

Bookstore security techniques all but eliminate shoplifting

By Sharon Maberry

STAFF WRITER

The Texas A&M University Bookstore's security system, which has existed since the 1970s, practically eliminates shoplifting, Manager Howard DeHart said.

The system is composed of a few simple methods that are effective when combined.

The locker system was started in 1973 when customers placed their own belongings in lockers outside the store and took a key, DeHart said. That method was not successful because students often left belongings in lockers for extended periods of time, causing a shortage of lockers.

DeHart said the system was then changed to student workers placing belongings in lockers.

"We don't like the idea of having to take an individual's books," DeHart said. "But we have to use the lockers because we don't know if the books in customers' hands are their books or our books. If they come through the checkout line with merchandise that we sell, we have to charge them."

Another security method employed by the bookstore is magnetized coding of merchandise. The coding, unless deactivated, sets off an alarm when it passes

through an exit.

Also, the bookstore employs a full-time security guard to monitor the exits on both levels of the store, DeHart said.

The store's employees must follow certain security measures, he said. Employees enter a back door and leave their belongings in lockers. They are not allowed to take anything off the sales floor. Any merchandise employees purchase is taken to the front desk and signed for by supervisors.

DeHart, employed by A&M since 1969, said Aggies help make his job pleasant.

"All in all, students at Texas A&M are special," DeHart said. "They go along with our security measures and don't complain."

"My job has taken me to schools all over the country, but when I come back here, the attitude is so different from anywhere else. You can't find a better campus than A&M."

"The students are so friendly and, as a group, Aggies are more honest than students at other schools. The rich traditions that A&M has have always been honored and it makes this campus a nice place to be."

In Advance

'Big Apple' comes to MSC All Night Fair

By Fiona Soltes

STAFF WRITER

This year's MSC All Night Fair promises a taste of "The Big Apple" from 8 tonight to 2 a.m. Saturday.

The fair will be both inside and outside the Memorial Student Center for the first time, Elaine Horn, All Night Fair chairman, said. In the past, all booths have been inside.

The event gives Texas A&M organizations the chance to earn money while providing a recreational opportunity to the campus, Horn said.

Visitors to the free event may participate in a dance sponsored by KKYS-FM or MSC Recreation's giant Twister game.

About 70 carnival booths will be at the fair, each sponsored by a campus group to raise funds.

These booths will include activities such as cakewalks, mock jails, hayrides and bobbing for apples.

Also included are Pictionary games, face painting, and a massage parlor, which Horn said is usually the favorite booth.

To participate in these events, visitors can purchase tickets for 20 cents each.

A book of 30 tickets may be purchased for \$5, or 65 tickets for \$10.

Horn said "Variety in Motion," an international juggling act, will perform at 10 p.m. and midnight in the Flag Room.

The fair is sponsored by the Society for Entrepreneurship and New Ventures, Hullabaloo T-shirts, Flying Tomato, National Video and New York Seltzer.

Horn said room has been reserved in the MSC for the entire event in the case of inclement weather.

Hunger

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bers have to be decreased, but we have to cut the death rate before we can cut the birth rate."

Kimberley said if they asked a woman in an underdeveloped country to have only two children, she would most likely say no.

"She knows that the chances of those two children surviving is grim," he said. "So she'll have a large family, and there's not much that we can do."

What Kimberley suggests the United States do to help suffering people around the globe is restructure the debt owed by third-world countries.

He said it's possible to feed all the people in the world, but every country has to help in order for poverty and starvation to decrease.

The number of people who live in poverty and starvation has varied over the years, but it's something the world has always known.

Cralle said, "We know the homeless from yesterday — not just the starving children in Africa, but in the United States as well — and we know the homeless of today."

The difference between the two is that today's homeless know progress.

"We know more about childhood diseases, and we know how to treat them responsibly, but restrictions are holding us back," Cralle said.

The restrictions being physical and political limitations.

"When I say physical limitations, I'm talking about the percentage of land capable of crop production," Cralle said. "For example in Mexico it's 15 percent."

As for political limitations, Cralle is referring to the power the government holds in terms of allocating resources.

The resources are present in society, but it's a matter of lifting the restrictions or working with them in order to bring change, Cralle said.

Change can only occur through action and people willing to take that action, he said.

Kimberley said many people tell him they want to help but don't think their contribution would make a difference.

"It's impossible to sit this one out," he said. "What we have right now are the resources to save millions of lives."

Some lives will be helped and possibly saved by money the International Students Association raised in donations for UNICEF this week.

