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University And Area Have Thefts Increase

More Patrolmen Reported Needed

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A recent increase in area thefts is now affecting Texas A&M. Two Aggies were apprehended Saturday by the Bryan police while attempting to burglarize a

public telephone booth. They were charged with felony theft and held in jail until the father of one posted a \$1,000 bond for each student. The two were released on bail Saturday.

This was the latest in a series of all kinds of local stealing, sparked in the middle of October. Campus Security Chief Ed Powell said the investigation and prevention of this type of activity was hindered by two factors.

"The recommended national standard for the number of policemen per thousand population is one and a half to two patrolmen," Powell noted.

"On a college campus, where people are living together in a more concentrated area, the standard is still higher," he continued. "At A&M, with over eleven thousand students and employees, the recommended number would be at least 22 uniformed Campus Security officers.

"We now have 10 uniformed officers," Powell added, "including six patrolmen, three sergeants, and one assistant chief."

The former Abilene sheriff recommended a six-man addition to the present campus force.

Campus Security showed the rise in thefts beginning Oct. 17. That afternoon, a 1966 MGB Roadster was stolen from the Geology parking lot. Owned by George Slining, an A&M employee, the vehicle was recovered in Pueblo, Colo., 12 days later.

Two Allen Military Academy dropouts were charged with the theft.

The next major theft occurred Dec. 8. Two A&M students were caught by Campus Security officers stealing gasoline from an automobile.

That night, at two different parking areas on campus, two sets of "mag" wheels and tires were stolen from student-owned vehicles. Aside from leaving screw-type jacks under the bumpers and the cars sitting on their bare brake drums, the thieves left no trace.

Chief Powell theorized that "the tire and wheel thefts could (See Thefts Increase Page 5)



FOREIGN STUDENTS RECEPTION

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Roy of India converse with Mrs. Frank Gould, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gay at the University Hospitality Committee reception Wednesday evening. (Photo by Russell Autrey)

Flying Cross Is Awarded To 1962 A&M Graduate

Army Capt. Walter B. Moore, a 1962 A&M graduate, recently received the Distinguished Flying Cross for service as an armed helicopter commander near Cu Chi, South Vietnam.

Moore was cited for his actions last July when he sighted Viet Cong activity near an American ground unit and flew his helicopter to the area to make positive identification. The aircraft received heavy enemy fire, but Moore returned the fire and later made a direct frontal assault on the encampment.

The continued making passes over the position until his ammunition was gone, despite several direct hits by enemy volleys. At one point, he directed the crew in extinguishing a fire in the ammunition box, started by the shelling. Finally, Moore dropped smoke markers to signal other armed aircraft, and then piloted the crippled helicopter back to a safe landing area.

Consolidated High Student Council Has "Talent '67"

The Student Council of A&M Consolidated High School will sponsor an all-school talent show, entitled "Talent '67," at 11 a.m. Feb. 9.

Several acts have already been entered: cuttings from the Broadway musical "Camelot," with Sharon Skrivaneck and Fred Maddox, and songs from the "Miracle Whips," with Lola Gipson, Carolyn Stewart and Shirley Brooks.

The senior class will present a cutting from their senior play, "Everybody Loves Opal," and Harold Gibson, a freshman, will present "Land of a Thousand Dances."

Entries for the show participation are still being accepted by the student council.



VIET NAM CONG HIT AIRBASE AGAIN

U. S. helicopter with blades smashed by Viet Con mortars is lifted by crane after Viet Con attack on supply base and airfield near Pleiku, South Vietnam. The same installation, Camp Halloway, was hit hard by the Communists in February 1965. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Tokyo)

Grad Students Given Medals

Three Air Force Commendation Medals were awarded Texas A&M graduate students Wednesday.

Maj. Chleo R. McCoy, Capt. David K. Johnson and Capt. Gerry R. Burgess received the awards from Col. Vernon L. Head, professor of aerospace studies.

