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Police seek computer burglars

Computerland on Harvey Road in College Station was the target of burglars twice in a three month period.

It is believed that both burglaries were committed in the early morning hours. The first burglary occurred on June 11. The second was committed on Aug. 14.

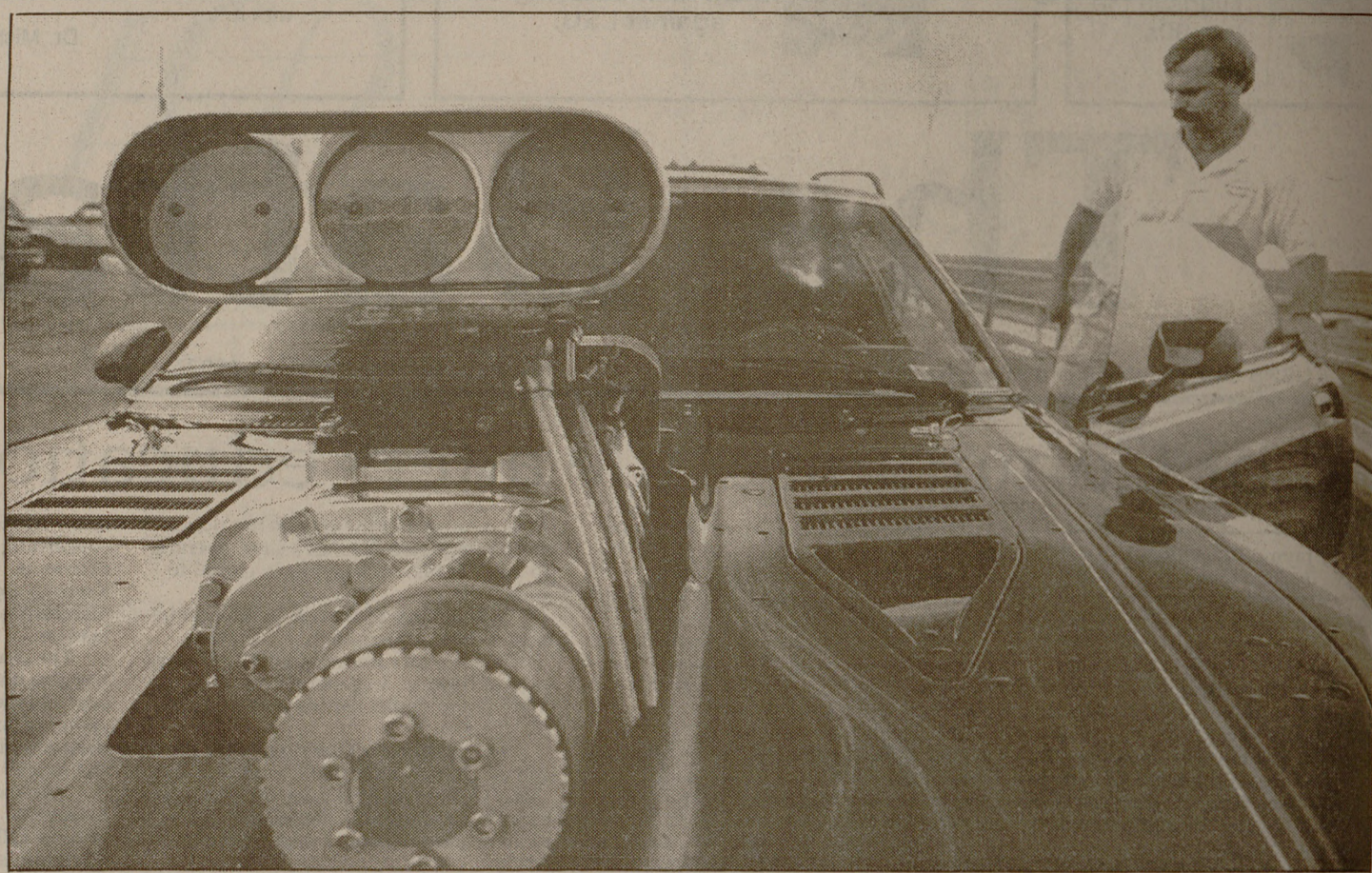
In each case, the thieves broke out the glass of one of the front doors, entered the building, then quickly grabbed and disconnected eight computers, three laser printers and miscellaneous computer accessories before leaving the stores through the hole in the glass.