Jayne Mobley, wife of A&M President William Mobley, was the guest of honor at the forum and presented Kimberley with a donation from the ISA.

ISA collected \$1,200 for UNICEF during the cultural display in the MSC.

Sandra Burke, public relations coordinator of ISA, said although she doesn't know how much was raised at a buffet Wednesday evening, they did well.

"The tickets were sold out and we had to make 100 more tickets, while sending another 100 people away," Burke said.

Tonight a talent show will bring International Week to a close. Tickets are still available at the box office in Rudder.

Young Artist contest features 2 local teens

By Chuck Lovejoy

REVIEWER

Young musicians from across the state, including two Bryan-area high school students, will compete in Rudder Auditorium this weekend for cash awards and the opportunity to perform with the Brazos Valley Symphony in the fourth annual Brazos Valley Young Artist Competition.

The 23 young artists will perform concertos on piano or string instruments in the competition. Music professors from across the nation will judge the performances.

The competition will recognize two age divisions, one for performers high school age and under and one for ages 18-27.

Pianist Alfred Lee from Bryan High School and violinist Nathalie Schweikert from St. Michael's Academy will perform in the younger age division.

Competition begins Saturday at 8 a.m.

As many as eight semi-finalists, four strings and four pianists, will reach the preliminary round.

Semifinal winners will each receive \$100.

Saturday's winners will compete in the semifinals beginning Sunday at 1:30 p.m., with as many as two from each instrument division advancing to the finals, which begin Sunday night at 7:30.

Musicians chosen for the finals will receive an additional \$300.

The top performer in the final round will be invited to perform with the Brazos Valley Symphony in their "Concerto Concert" on March 31 and will receive a cash award of \$1,000.

Admission to the preliminary and semi-final rounds is free.

Tickets to the finals will be available at the door and are \$3 for adults and \$1 for students and unaccompanied children.

Children accompanied by an adult will be admitted free.

The competition is sponsored by the Brazos Valley Symphony Society and the Bryan-College Station Music Teachers Association, as well as A&M's MSC OPAS, College of Liberal Arts and Department of Philosophy and Humanities.

Food drive today helps Brazos Valley hungry

The Texas A&M chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma will coordinate a food drive to benefit the needy in Brazos Valley from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in Lot 5, behind the Blocker Building.

The food drive will be continued, under the sponsorship of the Brazos County Food Bank and KBTX-TV, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Manor East Mall, Post Oak Mall and the Safeway located at 2000 E. Highway 21 in Bryan.

Coordinators of the event request that individuals donate food items which are non-perishable and are in non-glass containers.

Homemade and home-canned items will not be accepted as donations because of state law.

Donations will be stored at the Brazos County Food Bank warehouse and distributed by various charitable organizations and churches in the area.

If the event lives up to its theme, "100,000 pounds of food from 100,000 people," the Brazos County Food Bank will store enough food to supply the needy for five to six months, said Barbara Reilly, a member of the the food bank's board of directors.

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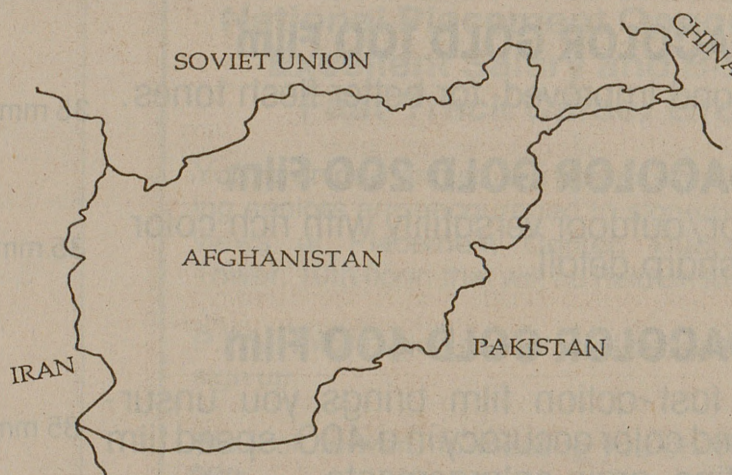
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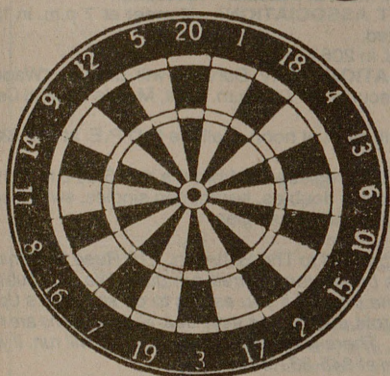


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