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Council to investigate sales of pornography

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The College Station City Council voted last night to let the city attorney investigate the legal problems involved in prohibiting sale of pornographic material to minors.

Aside from banning sales to minors, the council also wants to stop sale to all persons of pornography featuring children. The council asked the city attorney to find out and impose the maximum legal restrictions involving child pornography.

The council also wants to limit the display of sexually-oriented material by forcing storeowners to partially cover up the books and magazines leaving only the titles visible. The council wants magazine racks constructed to meet certain height requirements so children cannot reach the material.

Councilman Jim Dozier said banning sales to minors would be ineffective because of the difficulty of enforcing the ban. He said he doesn't believe many minors buy pornographic material.

Councilman Gary Halter countered, saying those persons selling pornography to minors could be caught and that an ordinance would lessen overall sales to minors.

The council also adopted an ordinance that makes parking in bicycle lanes illegal, with certain exceptions. Originally, the council proposed to make no exceptions, but Halter argued that people attending certain social centers, such as the Episcopal Student Center on Jersey Street, would be inconvenienced too much by not being able to park on the highway.

The council decided that after A&M Consolidated school hours, the children using the bike lanes would, for the most part, be gone.

The council then passed an amendment allowing the city staff to determine certain places which at designated times, will be exempt from the ordinance. All other vehicles parking illegally will be towed away, except during football games and the bonfire.

In other action, the council postponed a decision on the matter of \$11,500 in hotel-motel tax money. The city is required by law to spend the revenues on direct promotion of tourism.

The council wanted to spend \$5,000 of the money to print up maps of Bryan, College Station and Texas A&M University, and the rest on brochures, an advertisement and organized solicitation.

Councilman Jim Dozier proposed the money be given directly to the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce, who would decide on its use.

The council then voted to table consideration of the money to see what Texas A&M did with the tax money it received two years ago.

A citizen's committee will meet May 4 at 7 p.m. in City Hall to discuss proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Plan, a city chart of projects and zoning plans. The public is invited.

Campus police officer becomes an Aggie

By TOUMONAVA MULLINS

If one cold night you find yourself on the receiving end of an Aggie joke, wrapped in sheets and hanging from a tree, just hope that Officer Jerry Sechrest comes to your rescue.

Sechrest, 37, has been a full time member of the University Police force since August 1972. Last September he also became a student at Texas A&M University.

"We deal with everything — assault cases, attempted rapes, burglaries, thefts and Aggies' antics," Sechrest said.

"I've also unchained students from trees and watched water fights and panty raids. And if it's a holiday and a student is locked out of his dorm, we help him."

Sechrest is approximately 30 hours away from his degree in sociology. Until last September, he had not been an active student since 1967.

After missing out on two higher paying state jobs because he had no degree, Sechrest enrolled in the University. He is carrying six hours this semester.

Sechrest said being a student has given him a new perspective. "I can see certain problems I didn't see before. It puts me in closer contact with the students."

The officer-student relationship can often be awkward, Sechrest said. He added that many of his classmates are surprised to learn he is an officer.

Sechrest is married and the father of four children. Over a cup of coffee, he said he was unable to spend much time at home. "I'm in the doghouse most of the time," he said with a laugh.

In spite of his busy schedule, Sechrest finds time to camp and work with Boy Scouts.

Sechrest said being a law enforcement officer used to mean being the biggest, meanest man in town. "But police work is becoming professionalized. It has to, because crime is so well organized."

To earn a basic certificate, Texas requires officers to take a 240-hour police course within one year of service, Sechrest explained. Additional points are earned for time on the force and extra schooling.

The University Police patrol members are state-certified officers, Sechrest added.

