

# Institute to turn out book about airport ordinances

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The Texas Aeronautics Commission has asked the Texas Transportation Institute to produce a book to provide Texas cities with guidelines to follow when making airport ordinances, said George Dresser, program manager of the Texas A&M transportation planning program.

The booklet will be designed to help cities pass ordinances to protect citizens against airport noise and to protect airports from possible height hazards. It will explain the new state airport zoning act passed in September 1981 to enable cities to pass the airport ordinances at the local level, Dresser said.

For example, local govern-

ment can set restrictions on the construction of high towers or buildings within a controlled area of privately owned airports. The law allowing control of height hazards in publicly owned airports has been in effect for some time, Dresser said.

Privately owned airports now can be protected under the new zoning act.

Coulter Field in Bryan already has passed the new height hazard ordinance and College Station is currently updating the height hazard ordinances for Easterwood Airport. It will be an important step with all the development taking place in the area, Dresser said.

City ordinances resulting from the new act would improve conditions in privately owned

airports by preventing the construction of new buildings or replacement of old ones in developing areas, Dresser said.

The controlled area includes land around the airport measuring five miles from each end of the runways and 1.5 miles from each side of the runways, Dresser said.

A new law went into effect along with the new act which sets restrictions on land use within the controlled area. Residential areas and schools are not allowed to build within the area,

but the land can be used for agricultural or industrial purposes.

"This way, the city can make sure what takes place within the controlled area is compatible with airport noise," Dresser said. The act also provides counties with municipal zoning powers.

The new act doesn't actually set any of the restrictions, but enables cities to make the ordinances. The guideline book gives cities the steps to follow when making the ordinances, Dresser said.

# College surveys liberal arts grads

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Texas A&M University liberal arts graduates earn an average yearly salary above \$12,000, according to a recent survey conducted by the College of Liberal Arts.

Yearly salaries for the graduates range from \$1,440 to \$28,000.

"I was extremely encouraged by the results," Mary Robertson, undergraduate adviser in the college, said. She said the results should bring more students into the college, which now has an undergraduate enrollment of about 1,500.

The college has been sending questionnaires to graduates since December 1979. Approximately 27 per cent of the questionnaires sent out were completed and returned.

Over half of the graduates from the college find jobs in their career areas, the survey

showed. And most students got their jobs through personal contacts, Robertson said.

Graduates found jobs mostly in Houston, Dallas and San Antonio, because companies from these cities recruit at the University, she said.

The survey showed that over one fourth of the liberal arts graduates are in graduate or professional schools. Approximately 7 per cent have temporary jobs, more than 6 per cent have entered the military and 2.9 per cent are unemployed.

The general questions asked in the survey showed most students who have higher paying jobs participated in the co-op program, completed a career-opportunity minor or took business courses and utilized the services of the Career Planning and Placement Center.

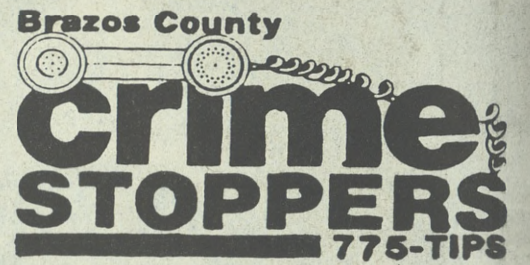
Questionnaires are sent to students six to eight weeks after graduation.

# Information on stolen \$10,000 bike sought

Crime Stoppers is looking for information this week about the theft of a custom-built \$10,000 motorcycle, one of 400 motor vehicles stolen in Brazos County last year.

The racing bike was taken from a rented storage building at 602 Southwest Parkway in College Station between Dec. 15 and Feb. 14.

The white 1979 Yamaha TZ-250 has a red-striped tank and seat mounted on a chrome frame. The bike has suck tires with gold five-spoke mags and a 250cc water-cooled engine with white Briggs and Stratton fuel filters.



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# Nicaragua missionary expulsions 'laughable'

United Press International  
DALLAS — Relatives of a Texas missionary couple expelled from Nicaragua said the claims sparking the deportation would be laughable if the situation were not so serious.