Presentations were made in AFOTC classes with senior cadets observing the ceremonies.

Major McCoy, of Fresno, Calif., was cited for service as project officer in the Airborne Electromagnetic Warfare Division at Eglin AFB, Fla. His "thorough knowledge of electronic countermeasures technology and testing techniques aided the electronic countermeasures capability of the Air Force," the citation read.

McCoy is a 1965 graduate of Omaha University and came to A&M last fall from Yokota AFB, Japan, where he logged 5,000 hours flying time as wing standardization navigator.

A veterinary medicine practitioner at Glenview, Ill., Captain Johnson was given the Commendation Medal for "formulating and implementing veterinary policy" while on duty at Larson AFB, Wash. He was veterinarian of the 329th Medical Group and worked in the sentry dog program.

The Waukegan, Ill., native acquired his DVM at Michigan State and practiced a year before entering the Air Force in July, 1964. He will be assigned at the School of Aerospace Medicine,

Brooks AFB, after completing master's work in laboratory animal medicine this semester.

Captain Burgess was cited for "developing and maintaining an effective Fourth Air Force anti-jamming capability" as electronic countermeasures officer at Hamilton AFB, Calif.

The Des Moines, Iowa, native earned a degree in math at Iowa State in 1961 and started work on an M.S. in computer science at A&M in June, 1966. He attended electronic warfare and squadron officer schools since being commissioned in 1962.

Officers Elected By Local A&M Engineer Group

Two officers and one faculty adviser were elected by American Institute of Industrial Engineers members at the Memorial Student Center Tuesday night.

New officers for the spring semester are David Woodard, president, and Richard Vann, vice president. Stanley Segita, secretary, and Larry Kelly, treasurer, remained in office.

Dr. G. D. Self will serve his second term as faculty adviser from January to December of 1967.

AIEE members also discussed open house displays for High School Career Day, which will be March 11.

TTI Researchers Attend National D. C. Conference

Six Texas Transportation Institute researchers will attend technical committee meetings at the National Academy of Sciences highway research board meeting in Washington, D. C., Jan. 16-20.

The HRB committees set technology for national application in the highway field.

William J. Harper will represent Bob M. Gallaway at three materials committee meetings. He will be concerned with bituminous surface treatments, relation of bituminous mixtures' physical characteristics to bituminous pavements' performance and mechanical properties of bituminous paving mixtures, plus two associated subcommittees.

Dr. W. B. Ledbetter will attend committee meetings on durability of concrete.

Guardrail, median barriers and sign, signal and lighting supports committee meetings will be attended by Dr. Thomas C. Edwards. He will also sit in Bureau of Public Roads assemblies on TTI's breakaway sign support research.

Dr. Edwards co-authored with Dr. Robert M. Olson and Neilon J. Rowan a paper, "Break-Away Components Produce Safer Roadside Signs," which will be presented at one of the main board meetings.

Dr. Teddy J. Hirsch will sit on three structural committees, bridge substructures and foundations, chemical admixtures of concrete and guardrail, barriers and supports.

Dr. Vergil G. Stover and Tommy Meserole will meet with Bureau of Public Roads officials in preparing a coding manual for highway departments use in a national computerized traffic assignment system. The system is being set up through their research at A&M.

Clubs Reserve Meeting Rooms

A&M student clubs and organizations are requested to begin making applications Friday for meeting rooms in the Memorial Student Center for the spring semester.

Band To March In Houston For Livestock Show, Rodeo

The Aggie Band will be featured in the combined Houston Fatstock Parade and Rodeo, Feb. 22, Texas A&M day at the rodeo.