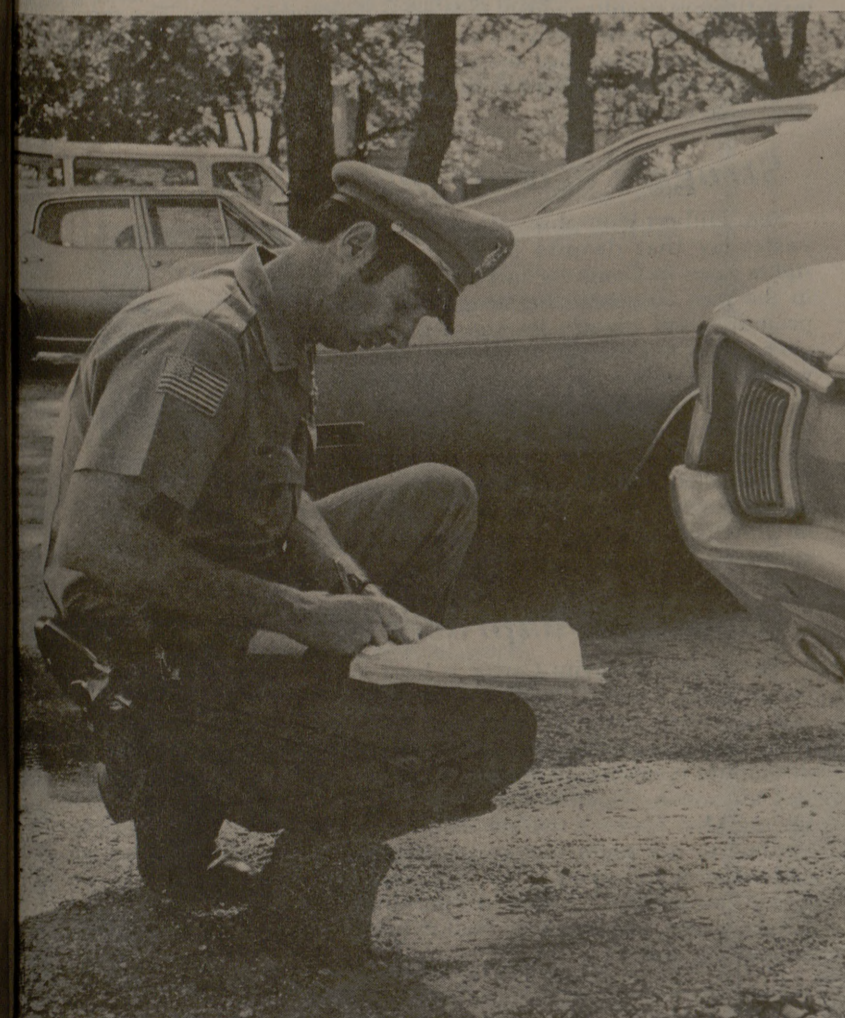
"All of our officers go out of their way to help the students," he said. "But, unfortunately, the majority of the student contact is through tickets."

Sechrest said he would like to see the Battalion and University Police work together more on such problems as bicycle registration.

"We can prove that we can recover a bike faster when it's registered," he said. Sechrest added that bicycle thefts are down since the police force has become more spread out.

