

'Bread and butter' of police

Criminal records traced in seconds

By TIM SAITO

A \$21,303 grant was awarded to area police precincts to sustain a third year law-enforcement teletype project. This project gives every police department in Bryan, Col-

lege Station, Caldwell, Navasota, Centerville, Madisonville and Brenham prompt access to crime data ranging from minor traffic infractions to felonies. The Criminal Justice Council Executive Commit-

tee made this grant possible.

The grant covers approximately 75 percent of the teletype costs.

The other 25 percent comes from city or county budgets in the form of taxes and bonds. The Criminal Justice branch of the Brazos Valley Development Council is in charge of both the CJD grant and payment of teletype bills.

"We couldn't live without it. It's invaluable. It's our 'bread and butter,'" said Lt. Casper, of the Bryan Police Department.

Use of the teletype is fairly com-

plex although response is rapid (15 seconds to two minutes). For instance, a policeman sees a suspicious-looking car on the side of the road. He reports the license number to the dispatch who then teletypes that number to the Department of Public Safety. There, the owner and any police records are traced through a computer and the data is returned. The same procedure is used for traffic violators and criminal offenders.

Switcher stations are the prime connections for Texas law-

enforcement agencies with all available data banks of the DPS., NCIC and the Motor Vehicle Registration Division. For Texas, the main switcher station is Austin. "It's like the spokes of a huge wagon wheel," said a spokesman from Austin. At the national level, Phoenix, Arizona, and Washington D.C. are Texas' principal switcher stations.

Claude C. Stuart, Criminal Justice Coordinator of the BVDC, said of the grant, "We do not pocket any of the money." The Criminal Justice Division grant is one of several programs which the BVDC covers. Other programs include health, family planning, drugs, alcoholism, aging, and man-power (youth program).

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Season tickets for the Grove will be available to faculty, staff, and student families July 11 at the Rudder

Center Box Office, Student Programs Office and the Grove. The price for adults is \$18 and \$6 for children.

Play set Saturday

The Aggie Players will present "Two Blind Mice" Saturday, July 13

at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Center Forum.

Book exchange

Student Government is sponsoring a book exchange every day this week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Rooms A and B of the Student Programs Office of the Memorial Student Center.

Students who wish to sell books should set their own price and return to pick up their money by Wed. July 17.

Those who wish to buy books from the exchange can pay in cash or by check.

Summer intramurals slated

The DeWare Intramural Office will be scheduling tournaments during second summer session in several sports: slow-pitch softball, 3-man basketball and volleyball, and singles and doubles tennis, handball, and racketball. Apply at DeWare Field House Intramural Office between July 11 and July 16.

A&M signs swimmers

Texas A&M swimming coach Dennis Fosdick has announced the signing of a pair of Californians to scholarships.

Ed Reese of Santa Clara, Calif., and Greg Meek of Los Angeles have agreed to attend A&M. Reese is a middle distance freestyler and water polo player. Meek, who attended Eagle Rock High School, is a sprint freestyler.

"Both young men come from very strong programs," Fosdick said. "We feel they have a great deal of potential."

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