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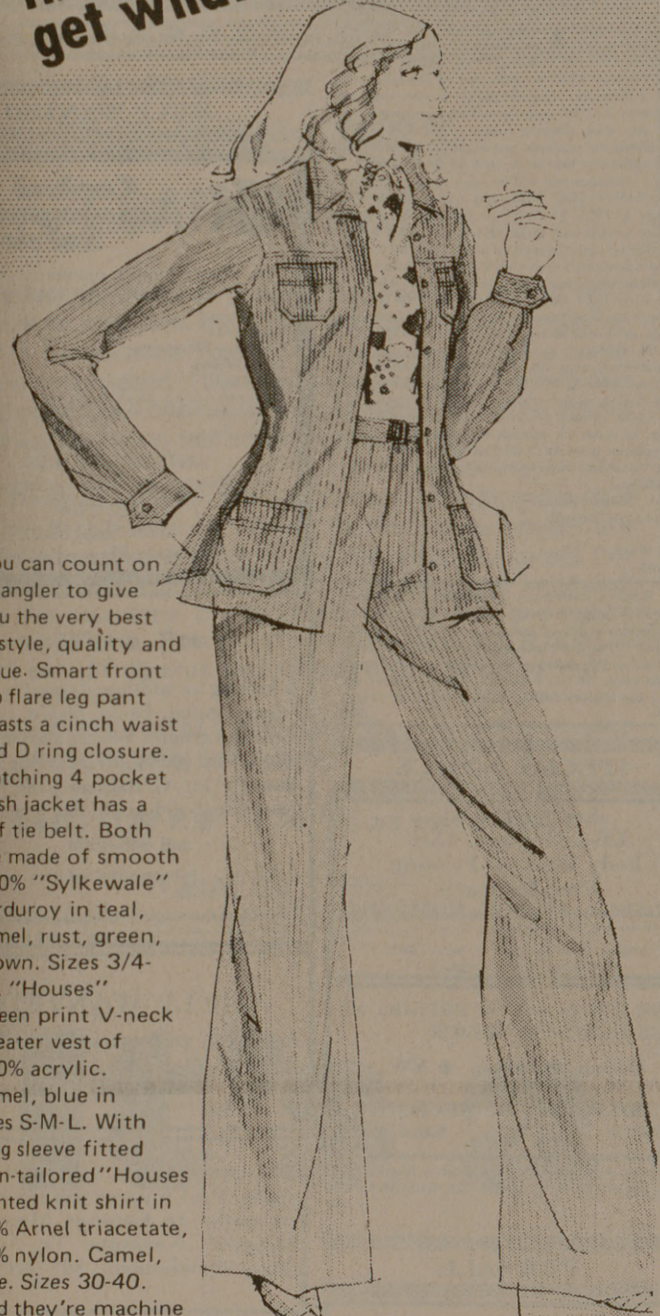
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Register cars, too

Campus police prevent crime

This is the third and final article in a series by Lee Roy Leshper investigating the activities of the A&M University Police.

By **LEE ROY LESCHPER, JR.**
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Crime and its prevention is the first consideration of any police force and A&M's University Police are no exception. Yet administrative duties also occupy much of the UP's time.

Foremost among these administrative duties is the registration of all on-campus vehicles. Up to the present time the UP has registered over 3,000 motor vehicles and 3,100 bicycles.

Registration and parking fees make up the major portion of the University's Parking Facilities Account. Traffic violation fees are also deposited in that account.

Motor vehicle parking fees collected during September totaled \$437,143.79. Student parking fees amounted to over half that sum at \$238,682. Other parking fees and duplicate parking permit fees contributed \$194,566.39 and \$3,895.40, respectively. Bicycle registration fees added \$4,780.50.

Funds from the Parking Facilities Account are utilized for two purposes, Associate Vice-President of

Student Services Howard Perry said. A portion of the account is diverted into a separate account which covers basic costs of registration, vehicle decals, and other associated costs. The salaries of three or four of the UP patrolmen and the UP office cashier are also drawn from this smaller account, Perry said.

The major portion of the Parking Facilities Account goes for maintenance and construction of parking lots on-campus. Costs for parking lot construction has risen from \$275 to over \$500 per automobile parking space in the last three or four years, UP Chief Luther said.

