

How Many Cars This Year?

Traffic-Campus Security's Big Problem

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A&M has a safe campus, according to Fred Hickman, Chief of Campus Security, this is made possible not through our police force, but by combined efforts of both students and the campus security forces.

"Students are welcome to bring their cars to the campus but certain procedures have to be observed and certain regulations abided by," Hickman added.

College regulations provide students must register their vehicles (including motor scooters, etc.) at the Campus Security Office, located in the basement of the YMCA building, not later than 48 hours after arrival. This pertains only to a car you will keep here with you. Registration fee is 25 cents and registration will take place in September. You will be given a decal that should be placed on the right hand side of the car windshield.

Parking Decal

Starting this year as part of a new setup in handling A & M traffic, you will be given only the new decal — the old license plates and decals are being done away with in order to facilitate a more accurate, efficient system of registration. This decal will have a particular color, depending on which area of the campus you live, and this color will indicate the parking lot area in which you are to park your vehicle.

The different colors of the decals indicate the following parking areas: blue decals—day students' parking areas, red decals—dorms 1-12, brown decals—dorms 14, 15, 16, 17, green decals — Walton Hall, Law Hall, Puryear Hall, Mitchell Hall, and Legget Hall, black decals — Hart Hall, Bizzel Hall, and Milner Hall.

Hours Restricted

During business hours campus streets are adequate only for handling of traffic necessary to college business. These hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students' cars must be parked in their proper parking area

by 2 a.m. Thus, between 5 p.m. and 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday mornings, students can park their cars in areas usually reserved for business. Twelve noon Saturday until 2 a.m. Monday are also free parking periods. Students cannot drive cars to classes. They

may use them for off-campus trips during classroom hours provided no stops are made on the campus. (The term "campus" is interpreted to include all property at College Station under the jurisdiction of A & M College.) Texas laws governing traffic are

effective at A & M. Speed limits are 20 and 30 mph, and are posted. PEDESTRIANS SHALL AT ALL TIMES HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY, and at intervals between classes vehicular traffic is expected to stop for a sufficient period of time to permit pedestrians to cross drives and streets.

Now What Happens

Now that the majority of the basic college traffic regulations have been discussed, the next step is what happens when a regulation is violated. Under an authorization granted by the A & M System Board of Directors last year, Dr. David H. Morgan, A & M president was empowered to levy a fee for regaining college driving permits taken from violators of college traffic laws.

The maximum fee authorized was \$1 for parking violations, \$2 for moving car violations and \$5 for violation of driving cars on the campus after the permit has been withdrawn.

At the bottom of every ticket issued, will be instructions on how you may go about getting your car reinstated and the procedure and place to go. If the driver thinks the ticket is unwarranted he should report to the Campus Security Office where notice of appeal may be prepared.

The appeal court is to be open from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Student Labor Office with Col. E. F. Sauer, student labor and loans director, as appeal authority. Sauer's decisions on appeal cases will be based on the circumstances under which violations occurred.

Should a student lose his appeal or if he does not appeal, he must pay the fee to get his driving rights restored. If he wins his case, the ticket will be torn up.

Not A Fine

The fee is technically not a fine, for a student does not have to pay it unless he wants his driving privileges on the campus restored.

A larger fee will be assessed if a student drives his car on the campus without having first gotten his permit back, either by paying the

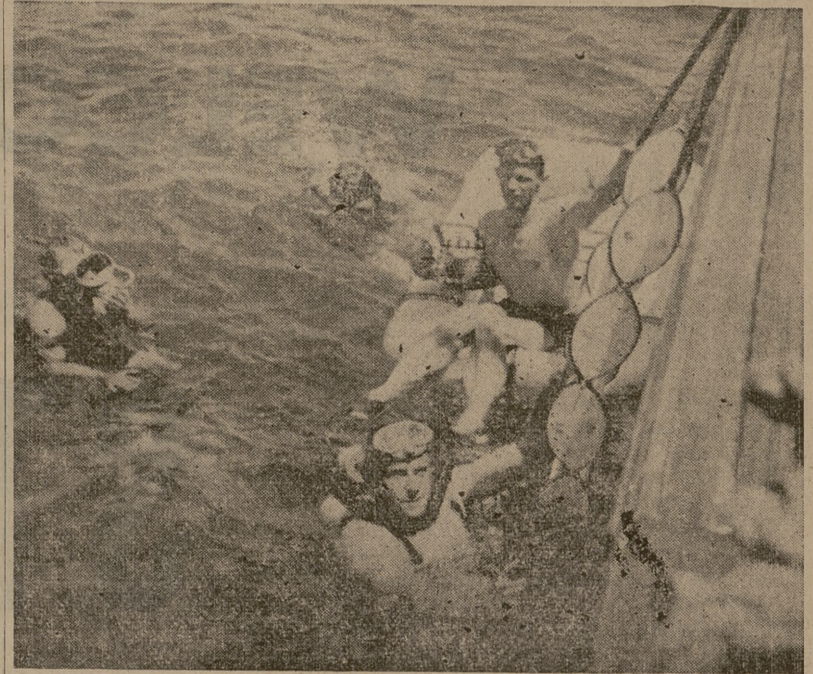
violations fee or by winning his appeal to the traffic officer. Further violations may cause the case to become a matter for disciplinary action.

