

fewer thefts on campus this year

CBs can be stolen in minutes

By DAVE TEWES
You just became the proud owner of a citizen band radio. You decide to go to the local bar to celebrate. Thirty minutes later, you come back to the car and find the radio gone. It can happen just that fast, said O.L. Luther of the University Police.

cent in the last few years. Luther says this is partially due to an increase in the number of University Police on patrol.
"We have had 10 C.B.s stolen since September," Luther said. "There were about 23 C.B.s stolen in the 1975-76 school year."
The number of stolen C.B.s could be decreased even more if owners would take a few precautions, he said.
"Fixing C.B.s so they are detachable is the best prevention," he said. "You can dismount them and stick them in your trunk."
Devices for this purpose are sold

at many C.B. outlets. A slide mount is one such device.
"A slide mount makes it easier to remove the radio," Mike Martin, a Radio Shack salesman, said. If the radio is easier to remove, the owner is more likely to put it in a safe place, he said.
Alarm systems are an alternative to slip mounts. They make a loud sound if activated.
"Some people hook burglar alarms up to their cars and radios," Luther said. "This prevents a burglary by scaring off the burglar."
It helps to let the people know you have an alarm system installed in your car, he added.

"If you do have an alarm system, let it be known," Luther said. "Put one of those little tags that says 'burglar alarm' on your car."
Prices for most of these devices range from about \$7 to \$17.
Registering C.B.s doesn't prevent them from being stolen. It does help identify the owner if the radio is stolen and then recovered, Luther said.
C.B.s can be registered with the University Police at no charge. The owner must permanently mark the radio and fill out an information card at the University Police Department.

Engravers to permanently mark radios are available at the University Police Department or the College Station Police Department.
Those convicted of stealing C.B.s may end up paying a high price.
"You can be jailed from two to 10 years if you are convicted," Luther said. "If the violator gets probation, he must pay a \$49 court cost and \$6 a month for probation fees."
In some cases, the defendant may not leave the county without permission from the court. He may also be forced by law to stay away from places that sell alcoholic beverages, he said.
If the offender is a student at Texas A&M, he may be expelled from school by the administration. His chances for getting a job after graduation are also decreased, Luther said.

Craft shop provides outlet

By BARBARA FRICKE
If you need a place to get away from those everyday pressures, you might want to try the Memorial Student Center (MSC) Crafts shop. Hilary Blake tried it and is now in the shop three or four days a week learning to make pottery on the wheel. She is the wife of Dr. Robert Blake, Texas A&M assistant chemistry professor.
"You get addicted to it (crafts) and don't stay away," she said. "I just wish the shop was open more."
The Texas A&M University Crafts shop opened in the spring of '75 under the direction of student programming, Karen Zantow, assis-

tant program coordinator, said. The shop was not opened until the present location was ready and equipment had arrived. The shop is in the basement of the MSC near the barber shop.
"I believe the Crafts shop fulfills a very basic need of the University," Cheryl Evans, a shop staff member, said. "Since there is no art department as such at A&M, people need an outlet for their abilities."
Evans received her bachelor of fine arts degree at Stephen F. Austin State University and is taking graduate courses in education at A&M.
The Crafts shop is funded by the student service fees, Zantow said.

Thus, in order to use the equipment in the shop, A&M students, faculty and staff and their families merely present their A&M identification.
Evans said using the MSC Crafts shop can save the students money.
Supplies from the shop are less expensive than supplies from area merchants, she explained. Also students can use the tools and equipment, such as table saws and hand drills, supplied in the shop.
Thirty-two different workshops are offered by the A&M shop, including pottery, china painting, jewelry making, and leather tooling.
Prices for enrolling in the classes were compared with costs at other

universities and A&M's prices were cheaper, Evans said. A pottery course at A&M costs \$12 while a similar class at the University of Houston costs \$30, she said.
Another outlet for student work is the gallery, next to the Crafts shop. Evans said students can display and sell any handmade work in the gallery.

Customs seizes marijuana

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DONNA, Tex. — Three large seizures of marijuana by federal agents in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, including the largest single marijuana seizure in Texas history, apparently indicates a large marijuana harvest in Mexico.
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two trucks, 916 pounds of marijuana was confiscated when federal agents stopped a pickup south of Laredo driven by Juan Raul Espinoza-Quizos, of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Bingham said customs officers were maintaining a surveillance of the area when they saw the pickup truck leave the river's edge, stop at a gate and blink its lights. The marijuana was found packed in plastic bags inside the camper of the truck.
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