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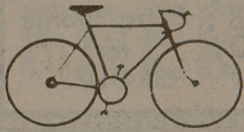
General Telephone employee Jerry McMahon watches the sky for rain clouds while he checks telephone cables on Holleman Street.

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A&M police are obeyed

By Laura O. Henderson

A student can end up on the outside of the campus looking in if he questions the authority of the campus police.

Texas A&M University Police Chief O.L. Luther said the campus police have the authority to submit a written report to Dr. Charles Powell, director of student affairs. He explained if a student refuses to comply with police or campus regulations he can be withdrawn from school.

An officer also has the authority to write a ticket asking the offender to appear in the College Station Municipal Court.

Luther added that occasions such as these rarely happen.

Some University police officers said they have trouble with students not realizing how much authority the campus police have. The officers added, however, that when students give them trouble they are usually just angry about getting a ticket and don't mean anything personal.

Officer Karen Schluter, one of the women officers, said she has never had anyone question her authority as a campus officer, but has had one incident where she was questioned because she is a female.

"I tried to write him a campus ticket and he wouldn't take it," she said. She tore it up and tried to write him a justice of the peace ticket, which goes directly to municipal court instead of the police department. She explained, "He brought it back in the office after I finished writing it and talked to my lieutenant. He just didn't want to take it because I was a female."

"He took it anyway," she added. Morris Maddox, assistant chief, said before 1968 the campus police had some problems with students not taking the officers seriously. However, in 1968 the Texas Senate passed a bill which states that campus police are certified officers.

"Since then we're recognized as regular police officers," Maddox said, "and I think students realize it."

Campus police authority covers university property. "They have the same jurisdiction on university property as the Bryan-College Station police have within their incorporated limits," Luther said.

Campus police do not have authority off campus, however. Marvin Byrd, College Station police chief,

said if the campus police ever need off campus authority they can get it from the College Station Police Department.

"I would give it to them because Texas A&M police officers are police officers," Byrd said. "They are certified officers and they can enforce the law."

The city police and campus police have no conflicts such as showing up at an incident at the same time since the two departments are in different jurisdictions, Byrd said. "We don't answer calls on the university and they don't answer calls on the city," he said.

Luther said the campus police have the authority to use their guns if

necessary. He added that campus police must use the same judgment regarding the use of a gun as any other law officer.

A police officer may use his gun to protect a citizen, to protect himself, or to stop a felony being committed, Byrd said.

Luther and Maddox both said they know of no instances when a campus officer has had to use a gun. However, there have been reports from students saying the campus police have drawn guns on them.

"They mainly carry them for security reasons," Luther said. "Checking empty buildings, unlighted parking lots, for making money escorts and that type of thing."

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