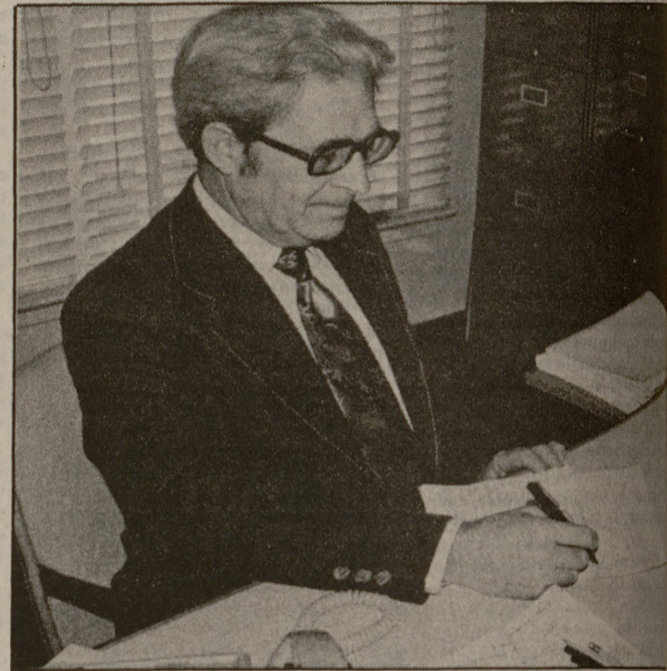


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Duties have changed in 33 years, policeman says

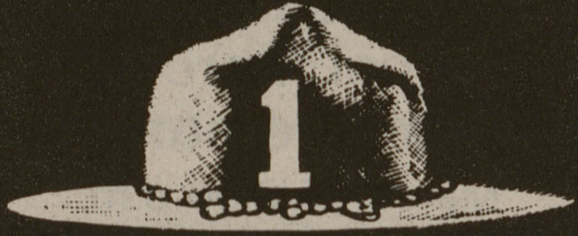
By MARY E. EGAN
Battalion Reporter
Reflecting upon 33 years as a campus policeman, Morris Maddox recalls makeshift, primitive communications systems, officers without sidearms, and much different student body.
The assistant police chief said

when he first came to Texas A&M University in 1947, his job was easier. Thefts were few and those that did occur usually were confined to hubcaps. But, then there weren't many cars either, he said. In fact, the University Police patrolled the old Air Base Annex on Highway 21 west of campus on horseback, Maddox said. At that time freshmen were housed there. A car was purchased later, he said, but that was only so that the night guard could drive back to campus to punch the time clock. Campus police were primarily guards rather than trained officers as they are now, Maddox said. They wore no sidearms, nor did they carry nightsticks. He recalls his first day on the job. "The police station was in a two-room office located in Goodwin Hall without a telephone at night," he said. "Callers had to phone the housing office across the hall and the housing staff would then turn a red light on that was on top of the building. "Patrolmen would then see the light and know they had a message," he said. From 1946-1951, many of the students attending Texas A&M were veterans who returned to school, Maddox said. The students were rowdier then, but Maddox said he feels "they were a different type of kid." "In the 1950s, there wasn't any marijuana smoking and very little stealing," he said. Maddox said he felt more comfortable when the University's enrollment was around 10,000, but he said he welcomes the change and women students.



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Morris Maddox has been a University policeman for 33 years.

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Student Y to sponsor Special Olympics run

Running enthusiasts will have the chance to compete and raise money for the Special Olympics when the Texas A&M Student Y Association sponsors a 10 kilometer run March 28.

All participants must pay a \$4 entry fee. Proceeds will be given to the National Special Olympics Committee to sponsor a handicapped child's participation in the National Olympics held during the summer.

Camille Dalton, a coordinator of the run, said trophies will be awarded to runners for first, second and third places, in men's and women's divisions. She said local restaurants have donated prizes and dinners to be given away in a drawing for all run participants. Free T-shirts will also be given to the first 100 persons who enter the run.

The 10 kilometer or 6.2 mile run is open to the public and will begin at 9:30 a.m. in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum and continue on a course around campus.

Entry forms can be picked up and returned to the Student Y cubicle in 216 Memorial Student Center. The deadline for entries is March 25. Anyone signing up after the deadline will be charged a \$5.00 entry fee.

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