials warn of radon inspection scams

DALLAS (AP) — A warning that one in every three homes in America has excessive levels of radon, a radioactive soil gas that can cause lung cancer, probably will open the way for inspection scams, a Better Business Bureau official said.

After tests in seven states showed higher levels of radon than previously were thought to exist, the Environmental Protection Agency urged all U.S. homeowners last month to test their residences for radon.

"We expect radon testing to become a big scam," said Deborah Venzler, director of operations for the Better Business Bureau of Metropolitan Dallas Inc.

"It's an odorless, colorless, invisible gas. You can't tell by looking if you have a radon problem. That's bound to invite a lot of con artists into the trade."

Concern about radon has mushroomed in the past two weeks — in the wake of warnings that the gas is second only to cigarettes as a cause of U.S. lung cancer deaths.

The EPA's call for nationwide residential radon tests followed tests in Arizona, Indiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, North Da and Pennsylvania showing that one in three homes had radon levels exceeding the EPA's safety standard of four picocuries per liter of air.

A picocurie is a minute measure

of radioactivity, corresponding to the disintegration of about two atoms a minute.

Breathing air with a concentration of four picocuries of radon per liter poses a lung-cancer risk equivalent to that of smoking about a half a pack of cigarettes a day, according to the EPA.

Previously, the EPA estimated that radon posed a problem in no more than one in five homes.

Radon is produced when uranium decays in soil. Outside, it dissipates quickly in the atmosphere. But when it seeps into homes — through cracks in foundations and walls, spaces around drains and pipes — it can accumulate and attach itself to

dust particles in the air, which are then inhaled.

Although no comprehensive testing program has been undertaken in Texas, results from private labs indicate that high radon levels are rare in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and in most parts of the state.

Texas soils generally contain less uranium, especially near the surface, than those in many other parts of the country, according to geologists. In addition, few Texas homes have basements, which are especially susceptible to radon permeation.

"But the only way to tell for sure in any given home is to have it tested," said Hank May, a radiation expert in the Dallas regional office

of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"There are hot spots in Texas like everywhere else," May said. "Radon can come up through a single crack in a geologic formation. If you have a house built over that crack, that house might have problems. And one next door might not."

In Texas, as in most states, there are no licensing requirements for radon testing companies or repair contractors.

The tests are relatively simple and inexpensive, ranging from about \$10 for a do-it-yourself kit to perhaps \$100 for testing by a professional.

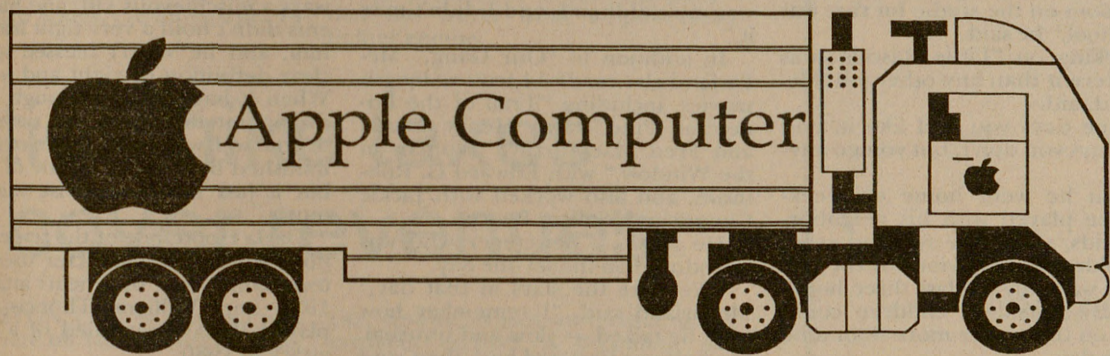
Testing is done with either char-

coal canister filters — the quicker, less expensive devices that yield readings after being exposed for a few days — or with alpha track detectors, more costly filters that must be left in the home up to two or three months. Both types must be sent off for analysis.

When high levels of the gas are found, home repairs, ranging from fixing floor and foundation cracks to improving basement or crawl-space ventilation can almost always remedy the situation.

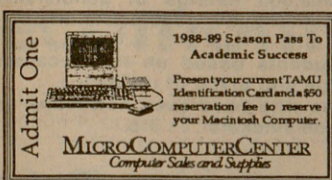
Officials urge homeowners to get references, get written estimates and get a second opinion before committing to costly repairs.

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OCTOBER 4TH & 5TH

2nd FLOOR MSC

October 4th - Free BBQ Olsen Field 5pm - 7pm (Till it Lasts)

October 5th - Career Day 9am - 11:30am and 1:30pm - 4pm
Pool Side Reception at Hilton 6pm - 8pm

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