

Sudsing fountains called nuisance

Vandalism decreases on campus

By BETH DZIKOWSKI
Police say vandalism on the Texas A&M University campus has decreased over 50 percent over the last four years.
Texas A&M police figures show that in the 1973-74 fiscal year 88 acts of vandalism were reported. However, in 1976-77, only 41 cases were reported, said University Chief of Police O.L. Luther. Luther said the decrease in the amount of reported incidents comes from a zoning system on campus. Uniformed men are assigned to patrol these zones. Vandals are not necessarily apprehended but many acts are discouraged from just the officers' presence, he said.
Most vandalism involves damages to cars consisting of deflated tires, broken radio and CB antennas, scratched paint and broken headlights, Luther said. Such incidents

occur more at the beginning of each fall and spring semesters, he added. There was no estimate of the amount of damages sustained by private individuals, Luther said.
Vandalism costs the University money also. The damage to buildings, windows and vending machines costs Texas A&M an estimated \$2 - \$3,000 per month, said Edward Kozlowski, assistant manager for Facilities Department maintenance.
"The heaviest damage occurs during exams," Kozlowski said. "I guess students are exasperated and just take it out on campus property."
A typical example is putting soap suds in the various fountains around campus. Bill Hummel, in charge of grounds maintenance for area II, said such acts are a nuisance, but sometimes they occur when the fountains are to be cleaned of moss and thus present no problem.

Hummel said that the department has a preparation to kill the soap suds which makes draining easy. He said sudsing the fountains occur more often during football season when games are played at home.
Vandalism in the dorms has significantly declined over the past four years, said Larry D. Pollock, assistant residence area coordinator for Krueger-Dunn dorms. Such damage is minimal, he said.
The only report this year is the destruction of ceiling tile in the men's restroom of the Commons lounge area and damage to one of the hallways of Mosher, he said. "There really isn't a problem of vandalism in the dorms," said Pollock.
Sandy Hood, assistant residence area coordinator for the northside dorms, also said vandalism is not a problem. Usually the guilty student is found and fined for such acts.

However, when the vandal is not found, the school must absorb the cost, she said.
Hood said recent damage occurred in Legett Hall, where a resident adviser's door was glued shut and in another part of the dorm a door was nailed shut. She said that a possible reason for these incidents is that Legett is about to be renovated and students take the attitude that it is going to be remodeled anyway.
Concerning damage to furniture, walls, and windows, both area coordinators report that damages are very small. However, the windows in the northside dorms see more breakage because of water balloon fights that occur during warm weather. But these breakages do not fall under that category of vandalism.
Both area coordinators commented that facilities are damaged more during football seasons especially at home games.

Southwestern to offer optional med coverage

By CHRIS CAIN
Optional medical insurance coverage is being arranged for Texas A&M University faculty and staff members who are working as consultants outside the University system. Presently they are not covered.
Texas A&M and Southwestern Life Insurance Co. are arranging coverage for those who desire it.
After some insurance claims were denied, H. Ray Smith, director of personnel, issued a memorandum notifying the faculty and staff of the omission of coverage. Many had been unaware of the provision.
Dr. Don Hellriegel, management department head, said he had no knowledge of the omission of coverage until he received that memorandum.

"What if I really got injured while consulting and had need for \$50,000 worth of coverage?" he said. "From my own personal standpoint, it's kind of scary."
Dr. Douglas Stone Jr., professor of management, also said he did not know of the provision before receiving the memorandum. He served on the Texas A&M University Systems Personnel Policy and Employee Benefits Committee in 1970 when bids for an insurance contract were being considered.
The committee drew up a list of specifications and insurance companies across the nation made bids for the contract. Southwestern Life Insurance Co. was awarded the group medical insurance in September 1970.
The committee was not concerned with that provision at the time, they were concerned with other specifications, he said.
Smith said the omission of coverage for personnel involved in work outside the University is a standard


feature of group medical insurance. Sam Byer, a salesman with Anco Insurance, a general insurance agency representing Southwestern, said the omission of medical coverage was a provision in the contract from the very beginning.
The faculty members were encouraged to consult the insurance company said it would not cover them while doing work which is approved by the university, Hellriegel said.

The faculty-staff handbook says "Outside professional services or consulting by professional personnel of the University is encouraged when such activity promises benefit to the University, the state of Texas or to the nation, as well as to the employee. It is discouraged when it appears to be only a means of increasing the employee's income."
Stone, who also has done consulting work, said he wasn't too happy with the knowledge that he was not covered when consulting.
Personnel doing consulting work are not the only people who are not covered. Maintenance staff working for someone besides the University also are not covered with medical insurance.

However, these persons are still covered by life, accidental death and dismemberment, and long-term disability insurance while working outside the University system.
Smith said the Texas A&M University Systems Personnel Policy and Employee Benefits Committee met Friday to consider the issue of getting medical coverage for personnel employed outside the system. He said that all parts of the system are represented on this committee.
"We're working in a continuing effort to get this kind of coverage for our people," said Smith.

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