Ampex recorder display

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Question: What is the large machine displayed on the first floor of Green East (near the Current Periodicals)?
Answer:
In September of 2007, a new media display was installed on the first floor of Green East adjacent to the Current Periodicals collections. The large device enclosed in plexiglass is a early two-inch VRX-1000 videotape recorder, the fourth such item ever produced. It was manufactured by the AMPEX corporation and purchased by CBS for use in their Television Broadcast Network in 1956. The artifacts of the AMPEX corporation are part of the Universities Special Collections [1].

Historical Collection of Ampex Corporation, 1944-1999.
[2]Gift of Ampex Corporation.
Ampex Corporation was one of Silicon Valley's pioneering technology companies and, for over five decades, an industrial leader in magnetic recording and data storage. The collection, 577 linear feet in size, includes the artifacts of the former Ampex Museum of Magnetic Recording, an extensive photographic archive of more than two hundred thousand images, documentation and product files, and Ampex publications. These materials will provide scholars with a major resource in the history of audio and video recording technology and the early development of Silicon Valley.

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