

Publication process takes time

University Press assists writers

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Battalion Reporter
Becoming a published author may take a considerable amount of patience, but working with the Texas A&M University Press can make the task much easier. The Press, which now has

more than 100 books in print, publishes non-fiction works of established writers and also handles non-fiction manuscripts from amateurs. Director Lloyd G. Lyman said. Anyone can submit a manuscript for publication to the

Press, regardless of citizenship status, financial resources or experience.

The author's first step is to submit two copies of his manuscript to the publisher.

After the publisher receives the manuscript, a copy is sent to at least one expert in that particular field for evaluation. This

step normally takes six to nine weeks, Lyman said, but can take longer, depending on the availability of the person wanted for the evaluation.

If the manuscript receives a positive evaluation, it is then submitted to the University Press Committee for approval, Lyman said. If the response to

the manuscript is negative, then the author is usually turned down for publication.

The committee, which is composed of faculty from Texas A&M, decides if the manuscript has market potential.

Sometimes, after the committee approves a manuscript, publication is delayed because of the cost involved, Lyman said. If this happens, the author is encouraged to seek grants or donations from various foundations to finance the publication. The Press also will seek financial support for that particular manuscript.

After committee approval, the author signs a contract. At this point, royalty percentages are negotiated, Lyman said. The average royalty is about 10 percent of the net return.

The manuscript is then returned to the author for any revisions that the committee or experts may have recommended. While the copy editor works on the content of the book, the designer and production staff develop the design.

Promotion for the book is handled by the staff at the Press and may include radio and television interviews. Also, brochures on the book are mailed out, especially if the book is a scholarly work, he said.

Survey suggests Dallas residents safer from killers

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Residents of Houston and San Antonio are increasingly likely to be killed, but people in Dallas are safer — at least statistically — according to a national survey of homicide rates.

Raymond Teske, associate professor of criminal justice at Sam Houston State University, said 300 people were slain in Dallas last year — the first reduction in the city's homicide rate in two years.

Meanwhile, Dallas ranked seventh among the country's 10 largest cities on a per-capita basis.

Although numbers declined, the frequency with which Dallas residents killed each other was more than three times the national average. Dallas reported 33 homicides per 100,000 residents. The national average was 10 per 100,000.

Houston, with the fifth highest total in the nation last year, had 701 homicides, an increase of 68 over 1980. The Houston homicide rate was 44 per 100,000 residents.

San Antonio, ranked ninth, reported a record 182 homicides in 1981 compared to 164 the previous year. San Antonio recorded 23 homicides

per 100,000.

Dallas Police Chief King said he had no explanation for his city's decline in homicides. The city experienced a record 320 homicides in 1980.

"I don't think there's an explanation," King said.

"This is not a crime that is honestly responsive to police action," he said. "There is very much we can do to have an effect. Murder rates generally go up and down with societal conditions."

Police records indicate an increasing number of victims were selected at random, with many killed during robberies. Only about 10 percent of the victims knew their assailants, a sharp contrast with the national figures, more than 50 percent, he said.

The rise in random slayings may be attributed to Dallas' recent influx of out-of-state workers who have remained unemployed, Teske said.

"In many cases, the workers are unskilled, while most of the jobs require high technical skills," he said. "The jobs are not available, so you have a high density of people who are more likely to be involved in fighting and drinking."

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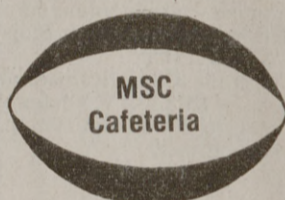
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