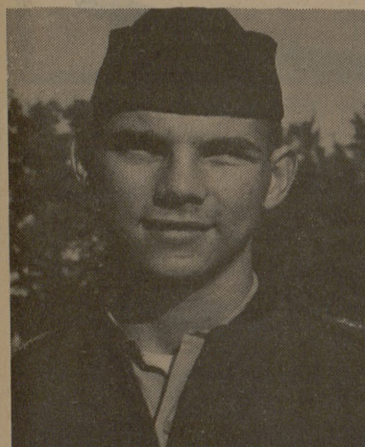
Col. E. V. Adams, band director, accepted the invitation and said that the Band would represent the university there.

The Band will leave Tuesday morning and will be served lunch upon arriving in Houston.

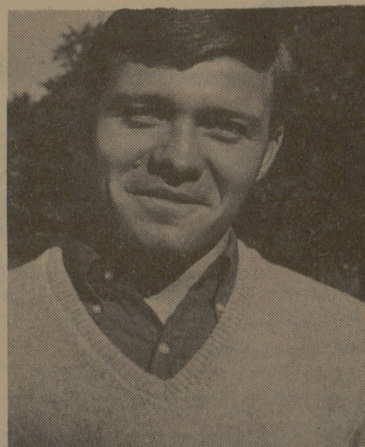
That afternoon, the Band will lead the Fatstock Parade, playing the Aggie War Hymn through Houston for the spectators — and Aggie-exes — gathered there.

After finishing the parade, the Band will be taken to the Astrodome where, according to the invitation, it is to give a half-hour concert of its "repertoire of stirring marches" and, Col. Adams joked, "maybe even a waltz."

Finals... To Study or Not to Study??



Jim Mayfield
Sophomore finance major from Irving: "Right now I'm trying to catch up on everything assigned during dead week, so I can spend dead week preparing for finals."



Bob Hartye
Junior math major from Virginia: "Nothing yet. I've got to study for the tests coming up during dead week."



Mike Burk
Sophomore pre-vet major from San Antonio: "Well, I figure on studying every night... right after the domino game."



J. Bridges
Freshman pre-vet major from Colman: "I'm sweatin' it. I'm staying up every night until 2 a.m."



Linda Bloom
Sophomore English major from College Station: "Well, for one thing, I'm taking off two weeks from work, and I'm praying a lot."

University Employees Get Semi-Monthly Pay Feb. 1

amended Wage-Hour Law which extends coverage for the first time to education institutions.

The employees who will enjoy the more frequent paycheck distribution are those who were newly covered by the law and who are now on a monthly salary.

"The Wage-Hour Law requires a much more extensive time keeping system than was practical under our complex salary program," Munroe pointed out. "The change to a bi-weekly basis is required to keep our costs in line and to simplify clerical procedures."

The transfer from a monthly to a bi-weekly pay period will not result in any loss of employee benefits for people now employed, Munroe emphasized. Personnel who are converted to the bi-weekly payroll will retain all the benefits for which they are now eligible. Similar benefits will be extended to other regular employees who are newly covered

under the Wage-Hour Law.

The University will adopt a minimum wage of \$1 on February 1 with overtime payments at time and a half for the majority of covered employees. The minimum will increase to \$1.15 next year and progress in 15 cent steps to \$1.60 in 1971.

"Our coverage under this law will put a premium on good management," Munroe pointed out. "Fortunately, we have been revising and improving our procedures over the past several years. We have been planning for this eventuality since last summer."

Chi Epsilon Pi Banquet Is Set

Chi Epsilon Pi, the meteorology honor society, will have its Fall semester banquet Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Inn.

All members wishing to attend the banquet must contact Darryl Randerson in Goodwin Hall. Dinner fee is \$2.75 and initiation fee for all new members is \$3.

Dr. H. O. Hartley, head of the Institute of Statistics, will be the main speaker. He will discuss "The Application of Statistics to Numerical Weather Forecasting."

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Art And Research Display Is Slated

An art and research display featuring 30 color prints from General Motors Research Laboratory will be exhibited through Jan. 22 on the third floor of Texas A&M's Engineering Building.