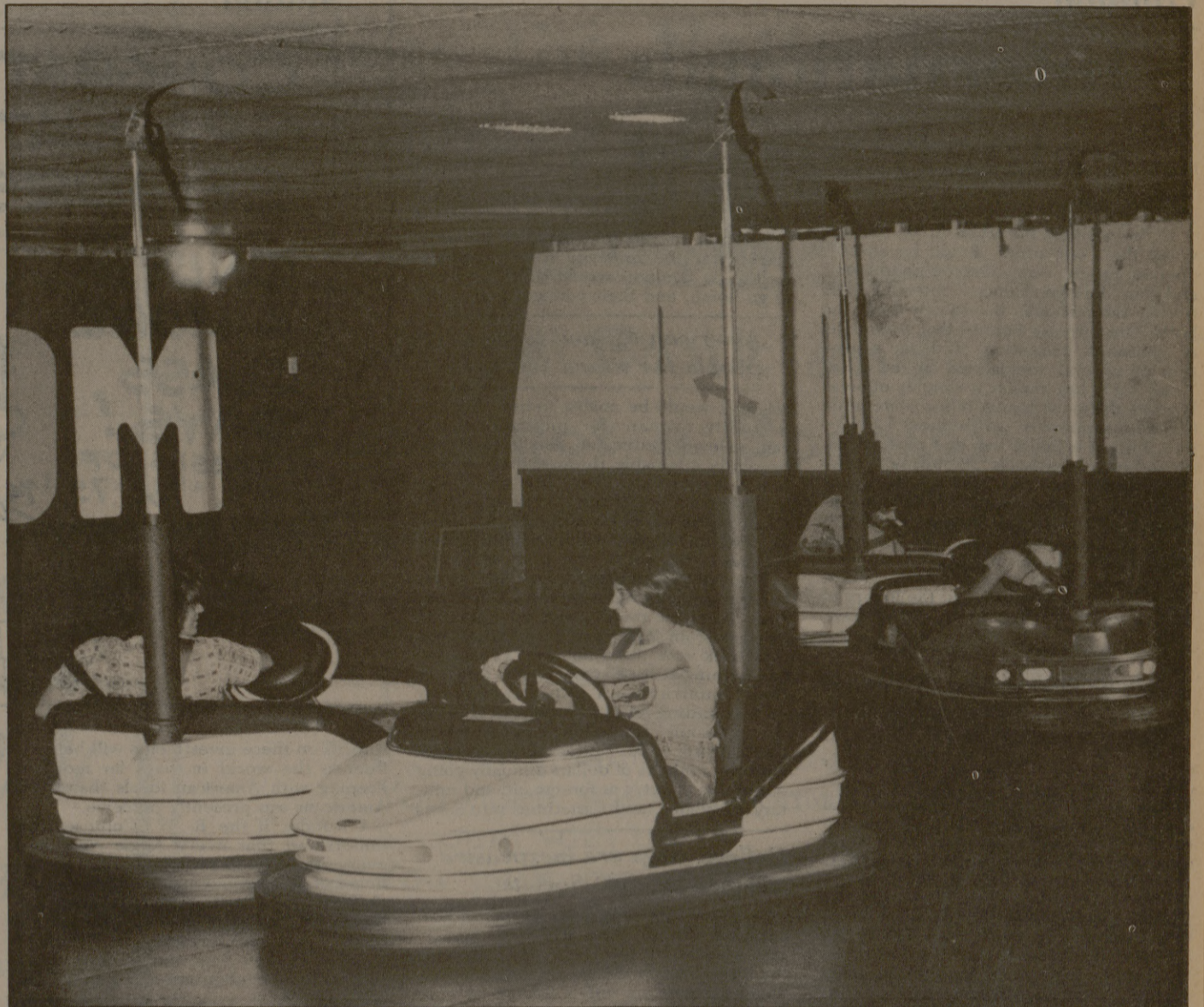
He said the most satisfying aspect of his job is helping people and getting to know the students. "I thoroughly enjoy Aggies and I get a kick out of their games," he said.

"You've got to let them get their kicks—as long as no one is hurt and no property is damaged. Our philosophy is to be firm, but fair. I try to go by that."



Battalion Photo by Jim Crawley

University Police Officer Jerry Sechrest fills out an accident report describing the damage to this automobile. Sechrest is a junior sociology student at A&M



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Do the bump

The Texas A&M Sports Car Club passes the halfway mark in its effort to break the record time for bumper car riding. The club set the

record at 12 hours yesterday at Pooh's Park on Texas Avenue. The record should be verified in the near future.

Energy plans ready for Congress

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The deadline has been extended twice, but White House energy staffers think they have finally finished writing all the legislative details needed to turn President Carter's energy policy into reality.

There was an all-out push by the President's energy team yesterday to polish each proposed law into final form and get the package ready to send Congress today. Lawmakers planned to take it up next week and predicted sharp fights over such controversial issues as the gasoline tax.

Efforts to draft legislation for the energy plan, which Carter outlined for Congress and the nation April 20, fell more than a week behind original schedules. Administration sources said the initial deadlines — first April 20, then April 25 — proved impossibly optimistic.

Members of the White House energy staff predicted they would meet today's deadline, although with difficulty. "There's a real crunch on," one said Thursday.

Other members of the President's energy staff neared the end of an equally frenzied effort to produce a 100-page book detailing in everyday terms Carter's policy and its impact.

The completed legislative package was expected to differ little from outlines given last week by Carter and energy chief James Schlesinger, which included tax credits for conservation and tax penalties for gas-guzzling cars and for excessive gasoline consumption.

Several sources said delays in completing the legislation have been caused by the need to spell out nuts-and-bolts details on such issues as how to rebate new energy taxes to consumers.

On Capitol Hill, two House committees planned hearings next week on Carter's proposals.

A special bipartisan energy committee

scheduled hearings on the proposed reduction in total energy growth, gasoline consumption and oil imports. The subcommittee on energy and power planned to consider increasing natural gas prices and extending federal controls to intrastate gas.