The value of the stolen items was estimated to be more than \$50,000.

This week the College Station Police Department and Crime Stoppers need your help in identifying the people responsible for these burglaries.

If you have information that could be helpful, call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS.

If your call leads to an arrest and grand jury indictment, Crime Stoppers will pay you up to \$1,000 in cash.



Gentlemen, start your engines

Darrel Sharp, company representative for Rockford Fosgate, takes time to air out his show car "Animal" this weekend at Texas World Speedway. Participants in the show came from all over the state and the show had good attendance despite the frequent rain showers.

Professors develop engineering ethics program

By Karen Praslicka
The Battalion

Texas A&M engineering students are becoming more aware of ethical issues in the engineering field because of a program being developed by several University professors.

The program involves guest lectures in 10 undergraduate courses in mechanical, chemical and civil engineering. The lectures

introduce situations taken from actual incidents that students might encounter on the job, such as what to do if an employer asks them to falsify data.

Dr. Michael Rabins, a mechanical engineering professor, is one of the principal investigators of the project and came up with the idea for it.

Rabins said he got the idea through his experience in the area of professionalism and ethics. For the last 10 years, Rabins has studied and lectured on the subject.

Rabins said he saw professionalism and ethics as a subject he could "dive into" after spending 14 years in administrative jobs, including heading A&M's mechanical engineering department.

"I saw the field of ethics has been growing for students, faculty and the public," he said. "And this kind of thing is happening at other schools."

"Having done it I don't regret it at all," he continued. "It might be the most important thing I've done in my career."

Engineers' responsibilities have changed throughout the years, but awareness of these responsibilities has increased, Rabins said.

"The point is not to scare people," Rabins said. "The point is to sensitize students to the kinds of situations they'll find themselves in later on and convince them there are others who have dealt with it."

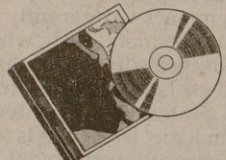
The project began last year with Rabins

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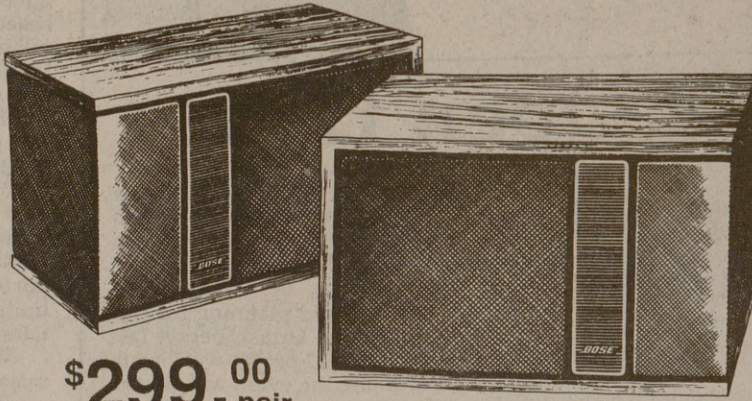
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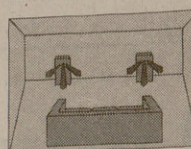
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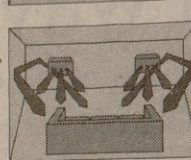
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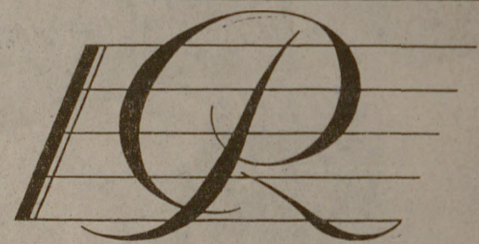
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