Parking maintenance

The account is also used on occasion for other types of parking

maintenance. The automated parking lot gates currently being tested by the university and some street parking space markings have been paid by those funds.

One problem related to bicycle registration involves the large percentage of unregistered bicycles on-campus. Estimates on numbers of unregistered bikes have ranged as high as 50 per cent of the total number on-campus.

Up to this time little UP time has been spent in trying to get all bikes and other vehicles registered. However, it has been an unofficial policy for some time that an unregistered vehicle will be ticketed before a registered vehicle for the same offense.

"We're in the process of developing some plans whereby we'll try to

get all bicycles on-campus registered," Luther said.

Such plans would consist primarily of considerable publicity, reminding bicyclists that they are required to register bicycles with the UP within 48 hours after coming on-campus. After a period of such publicity, the UP would start issuing tickets for unregistered bicycles.

Emergency aid

Another UP duty is to provide assistance in transporting emergency patients to the University Medical Center. Well over half the on-campus emergency patients requiring assistance in being transported to the Center are aided by the UP.

Often in such cases the UP will be called first by someone at the scene and a patrolman will automatically handle transporting the patient. If the Center is called first, a determination is made over the telephone as to the severity of the emergency. If the patient apparently can be safely transported by vehicle without special medical attention, the UP is called, Center Administrative Assistant T. P. Lackey said. In more serious cases a private ambulance company is called.

The Health Center is now developing a plan whereby Military Aid to Safety and Traffic (MAST) helicopters can be used for high-speed evacuation of extremely critical emergency cases. In such a plan the UP will play a major part, both in marking and in providing security for the northeast drill field landing area to be used by the MAST helicopters.

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Staff change

Sports editor fired

Tony Gallucci was fired last night as Sports Editor of the Battalion.

Paul McGrath, a two-year Battalion Sports Writer specializing in football, track and aquatics coverage was hired to fill the position.

"I was fired for expressing editorial opinion," said Gallucci, author of Athletic Oatmeal, "which I expressed because James Breedlove (editor-in-chief) was doing nothing to solve the problems of the paper.

"My firing will only attempt to mask problems of the paper and will not cure them. Breedlove will still have to handle the problems of underpay and the photography department," Gallucci said.

"Gallucci was fired because he couldn't work with people," Breed-

Emergency aid

love said. "His situation had grown intolerable with the photo department and the Director of Student Publications. Eventually he even refused to work with me.

"I felt that Gallucci was trying to pull the wool over my eyes when I discovered Friday morning an 'Oatmeal' I didn't want run. I informed Gallucci of the fact it wouldn't run and expected him as Sports Editor to do something about it," Breedlove said.

Gallucci left without filling 35 empty inches of space on the sports page.

Briscoe says justice system much better

The Texas criminal justice system is considerably better off than it was seven years ago because of increased funds from the federal government to the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

Governor Dolph Briscoe said Wednesday that since funds from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) began flowing in during October 1968, a modern state-wide police radio system has been provided.

In the last three years, the Criminal Justice Division has received an average of \$40 million from the federal government.

The funds have also helped to streamline court operations, and reduce the time between arrest and trial, Briscoe said.

Criminal Justice Division funds have also helped to cut the backlog of cases in the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals by 50 per cent.

Briscoe said a major improvement is that "local jails in Texas are becoming more humane, more in line with court orders and more susceptible to inmate rehabilitation."

The Criminal Justice Division has

paid costs of planning and construction for county jails or correctional facilities in Gillespie, Bastrop, Wilson, McLennan and Kinney Counties.

A total of 37 other counties have received grants for feasibility studies or plans for new or renovated detention facilities.

Improved correctional facilities have also appeared in the area of criminal probation.

A total of 155 counties have received grants for adult probation services and 152 have received money for juvenile probation services.

"Only a handful of these counties would have any probation services at all without the grants," Briscoe said.

Other correctional projects include halfway houses, diversion projects, youth services and group homes.

Police, prosecutors, judges, probation officers, jail administrators, defense attorneys and juvenile officers are far better trained now, Briscoe said.

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