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University police called professional

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Sometimes it's hard for students to remember that the University police are trying to do their job enforcing the law.

"The KKs? Don't they just vend parking tickets and make sure no misguided Aggie sneaks a bottle into Kyle Field during a football game?"

Maybe students are so quick with a put-down because they don't know the University policemen and women are trained and hired, several officers said. Many statements made about them are not even close to the truth.

False: "They pull any guy off the party street, put a gun in his hand, and er. A third guy he's a policeman."

Capt. Elmer Snyder said that applicants must file an application and prove they are certified police officers. If not certified, they are given an appointment to be reviewed and evaluated by Snyder and two other officers. Snyder said some of the criteria he judges are attitude, oral expression, and experience — such as being a dispatcher or a security guard.

Chief Russ McDonald said the department only hires one-third of the people who apply for jobs.

If hired, the applicant is required by state law to complete a 240-hour Basic Certification Course for police officers within six months of employment. The officers are not armed with guns until they have completed the training and passed a firearms test, McDonald said.

Presently, six new officers are being trained in the course, which is offered by the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service.

Every applicant takes physical and psychological tests, and has fingerprints submitted to check for a criminal record, Snyder said.

False: "The campus police are only security guards. They can't do anything to me."

All University police are state

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 San Marcos.

In 1978, University police officers received more advanced training than the Bryan, College Station, and sheriff's police departments combined, McDonald said.

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

Several officers are college students themselves, Snyder said. Two officers are working part time on sociology degrees, one on an engineering degree. Of the 44 officers on the force, 16 have attended or are attending college.

False: "University police are young and inexperienced."

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 is satisfied with his job.

False: "There are only a handful of police officers on campus."

There are 44 police officers in the 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 in four years.

False: "No one controls the policemen's behavior."

MacDonald said in the 1½ years he has been police chief, he has fired one officer for misconduct, and several others who would have been fired resigned first.

Three attend A&M CLU's first meeting

By PAMELA RIMOLDI  
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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 organization.

"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 organization.

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 discrimination case of Melanie Zentgraf against the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets.

Civil liberties group fights publishing criminal records

United Press International

AUSTIN — The director of the Texas Civil Liberties Union said Tuesday that proposed rules for dissemination of arrest and conviction records would allow giant corporate computers access to the records and could deprive hundreds of innocent Texans of jobs.

John Duncan, TCLU executive

director, made the comments in a letter of protest to James B. Adams, executive director of the Criminal Justice Division of the governor's office.

Adams had proposed the rules concerning the release of conviction and arrest information to other criminal justice agencies and to the public.

CS council OKs ordinance to update garage sale rules

By CINDY COLVIN  
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The College Station City Council Thursday approved a new ordinance regulating garage sales and repealing another ordinance which had regulated garage sales since 1970.

The new ordinance was created primarily to regulate traffic near multi-family sales, said Sherry Albrecht, administrative assistant to City Manager North Bardell.

The new ordinance defines garage sales as "a sale or offer to sell of miscellaneous items to the general public, upon residential property not otherwise being used for commercial purposes."

The ordinance requires anyone 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 \$25.

The new ordinance also gives the city the power to limit the number of families participating in a garage sale to three, Albrecht said.

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