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STATE AND LOCAL A&M policema reminisces after 37 years of duty

By TRENT LEOPOLD Staff Writer

"They are going to let me keep my badge," Maj. Morris A. Maddox, as-sistant director for administration at the University Police Department said Friday.

Tomorrow at 5 p.m., after 37 years and five months with the uni-versity police, Maddox will retire. Maddox has held many positions at the department, including chief, pince he because his carear here Sent

since he began his career here Sept. 1, 1947.

"When I first started as a patrol-man, if someone would have told me I would stay here 37 years, I would have told them they were crazy," Maddox said.

Since then Maddox has had seve-ral opportunities to take other jobs elsewhere.

"I am glad I never did make a change," Maddox said. "I have made some good close friends since coming here.

"Also, I feel like I had a lot to do with getting Mr. Wiatt to join our de-partment as Director of Security and Traffic by promising him I would stay a couple of years to help him get started and adjusted to the depart-

ment. "He (Bob Wiatt) has done things for the department that no one else has been able to do."

Maddox said he has seen some changes here during the past 37 years as the University grew from an enrollment of less than five thousand to its current student population of 36,827.

"I first started working here as a patrolman," Maddox said. "There were eight other patrolmen, one sec-retary and the chief. We all worked out of two rooms

in Goodwin Hall, which was then lo-cated in the middle of the campus. The department was known as Cam-pus Security and owned one car with no radio.

'We used the car to check offcampus property such as Eas-terwood Airport and the dairy farm.

Today the department has 76 full-time positions, 15 part-time posi-tions and 15 cars equipped with radios, Maddox said.

"When the women started coming here is when a lot more cars began showing up around campus," he

"Today there really isn't a lack of parking spaces on campus, just a lack of close-in spaces where people want to park. People don't want to park all the way across the railroad tracks and walk to the main camp-

Couple held on charges after 3 children die in fire



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Maj. Morris A. Maddox

Although Maddox said grow the most memorable event long career, he also remember Texas A&M students kidn ped Bevo.

"We looked for Bevo day night," Maddox said. "We look over Brazos County. We even!

Texas Ranger working with us we never did find him." Maddox said people would the police and tell them where was, but by the time they would there he was moved to another

"Finally at the end of the w the guys who stole him turned in," Maddox said. "He was ka good shape, but they sure did a job of hiding him."

Maddox also can remember w most of the roads on campus w gravel, parking permits wet cents and the parking regular handbook was about one-fourth current time. current size.

"When I first came here, could buy a metal parking per for a quarter," he said. "The w simple metal tags that were bu on the car or truck with the lia plate.

"Since then the price of a per has steadily gone up. The bigged crease was in 1973 when the p doubled from \$18 to \$36. That about the time they decided to

women come to school here." Now A&M staff can pay as mu as \$150 for a plastic sticker permitting you to park in the basement Zachry.

"I will be back on campus," said. "I haven't missed a footh game in 37 years and I don't plan start missing them now. "I am not going to just get upa leave.

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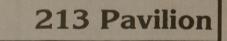
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HOUSTON — A Houston woman and her common-law husband were jailed on charges of involuntary manslaughter and injury to a child after the woman's three chil-dren were killed in a fire while the couple watched the Super Bowl at a neighbor's house. Cheryl Davis, 20, and Jeffry Wil-lis, 20, were held Monday on \$2,000 hond each

bond each.

Paul Davis, 4, Patricia Davis, 3, and Joshua Davis, 1, died in a fire in-vestigators believe started in a space heater which had no front grill.

The three were alone in the house the night of Jan. 20 while Davis and Willis were at the neighbor's house, senior Houston arson investigator Buddy Cox said.

"We think the children were play ing with the space heater and sar the fire," arson investigator J Sena said.

Authorities said Davis and Wa first explained their absence by s ing they had been outside fur their car in freezing weather with the fire broke out. The woman changed her story, saying she outside picking up the childre toys.

Investigator Lee Johnson saidt pair later acknowledged that the went to the neighbor's house, be watching the football game, in heard fire trucks and saw that th house was on fire.

Johnson said the couple pressed little remorse.

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