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## Merchants increasing security

By ANDY RICHARDSON  
Reporter

Shoplifters beware! Bryan-College Station merchants and police are beefing up their security programs in anticipation of holiday season shoplifting.

Lt. Bernard Kapella of the College Station Police Department says that nationwide merchandise losses are estimated at \$3.5 billion annually.

Locally, shoplifting increases 15 to 20 percent during the Christmas shopping season, Kapella says.

Sgt. Choya Walling of the Bryan Police Department says the increase in theft is due to the increase of people in the store, which makes it easier for shoplifters to operate.

Also, Walling says, more people are trying to stretch the dollar at this time of the year, and this leads to shoplifting.

Local shopkeepers are working closely with police in the battle against shoplifting.

Walling says the department offers a shoplifting awareness program for local businesses.

The program is designed to help employees be more aware of what to look for when watching for possible shoplifters and to show store managers how they can better arrange inventories so they are less accessible.

Kapella says some of the techniques used by shoplifters are unique.

For example, he says, many women wear fake fronts under their clothing to appear pregnant.

False bottoms on shopping bags are another popular guise for shoplifters.

Parents also use their children as a front by putting articles in the child's stroller, Kapella says.

The average woman, he says, can carry up to 18 pounds between her legs under her dress and such things as hams, bacon and pork chops have been taken this way.

Clark Petty, operations manager for Dillard's department store, says professional shoplifters follow certain techniques.

Petty says the store has discovered professionals who travel from town

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### Ouch!

Blood donor Matt Hutchings, an A&M senior psychology major, clenches his fist as Loretta Porter of the Wadley Blood Bank prepares to take his blood. The Blood Drive, sponsored by Alpha Phi

Omega, Omega Phi Alpha and Student Government, ends Thursday. Donations can be made at the Commons, Pavilion, Fish Pond or the Memorial Student Center fountain.

Photo by GREG BAILEY

## Top officials to study case of Soviet sailor

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Immigration and Naturalization Service has completed an internal probe into its handling of would-be Soviet defector Miroslav Medvid, and that report is being reviewed by the Justice Department, an administration official said Monday.

The official, declining to be identified publicly, said the INS report was being studied by high-ranking officials at the department, including aides to Attorney General Edwin Meese and Deputy Attorney General D. Lowell Jensen.

Meese will likely review the report before any final action is taken, the official said.

Vice President George Bush, in New Orleans on Monday to speak to the National Association of Realtors, said he was concerned about an ap-

pearance that the Reagan administration had changed its position on the Medvid issue.

"It doesn't look good," he said. "My heart is troubled by it." Bush said American authorities did all they could to find out whether Medvid wanted to defect.

Meanwhile, Peter Roussel, a White House spokesman, declined to comment on a published report that the White House favors punishment for officials found responsible for prematurely returning Medvid to his ship.

The Washington Times quoted an unidentified senior administration official as saying: "It is in order that the investigation of this incident should lead to severe disciplinary action and a clear record of punishment."

## Americans honor veterans with dedications

Associated Press

Weeping at The Alamo and beating drums along the nation's main streets, Americans Monday honored those who fought their wars, holding Veterans Day vigils, memorial dedications and parades — including a controversial march in New York that excluded a homosexual veterans group.

While the wife of a missing Navy pilot was delivering thousands of letters to officials of Vietnam, demanding help in tracking down those still unaccounted for, President Reagan called on the nation to remember "the things that will continue the peace."

Speaking to a crowd of 6,000 at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, Reagan said, "All we can do is remember them and what they did and why they had to be brave for us. All we can do is try to see that other young men never have to join them."

A somber service concluded a four-day vigil by Vietnam veterans in front of The Alamo in San Antonio

also in remembrance of the 2,500 combatants who never returned from the Southeast Asian war.

"There's a patrol still out," said Michael Martin, who led a 300-mile march of veterans from Dallas to San Antonio last week. Some in the audience wept.

In New York, angry members of the Gay Veterans Association protested a decision barring them from marching under the group's banner in the annual American Legion parade down Fifth Avenue. The group held a separate wreath-laying.

The American Legion barred homosexuals from taking part as an organized group, and two federal court rulings upheld the ban.

"We wouldn't have minded them marching as individuals, we have gays in our organization," said John Morahan, spokesman for the parade. "But we didn't want them coming in with signs about AIDS."

