

Disks, video recorders popular

High tech home electronics press forward

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Digital compact disk systems, Beta and VHS video recording units, Hi Fi home entertainment systems and stereo television sets are the latest rage in the world of electronics.

Record players, cassette players and traditional stereo sound systems have been outdated by this year's barrage of advanced home entertainment equipment.

Digital disk systems are one of the hottest selling items right now in the Lincoln area. The digital compact disk is a small, thin, laser recorded disk capable of reproducing a sound far superior to records and tapes. Digital disk systems sell from around \$250 and up. One misconception about disks is that the album selection is limited in comparison to records. However, record companies are expanding their disk recordings and most popular music today is available on disk.

Beta and VHS video recording systems are fashionable this year. Beta and VHS machines can record as well as play back movies, television programs, etc. They are, however incompatible with each other. A Beta tape will not play in a VHS machine and vice versa.

Hi Fi Beta and VHS systems are the top of the line in sound reproduction. Many people have abandoned cassette players altogether and now record music on the superior VHS and Beta tapes.

The selection of movies available on normal tapes is greater on VHS than Beta. However, the selection of movies recorded in Hi Fi is greater on Beta than VHS.

Stereo television is also popular. Actually the term "stereo" is misleading because television is not broadcast

in stereo. The term stereo simulation is more appropriate. Stereo simulation television sets are a great improvement over traditional monotonal TV sets.

In the very near future, ABC, CBS and NBC will begin to broadcast in stereo and at that time real stereo television will be available to consumers.

Complete home entertainment systems are currently vogue. Complete home entertainment systems include: television, VHS or Beta video recorder and a stereo system. These home entertainment systems are impressive because you can listen to your television set in stereo over a stereo system. However, the price tag attached to these complete systems is also impressive. Thousands of dollars can be spent on complete home systems.

Chris Grace, a salesman at World

Radio said "people are becoming more music oriented. They're concerned about quality. First time buyers are purchasing equipment that's at the second time buyers level."

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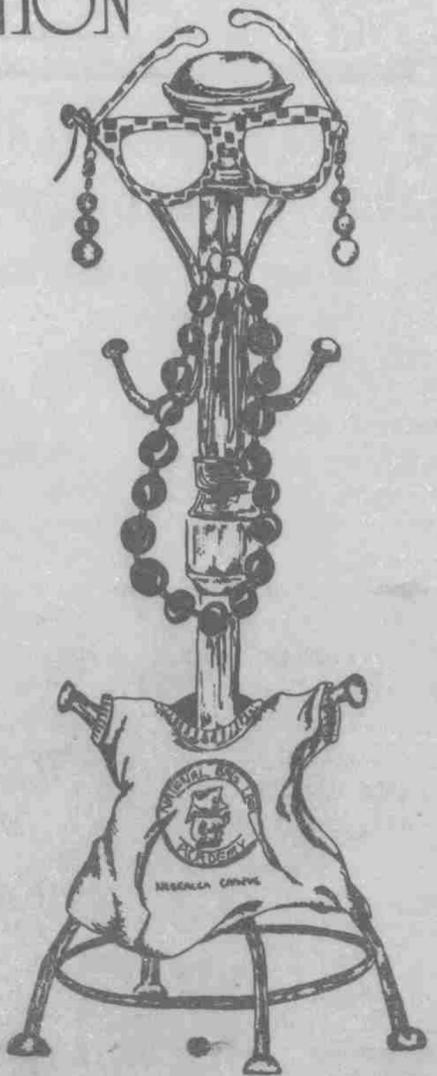
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