

# Texas police subject to frequent attacks

by Christie Johnson

**Battalion Reporter**  
More police officers are assaulted in the line of duty in Texas than in any other state in the nation, says the chief of the Law Enforcement Training Division of the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service.

Chief Patrick Dalager said he believes the cause of a steady increase in number of assaults on policemen is not because of ineffective officer training, but can instead be attributed to an enormous population increase in Texas since 1977.

Dalager said many people move here from the north and northeast regions of the United States in order to "make a fast buck" and often use theft, burglary or robbery as their means of doing so.

"Texas police officers are just not used to being hassled," Dalager said. He added that many native Texans, who typically have rural attitudes, learn early from their parents not to hassle law enforcement officials.

The Enforcement and Training Division offers a Confrontation Survival and Stress Management Course designed to train police officers who are placed in stressful situations of extraordinary violence.

"We manage the violence, we don't let the violence manage us," he said. "We are not part of the problem, we are part of the solution. That's the key to this whole thing."

Dalager said that in 99.2 percent of cases when law enforcers are subjected to violence, the situation can usually be handled by the use of hands, as opposed to lethal weapons.

The course concentrates its efforts on these violent situations so the officer can learn to handle himself in a way that neither he nor the person he is dealing with will be injured, Dalager said.

The key emphasis of the course is placed on the prevention of violence, he said, but if officers must be confronted

with extreme violence they should learn to deal with it as efficiently as possible.

Officers are trained to recognize different aggression levels of violent persons and then learn ways to deal with them.

The program is designed to build the officer's confidence in his ability to handle weapons so he will have the assurance of knowing he doesn't have to shoot, Dalager said.

The course is taught on campus at the Law Enforcement and Security Training Complex, located at the research and extension center. It is offered year-round and usually one two-day session per month is scheduled.

Any law enforcement official may voluntarily sign up for the course or may be advised by his department superiors to enroll in the course, Dalager said.

The enforcement and training division has been in official operation for about eight months. Officers from 11 states, seven federal agencies and five foreign states have been enrolled in the program.

Dalager said about 2,500 law enforcement officers are expected to enroll this year.

# RHA ups United Way goal

by Holly Powell

**Battalion Reporter**

The Residence Hall Association this year plans to exceed its last year's donation to United Way by \$1,000, the president of the organization said Tuesday.

"Last year we raised \$3,000, but we're hoping to raise at least \$4,000 this year," President Kelli Kiesling said.

The money is raised from one of RHA's first activities of the semester — Almost Anything Goes.

For a \$15 entrance fee, each dormitory can sponsor a team of five men and five women to compete in outdoor games. All proceeds will go to United Way.

Another RHA activity is the Adopt-a-Fish program. For a small pro-rated activity fee, off-campus freshmen can participate in dorm social events. The idea behind the Adopt-a-Fish program is for freshmen to get acquainted with other Aggies.

Other RHA activities for the school year will include: the annual Christmas caroling, RHA Casino and the Halloween costume judging and street dance.

RHA members are looking for more freshman and sophomore involvement in the organization.

"We want to start from the ground up because RHA affects people where they live," Kiesling said. Students can run for posi-

tions in RHA or just come to the meetings to submit their ideas and suggestions, she said.

RHA officials share the ideas and suggestions of students who live on campus with the Department of Student Affairs.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in RHA or its activities should go by 215 Pavilion or attend the next meeting at 7 p.m., Sept. 20 in 155 Blocker Bldg. (Formerly the A&A Building).

# Young diabetics helped by film

by David Manning

**Battalion Reporter**

The Brazos County Diabetic Chapter is sponsoring a free film today aimed at young people with diabetes.

"Sugar Mountain Blues" takes a no-nonsense approach to the problems diabetics face everyday, Lis Batson, president of the local chapter says.

The movie offers new hope to juvenile diabetics, Batson said, since the plot centers around a group of young people on a mountain climbing trip who are dealing with their diabetes problems.

The film will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Bryan Chamber of Commerce Building located at 401 S.

Washington St. in downtown Bryan.

"We have doctors, dieticians and counselors speak to diabetics who come to us with questions," she said.

Batson estimated there are about 300 to 500 people with diabetes in Bryan and College Station, excluding Texas A&M students.

Their program provides blood-glucose testing, films, counseling, guest speakers and other general information vital to all diabetics.

For more information on the chapter and its program contact Lis Batson at 775-6607.



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# PUC needs to consider lost income, expert says

United Press International

AUSTIN — In revising Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.'s rates, the Public Utility Commission should consider the loss of revenue from large business customers who buy alternative communications systems, an economist says.

In written testimony filed Monday, Dr. Alfred E. Kahn said the PUC must make allowances for revenues Southwestern Bell will lose once it is split from its parent company, American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Kahn, an economics professor at Cornell University who was once former President Jimmy Carter's top economic adviser, has been retained by Bell to testify on behalf of its \$1.7 billion rate case.

Kahn said Southwestern Bell is in danger of losing millions of dollars to large customers who will bypass the Bell System by developing their own communication systems through satellite, microwave, radio and cable television.

"Once big users can circumvent the excessive charges, once competitors can enter the markets in which prices are held far above costs, the flow of subsidizing dollars from interchange charges to local must eventually dry up," he said.

The former chairman of the Council on Wage and Price Stability in Carter's administration will appear at the PUC next Monday for cross examination on his testimony.

Kahn's testimony was bolstered by the testimony Monday of another Bell consultant, Dr. Joseph S. Kraemer of Washington, D.C.

Kraemer, the first of more than 40 witnesses, said a survey of large Texas business customers showed 39 percent of them already are engaging in what he called "bypass" and 56 percent planned to do it in the future.

Each of the customers surveyed presently pays Bell more than \$65,000 a month for phone services, he said.

PUC hearing examiner earlier Monday cleared the way for testimony to begin on a key phase of Southwestern Bell's rate case.

Hearing examiner Mary Ross McDonald denied motions to dismiss or delay hearings on proposed "access" charges sought by Bell that would amount to \$4-a-month for residential customers.

Bell's overall proposed rate schedule would triple rates to its Texas customers.

Southwestern Bell is seeking to charge its customers — residential, business and long-distance specialty companies — \$753 million for the right to have access to its telecommunications network.

The company claims it will need the revenues to make up the loss in long distance revenues that will occur when it is divested from AT&T on Jan. 1.

have the case dismissed because they said there was inadequate evidence to support Bell's case.

Hearings on the \$1.2 billion portion of Bell's rate case are not scheduled to begin until Oct. 24.

Ray Besing, a lawyer for MCI, said Southwestern Bell has not filed adequate data to substantiate the need for access charges, and has based much of its case of conjecture and "rank hearsay."

"What we think is not evidence," he said. "It's that simple. It's that profound. This case ought to be dismissed."

Besing said Bell was asking for higher rates, but was not offering any improvement in service.

"I don't think you're going to find any testimony that what Texas consumers are going to get Jan. 1 is any different from what they're getting now," he said. "A fellow ought not to pay for more than what he gets."

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