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ngerprints submitted to check for a policemen's behavior. nal record, Snyder said.

police officers. Snyder said they are commissioned peace officers of the state of Texas with jurisdiction over the University.

The training doesn't stop there. In the 12-month period (Jan.-Dec 1978) nearly every officer on the force attended some kind of advanced school," Snyder said.

The advanced classes are held at

Southwest Texas State University in

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False: "University police officers don't know anything about college students.

Several officers are college stu-dents themselves, Snyder said. Two officers are working part time on

words and inexperienced. Three officers have been at Texas A&M for 35 years each. "All police department only hires one-third of he people who apply for jobs.

If hired, the applicant is required by state law to complete a 240-hour desic Certification Course for police officers within six months of emissistic desired.

Three officers have been at Texas A&M for 35 years each. "All police departments have a retention problem, but ours has stabilized in recent years," McDonald said. McDonald, who spent 26 years in the military, has been with the department for four years, and said he partment for four years, and said he is satisfied with his job. is satisfied with his job.

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There are 44 police officers in the rearms test, McDonald said.

Presently, six new officers are eing trained in the course, which is

department, counting the six officers who are now being trained.

McDonald said the force is to have a 46 members, and the hiring of three officers this year is the first increase

MacDonald said in the 11/2 years False: "The campus police are my security guards. They can't do mything to me."

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Civil liberties group fights publishing criminal records

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Adams had proposed the rules omputers access to the records and concerning the release of conviction and arrest information to other criminal justice agencies and to the pub-

CS council OKs ordinance to update garage sale rules

By CINDY COLVIN cial purposes."

Battalion Reporter The ordinance requires anyone The College Station City Council hursday approved a new ordinance egulating garage sales and repealg another ordinance which had egulated garage sales since 1970. The new ordinance was created imarily to regulate traffic near ulti-family sales, said Sherry Al-

echt, administrative assistant to nch how City Manager North Bardell. The new ordinance defines garage, \$25. les as "a sale or offer to sell of mistherwise being used for commer-

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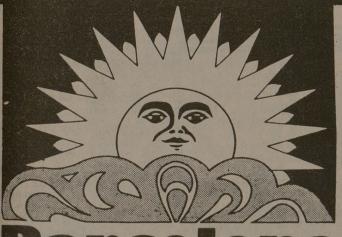
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holding a garage sale to obtain a permit from the city secretary and pay a fee of \$1.50. Albrecht said a majority of people who advertise a garage sale do obtain a permit. However, she said she had attended some garage sales that did not have the city permit.

Anyone violating the ordinance may be subject to a fine from \$5 to

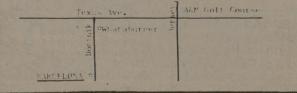
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By PAMELA RIMOLDI

Battalion Reporter
What if an organization had a meeting, but nobody came?

The A&M Civil Liberties Union found out Tuesday night as only three people came to its first meeting of the year.

Those who showed up spent some time trying to decide where everyone else was. They concluded that many prospective members probably attended the Bella Abzug lecture sponsored by Political Forum and that others stayed home to watch the World Series.

And they said one major reason so few came was that many people consider the Civil Liberties Union to be a radical organi-

"People have the impression that the Civil Liberties Union is radical, but actually it is conservative in the sense that it defends the Bill of Rights set up by our Founding Fathers," Dr. Mark

Busby said.

Busby, adviser for the A&M CLU, said the group's purpose is to "set up a forum for airing grievances about landlords, professors, or the University as a

whole."
"We want the organization to be visible so students can sense someone is protecting their freedom," Busby said. "I would like to think we don't have infringements of civil rights here, but I'm afraid we do."

This year the A&M CLU wants to look into issues such as searches of dorm rooms and censorship on campus, said Kathy Paxton, president of the organi-

zation.

Last year the A&M CLU got involved in such controversies as the problem with the admission of Iranian students during the crisis in Iran and the sex dis-crimination case of Melanie Zentgraf against the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets.

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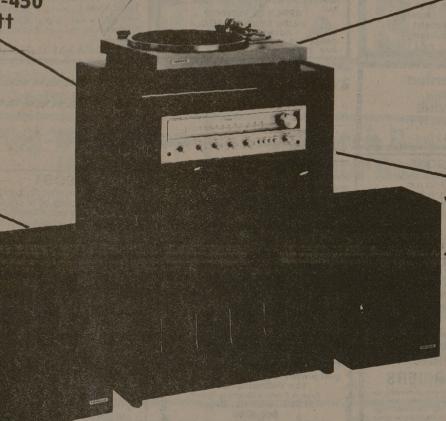
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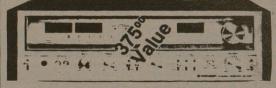
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