Much of Carter's policy was expected to go to the taxwriting Ways and Means

Committee, which planned to take up the energy legislation May 16. An aide said Chairman Al Ullman, D-Ore., expects sharp battles over such proposals as a gasoline tax hike that could total 50 cents a gallon over the next decade.

"In terms of the controversy, we have most of it," said one Ways and Means staff member.

Most area apartments to sign long-term leases for next fall

By DEBBIE LIGHTFOOT

Apartment dwellers may have to stay in one place longer beginning this fall, as most area apartments are now signing only nine- and 12-month leases.

Of 23 local apartment projects surveyed, only Country Place and Tree House will sign one-semester leases, and then only for graduating seniors or graduate and co-op students.

Martell Properties apartments (Scandia I and II, Taos, Sevilla, Sausalito and Aurora Gardens) will sign only 12-month leases for next fall.

The minimum lease length for others surveyed is nine or nine and a half months. These apartments include Barcelona, Briarwood, Bryan Arms, Doux Chene,

Fairway, French Quarter, Monaco, Old College Main, Plantation Oaks, Posada Del Rey, Southwest Village, Tanglewood South, Travis House and Varsity II.

Several of the above apartments will also sign 12-month leases that give a discount of about 10 per cent off the regular monthly rates.

All apartments surveyed will continue to sign three-month leases for the summer only.

The manager of Scandia II and Sevilla said that Martell Properties went to 12-month leases to keep the apartments full as long as possible.

If apartments in the group start losing money because 12-month leases discourage people from living there, the owners

may decide to go back to nine-month leases, she said.

Martell Properties will allow students to sign nine-month leases for any apartments that are available when preleasing begins in June. These leases will run from Sept. 1 to May 31. Otherwise, leases signed now for this fall will run from June 1 to May 31.

Martell Properties' tenants with 12-month leases will get one month's rent free, probably next May's rent.

Also, Tree House apartments will give 40 per cent off of June's or July's rent to tenants with 12-month leases who will be gone part of the summer. Tree House does sign nine-month leases, however, for tenants who plan to be gone all summer.

David Frost interviews

Jaworski to reveal everything about Watergate if Nixon doesn't

United Press International

DALLAS — Former Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski has promised to make public his knowledge of former President Nixon's role in Watergate if Nixon does not make the confession himself in upcoming television interviews.

Jaworski says he has information on deeds Nixon "wasn't proud of" and he will reveal it if Nixon does not admit he obstructed justice in the White House.

Tevised interviews of Nixon by commentator David Frost are scheduled to begin Wednesday.

Jaworski said yesterday Nixon should at the very least admit to obstruction of justice even though there were other offenses that could have been brought against the former president.

"There was a question to the matter he had with H. R. Haldeman, particularly as related to the possibility of Haldeman committing perjury," Jaworski said.

When asked if he would reveal Nixon's role in Watergate if the former President did not do so in the interviews, Jaworski said, "Yes, I intend to."

The former special prosecutor said he does not expect Nixon to face up to charges of abusing his office in the interview and will try instead to shift the blame.

"I have the feeling, between you and me, that he's going to lay a lot of this off on his staff," Jaworski said. "If I were in his shoes, I just would not know how to tackle this situation unless I was prepared to say, 'Yes I was guilty of wrongdoings.' I don't think he'll ever say that."

Jaworski said he had listened to several taped conversations between Nixon and his aides which have not been made public.

He said one conversation between Nixon and Charles Colson "revealed something about some of his other activities, some of his staff members and some of his own reactions to things."

Jaworski said while the conversation did not relate to Watergate, "they related to

offer counsel, that Nixon called once, saying reports gave the erroneous impression that "President Nixon is just sitting out here waiting for an opportunity to call."

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Aide calls reports on Nixon inaccurate

United Press International

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. — Former President Richard Nixon's highest aide has angrily denounced a number of recent news reports about Nixon as inaccurate.

Jack Brennan told a Republican group here he had never commented on news reports in the past but, "Now I'm getting irritated."

He said it was not true that Nixon called President Carter three or four times to

offer counsel, that Nixon called once, saying reports gave the erroneous impression that "President Nixon is just sitting out here waiting for an opportunity to call."

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