

# A&M funds, bike, ticket books reported stolen over weekend

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A zippered purse containing \$20,268.08 of University funds was reported stolen from a University van driven by a student courier late Thursday or early Friday, University Police said.

A \$1,000 bicycle, also stolen last week, brings the total thefts to more

than \$31,000 for the past week. "Fortunately, only \$400 was in cash and the rest were stamped and endorsed checks," said Foy Page, coordinator for Vocational Instruction services of the agricultural educational department.

The student was the regular delivery man between the department, housed on the University

annex on Highway 21, and the main campus.

The usual procedure is for the student to pick up the mail and deposit, load the van with other materials, and go to the main campus to make deliveries to various places, Page said.

However, to avoid missing a class, the student left the mail and deposit in the van overnight, Page said.

"We think the money was taken either before the student left the annex or after he parked the van for the night," Page said.

Friday at 10:30 p.m., a burglary was in progress in a suite of women's dorm rooms when one of the women returned and scared away the thief.

The thief had wrapped several records and a hair dryer in a towel and left them piled together. Three Texas A&M season football ticket books were stolen.

College Station Police found a Texas A&M student's vehicle abandoned at the intersection of Jersey and Timber streets with the three ticket books inside.

University Police are looking for the owner of the vehicle for questioning.

## Moose visits Portland

United Press International  
PORTLAND, Maine — It might have caused a stir in New York, Chicago or San Francisco, but there was nothing more than a few raised eyebrows last week when a full-grown moose spent the day wandering through the streets of Maine's largest city.

After a full day of sightseeing, police said the moose headed north past the city limits "and didn't hurt anyone."

"We got a lot of calls about it from people who reported seeing it, but nobody complained about it," a

police spokesman said. "He just put a few hoof prints on some people's lawns."

At one point, police tried to chase the moose out of town. But the stubborn animal ignored them and spent several more hours in the city before leaving.

Game wardens armed with tranquilizer guns were called to the city, but police said the guns were not fired.

Officials said their only major concern was keeping any children on their way home from school from being injured.

## Shark threatens 'swimming nun'

United Press International  
BIMINI, Bahamas — A safety diver accompanying Stella Taylor tried to kill a 5-foot shark at dawn Monday, some 20 hours into the marathon swimmer's attempt to stroke across the Gulf Stream from the Bahamas to Florida.

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Taylor, who is attempting the Bahamas-to-Florida swim without a shark cage, held on to the dive platform of an escort boat while safety diver Ken Reed killed the menacing shark, which had been circling her for nearly five minutes.

Taylor's face and mouth were swollen from exposure and stings by jellyfish. The so-called "swimming nun" also suffered a painful man-of-war sting on her right arm during the night.

Taylor began her swim to Florida at 10:41 a.m. EDT Sunday at Orange Cay, a tiny island south of Bimini. During the night, divers with highpowered rifles and spotlights stood on the stern of an escort boat to protect her from sharks.

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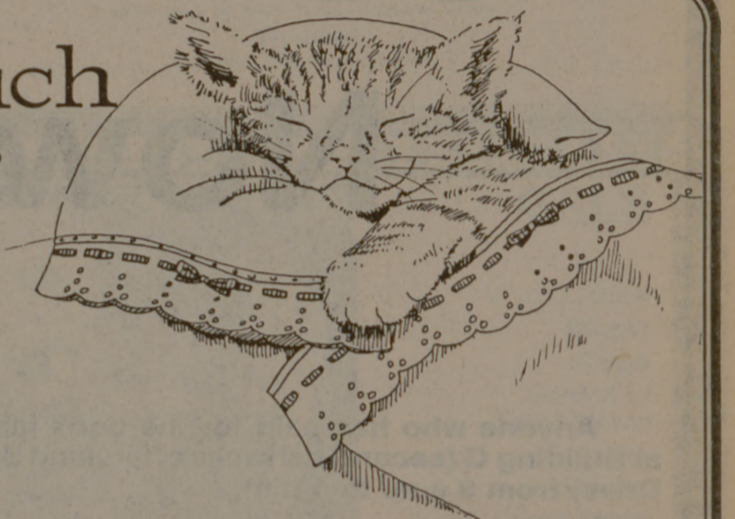
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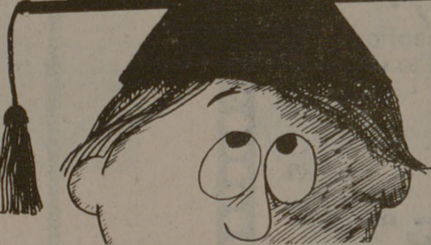
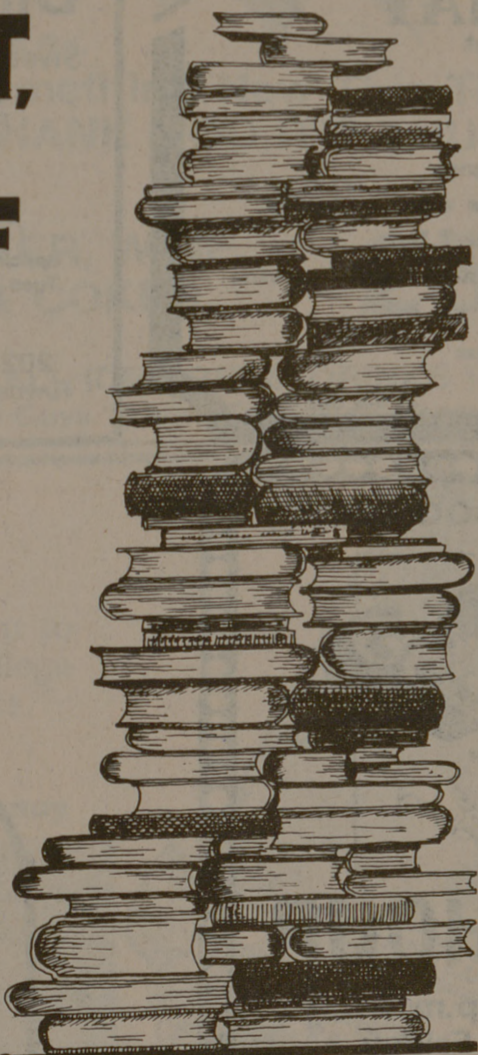
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