

# Thefts on A&M campus a problem; common items: bicycles, purses

By RUSTY McDONALD  
Battalion Reporter  
University police said there have been 282 reports of theft on the Texas A&M University campus since Sept. 1, and most have resulted from inattention and failure of the owners to protect their property.

"These thefts do not include burglaries of buildings," University Police Chief Russ McDonald said, "just purses and bicycles and things like that."  
McDonald said these thefts are occurring all over campus, with purse thefts being most common in

the library at night.  
"Most of the time it's a girl or secretary who goes off and leaves her purse unattended. When she comes back, the purse is missing or the wallet has been taken out," McDonald said.  
"We had two thefts Feb. 5. One

purse was taken from the library and one from Bolton Hall. We recovered the purse that was taken from the library about 10 minutes after it was stolen," McDonald said. "We found it in the men's restroom in the trash can."  
"The money was missing, but a pocket calculator was still there."  
McDonald said he has three investigators working on theft cases. "We can patrol the campus at night and we can check buildings, but we can't watch every office and every room all the time," he said.  
"We have talked about putting up signs in the library, and probably will, but we're not sure just what the signs will say," McDonald said. "The best thing is for the owners to be more careful about leaving their belongings."

# Bryan teachers request salary increase for pay they say is \$570 below average

By REGINA MOEHLMAN  
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School teachers are notoriously underpaid. And Bryan teachers are no exception, according to John P. Rouse, president of the Classroom Teachers Association.  
Rouse presented a request for teachers pay raises at the Bryan Independent School Board meeting Monday.

BISD still paid \$570 less than the state average.  
Rouse told the BISD trustees that low pay makes it very difficult for teachers with families, especially men, to remain in the profession.  
"We would like to have returning staff in order to keep the highest quality program. We want to make it the best we can," Rouse said.  
In other business, the board approved the April 7 election date for

two school board positions. James Stegall and Travis B. Bryan presently hold those positions. Both men said they intend to run for the positions again.  
The board also approved payment of \$35,000 for the renovation work on Bryan High School's athletic facilities and choir room.

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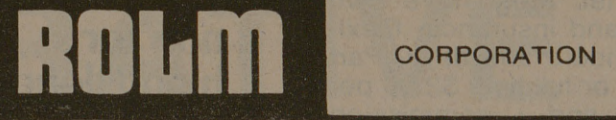
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