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six months after they are hired.  
 The state also requires one year's  
 experience on the job for officers to  
 receive their basic certification, but  
 the state does not require an officer  
 to go higher than basic certification.

Within most departments, offic-  
 ers are sent to advanced classes  
 after serving with the department  
 for some time.

Lt. John Kennedy of the College  
 Station Police Department said  
 they send officers through various  
 schools depending on when the  
 classes are offered and what the  
 department can afford.

Advanced training can be in  
 areas such as photography, leader-  
 ship management or advanced  
 firearms training.

Both the Bryan College Station  
 police departments requalify their  
 officers in the use of firearms once a  
 year, even though the state does  
 not require it.

Kennedy and Knowles both said  
 they would like to qualify their men  
 more often, but it takes about  
 10,000 rounds of ammunition for  
 each man and that is more money  
 than is in the budget.

Kennedy said a plan that would  
 qualify College Station's officers  
 twice a year in shotguns and off-  
 duty weapons is in the works.

At the training school, all the in-  
 structors are former law enforce-  
 ment officers. Ira Scott, division  
 head of the school, said, "We re-  
 quire that they (instructors) have  
 five years experience and we prefer  
 up to 10 years experience."

"We want them to be able to re-  
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 what they learned from the book."

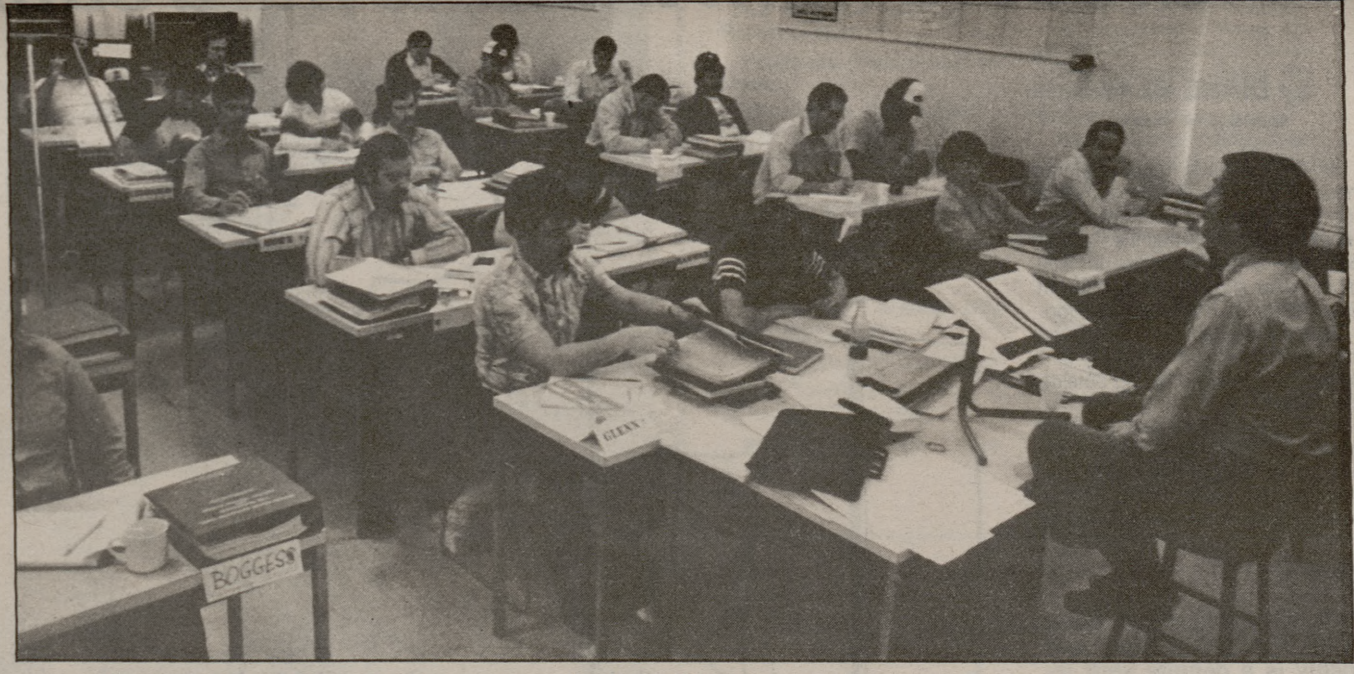
The school, the oldest police  
 training school in Texas, is located  
 on the Old Bryan Air Force Base on  
 Highway 21. Classes are held in  
 one of the old frame buildings in  
 cramped quarters.

The school will be moving to a  
 new building being built at the Ex-  
 tension Center sometime in April,  
 Scott said.

They will be sharing the building  
 with the Texas Transportation Insti-  
 tute. The police academy will  
 occupy 13,000 square feet on the  
 west side of the building, Scott said.

There will be seven classrooms  
 as well as an office and a full photo-  
 graphic lab.

The polygraph school will also be  
 moved into the new building.



Attorney Roland Searcy lectures on investigative procedures to a class at the Texas A&M Law Enforcement and Security Training School.



Handcuffs are one of the many types of security equipment that cadets must learn to handle effectively at the school.



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