Francis and Angela Wallace were among 19 Jehovah's Witnesses ordered to pack their bags and leave the Central American country Saturday.

A Nicaraguan Interior Ministry communique said the missionaries were deported for "carrying out campaigns against the revolution, manipulating the religious sentiment of the people and inciting antipatriotic activities."

Wallace, 63, of Whitney — 50

miles south of Fort Worth — and his wife, 54, were sent to Panama with 8 other missionaries. The additional nine deported missionaries were sent to Costa Rica.

"They have been deported on the claim that they are anti-revolutionary," said Katherine Fedorka, Wallace's sister in Fort Worth.

"That is so far from what they are that it would be laughable if it were not so serious."

"They have always encouraged people to patiently obey the laws of the land — not to create wars, problems and distress."

Wallace had been in Nicaragua since 1946 and considered

it his home, his sister said.

Wallace was among the first Jehovah's Witnesses to go to the country. He met his wife in Nicaragua five years later when she also was sent to be a missionary, Fedorka said.

"They've been a little bit uneasy ever since the new government came into power because it had leanings toward communism," she said. "They (communists) do their very best to get rid of Jehovah's Witnesses."

Nicaragua, a Central American nation of 2.5 million, is ruled by the leftist Sandinista National Liberation Front which took power in July 1979 after ousting former dictator Anastasio Somoza, a staunch U.S. ally.

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# Beating death draws FBI

United Press International  
HOUSTON — Federal officials said Monday that they plan to look into an investigation involving the fatal beating of a teenager. A Harris County deputy constable has been charged with murder and civil rights violations in the case.

Assistant Lupe Salinas, head of the U.S. Attorney's civil rights division, said his office and the

FBI will look into the beating death of Steven G. Barnette, 17, who died early Saturday. Two Harris County sheriff's deputies have been relieved of duty with pay, but whether they are involved is unknown at this time.

Harris County Deputy Constable Billy Hampton McCreight, 44, remained free on \$20,000 bond. Friends and relatives described McCreight, a former

Pentacostal minister from West Virginia, as a calm and patient man.

The two deputy sheriffs relieved from duty — William T. Gordon, 39, and William Whigham, 40 — refused to comment about the case.

"I wish I could give you the whole statement I gave them (investigators), but I just can't. I'm under strict orders not to comment," Gordon said.

Harris County District Attorney John Holmes said the two deputy sheriffs' involvement in the death was "not as great — if any at all."

Barnette died after undergoing emergency surgery at Hermann Hospital, hospital spokesman Steve Smith said.

Dr. Joseph Jachimczyk of the Harris County medical examiner's office said an autopsy revealed Barnette died of a ruptured spleen caused by blunt trauma to the abdomen.

He said a spleen can be ruptured by a good solid blow or by running into something forcefully. No bruises or scatches were on Barnette's body, Jachimczyk said.

An arrest affidavit signed by Assistant District Attorney Terry Wilson, who heads the county's civil rights division, said McCreight struck Barnette with his hands and fists, knowing his conduct was unlawful.

Sheriff Jack Heard would not

comment and McCreight's boss, Constable James L. Douglas, said: "Until I make an investigation myself, the only stand I can take is that I don't think (McCreight) is guilty."

Barnette's aunt said conflicting statements were given to family members. She said she was told her nephew had suffered a heart attack and also that he had overdosed in a holding cell.

Thomas Ray said Barnette "had a temper if you pushed him. He was shy and had a nice girlfriend. He has never been in trouble before except for parking tickets."

Investigators said two youths were reported burglarizing a house late Friday in Channelview, east of Houston. A neighbor chased the two youths and apprehended only Barnette, they said.

The investigators said McCreight, who has been a law officer about 18 months, Gordon and Whigham, took the handcuffed youth back to the burglarized house for questioning. McCreight then reportedly told the other two officers, "Let's take him somewhere where we can talk to him," investigators said.

The officers took the youth to a bayou. Barnette allegedly had been struck several times in the chest and abdomen and kicked in the groin, investigators said.

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