A & M has a limited amount of space and a seemingly unlimited number of cars wanting space. Students want to drive to class or want to make too much noise. Or maybe they want to gather too many people in and/or one one vehicle. Some always want to speed and drive recklessly to show off. You don't impress anybody, and you might end up having to shell out a wad of money.

The Campus Security Office is not set up as a ball and chain upon student inclinations. The college wants students to have and enjoy their cars and other vehicles at A & M. But the control of vehicles on the campus is necessary for the efficient operation of the college.

The question every student wants to know is, Where does the money go that is taken in as reinstatement fees?

The answer is very simple and very important. According to Hickman, every cent taken in under this program is used to improve and make available more adequate parking lots for the students. During the past year, several new lots have been established and many



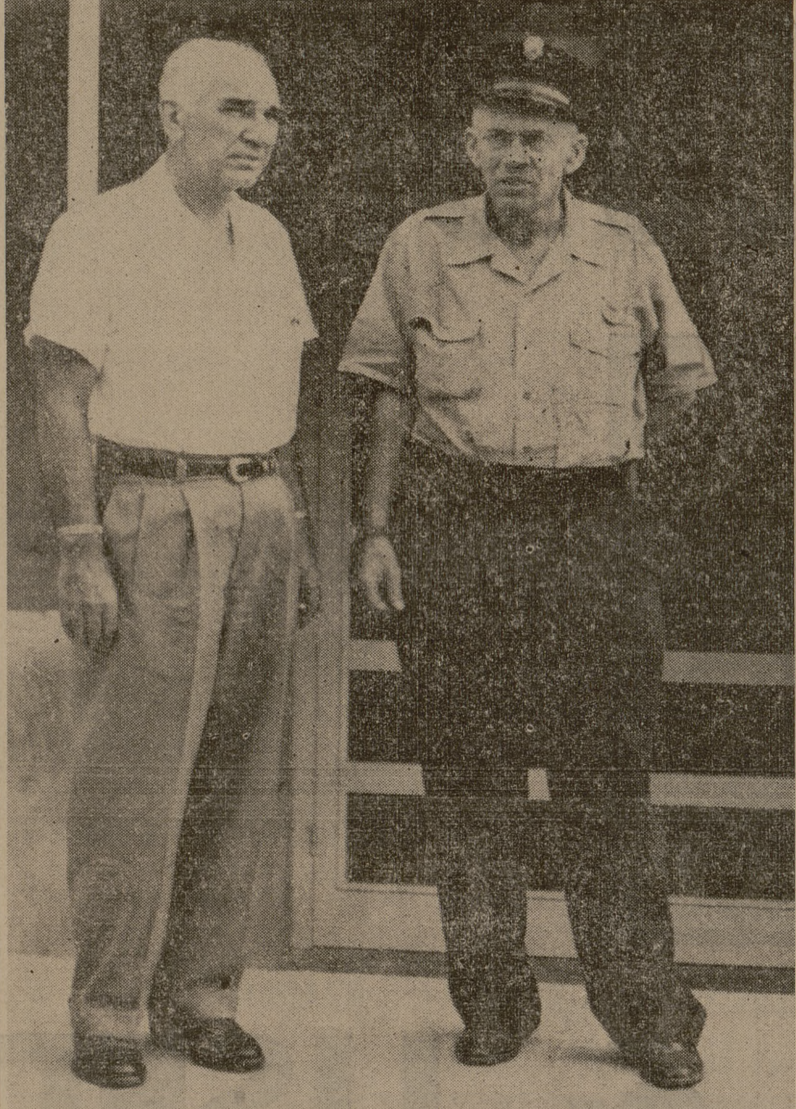
20,000 LEAGUES?—Not quite that deep, but members of A&M's Oceanography SCUBA diving team are training and collecting material for the department in 60 feet of water about 40 miles off Bolivar Point. Left to right are, Bob Thomas, John Henderson, John Denison, and Peter Kelly, diving administrator.

more have been improved through the funds received in reinstatement fees.

Pamphlet of Rules

When you register your car, you will be given a pamphlet of the traffic rules. BE SURE AND READ EVERY LINE. You can

help yourself and help the college at the same time. REMEMBER, the rules given are for driving and parking on the campus and are aimed at your's and other persons' safety. And this safety should extend beyond the limits of the campus.



TALKING OVER THE SITUATION—Chief of Campus Security Forces Fred Hickman and Patrolman Albert Ward talk over the parking situation outside the Campus Security Offices in the basement of the YMCA.

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