The theft of a $4700 Hewlett-Packard calculator in early October was reported as being slightly larger than the last one stolen. Olivieri, the unit, which he described as being slightly larger than the last one stolen, was being used to draw illustrations and graphs for a text that is now being written. (It was hoped that this summer the course could be taught to some 20 teachers from different colleges for use the following fall.) The loss of the unit has put the ERC staff behind schedule on the book. Although there will be an extension of the book's deadlines (the first half was to be at the printer's by December 31), Walton explained that "within a couple of weeks we've got to get on to something else."

Should the calculator not be recovered soon, he said, they will have to get on with the expensive and time consuming task of writing a new program for another system; ERC does not have the money to replace the calculator. Even though it would be possible to get the illustrations done in time, he continued, it will no longer be possible to get more experience with students using the system.

The calculator-plotter was also being used in the development of an introductory psychology course. Lazarus explained that the students taking the course collect data on themselves and then use it to make inferences about their own psychological processes. Lazarus was using the machine to draw stimuli for the experiments, taking advantage of its ability to draw very precisely, and also to plot the data the students collect, allowing their reduction in a minute or two.

Lazarus said he would have to scratch a series of experiments because he won't be able to get the drawings he needs.

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