

# 'Drugs no big problem'

This is the second in a series by Lee Roy Leschper investigating the activities of the A&M University Police.

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The A&M campus is generally a peaceful place. The University Police would like to keep it that way.

Of 99 non-traffic violations during September, over half were for misdemeanor theft. Other violations

ranged from abusive phone calls and vandalism, to drug violations.

Drug abuse on campus has been a concern for some time, but "up to this point it's been no big problem," University Police Chief O. L. Luther said.

"Of course maybe some think that any . . . 3, or 6 or 10 . . . involved in that sort of thing would constitute a problem. But in my opinion, that's not enough to constitute a major problem," he said.

Luther said he had initiated a policy in early October under which a patrolman may release with only a warning a first-time offender found in possession of a small quantity of marijuana.

"I can't see . . . where some kid that has a roach or one marijuana cigarette (and) isn't pushing it or giving it to his friends . . . hauling him off to court and charging him with a violation."

A student only receives one such warning and if found in possession again is automatically charged.

The University Police does no undercover investigation into any violations on campus. The Department of Public Safety occasionally does make drug-related undercover investigations on campus.

Most information concerning drug violations comes from "concerned students," Luther said. The Residence Hall Association assists with information concerning in-dorm violations, but usually only in the case of repeat offenders.

Other crimes notwithstanding, most violations involving the UP

concern traffic control. The force issues two to three hundred traffic tickets per day, Luther estimated.

When issuing a traffic ticket for a violation on campus, a university patrolman has the option of issuing either a university traffic violation notice or a local Justice of the Peace court ticket. A university ticket may be appealed while a JP ticket requires the recipient to appear in local JP court.

Patrolmen issue about three JP tickets per month. Normally a patrolman will issue a JP ticket only if a violator is insulting or tries to cause trouble, or refuses to take the university ticket, a UP source said.

A student or faculty member feeling he has been unduly ticketed

may appeal a traffic violation to the Traffic Appeals Panel. The seven-student, five-staff member panel hears approximately 37 appeals at each weekly meeting. Of 148 appeals heard so far this year, 61 (41.2%) have been upheld, said Student Services Administrative Officer Robert Melcher.

Traffic violation fees collected and deposited in the University Parking Facilities Account during the month of September totaled \$19,715.50. This included \$17,569 for parking violations, \$657.50 for moving violations, and \$1,489 for other penalties. The Parking Facilities Account is depository for all university traffic violation and vehicle registration fees.

## Consol delays property sale

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The A&M Consolidated School District will not be selling any of the district's land in the immediate future, School Superintendent Fred A. Hopson said Thursday.

Hopson said the middle school properties were not to be sold because they will be used under the present building plan.

The school board voted Monday to postpone indefinitely the sale of the old Middle School, located at 1300 Jersey St.

Middle school property at 200 Jersey St. and 12.04 acres of land on

the corner of Anderson and Holleman Streets also are not for sale.

The Lincoln School property at Holleman and Eleanor streets will not be put up for sale as previously announced.

Grades six through eight are currently occupying the Middle School.

According to building plans, the old Middle School site will be used for an elementary school if College Station residents pass the \$5.2 million bond issue approved and amended by the school board Monday.

The bond election will be held Nov. 18.

The property at Anderson and Holleman Streets will not be sold because of possible use by the district in the future, Hopson said.

The Lincoln School property is currently leased by the city of College Station for a recreational center, Hopson said.

He said the property has been leased for approximately the last six years.

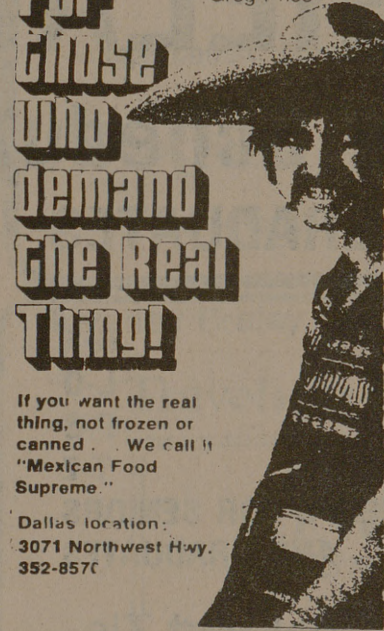
## Drinkers get help

Alcoholics or families and employers with problem drinkers can now get help 24 hours a day, Wil A. Schaefer, director of the Brazos Valley Mental Health-Mental Retardation Alcohol Center said Thursday.

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