Mayor Edward I. Koch used the parade podium to blast the exclu-

## Veterans end march across Texas at Alamo

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — About 250 Vietnam veterans sang, chanted and marched in front of the Alamo Monday, saying they would not rest until all the missing American soldiers in Southeast Asia are found.

"Keep the fires burning; there's a patrol still out," said Michael Martin, who led a 300-mile march from Dallas to San Antonio last week.

Martin, 36, said he organized the march to honor Vietnam veterans and to dramatize the need for an accounting of the 2,500 missing American soldiers in Vietnam.

Mayor Henry Cisneros spoke at

the Veterans Day ceremony and read the names of 19 San Antonio soldiers listed as missing in action since Sept. 1, 1969.

Cisneros asked the crowd for a moment of silence and prayer "in hopes that they are well and that sometime in the future on Veterans Day they will be in our midst."

Cisneros' comments were met with shouts of "Bring 'em all home," and "Bring 'em back."

"I don't know of any other ceremony that will have more heart-felt emotion in the country than this one," Cisneros said.

After his remarks, Cisneros was presented with an MIA bracelet with

the name of Julian Escobedo, a San Antonio soldier missing in action since Sept. 1, 1969.

Escobedo's sister, Felicia Sandoval, Escobedo's sister, said she and her mother presented the bracelet to Cisneros "just to bring awareness of all the men that are still missing. So the people won't forget."

Sandoval said her brother, then 20, was among seven people aboard a helicopter that crashed in Vietnam. The bodies of the six others were recovered but there was no trace of her brother, she said.

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## Faculty Senate may investigate divestiture issue

By MARYBETH ROHSNER  
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The Faculty Senate passed a resolution Monday stating that the group would consider in December a proposal to form a committee to investigate the possible divestiture of Texas A&M's interests in South African corporations.

If the proposal is approved by the senate next month, a committee will be formed to gather information on the University's holdings in South Africa and report to the Faculty Senate, which would then suggest action to President Vandiver and the Board of Regents.

Faculty Senator Chester Dunning, acting for the Liberal Arts caucus, brought the resolution to the floor in the last few minutes of the meeting. Dunning said he wants a group to explore the issues of divestiture.

"We want to be armed with the facts to present to the Faculty Senate," Dunning said. He said Students Against Apartheid estimates the University's holdings in white-controlled South Africa total 1 percent to 2 percent of A&M's investments.

Senate speaker Jaan Laane said

the senate's executive committee last month denied Dunning's request to place a divestiture appeal to the Board of Regents on the November agenda because the committee felt the senate had authority only in matters of direct importance to A&M.

In other business, the senate approved a proposal to drop the final oral examination now required for M.B.A. students.

The senate also approved the following for submission to President Vandiver:

• A request for a graduate degree program for health physics to be administered by the nuclear engineering department.

• A proposal to create intercollegiate faculties to administer undergraduate degree programs in academic disciplines which cross departmental lines and disciplines for which no department exists.

• A proposal that would allow the return of approximately 2 percent of the total amount of a research grant to the primary researcher instead of the researcher's department or college. The funds would be used as "seed money" for new research projects.

## Women's studies

Seven classes available for interested students at A&M

By SONDRRA PICKARD  
Reporter

Seven classes that focus on the study of women currently are available at Texas A&M.

One of the major priorities of the Women's Studies Task Force at the University is to increase student awareness of these classes and inform students that it is possible to minor in the subject.

Six of the classes are taught at the undergraduate level and one is an interdisciplinary graduate course in education.

• English 374: Women Writers. In this class, students read works written by women from the late 18th and early 19th centuries into the present, including fiction, poetry, short stories and plays.

"I definitely think that women's literature has been neglected," says Dr. Harriette Andreadis, associate professor of English and course instructor. "Even though there have been some attempts to redress that in traditional curriculum, and even though we get a couple of women on most syllabi now, when a student goes in to take a class, the balance hasn't really been redressed, by any means, enough."

"One or two women may be included in the course, but you don't really get a sense of how women's writing is often different from men's or how their concerns or visions of the world are different."

English 374 will be offered in the spring on Mondays, Wednesdays

and Fridays at 2 p.m. The prerequisite is completion of a freshman writing requirement.

• History 461: History of American Women.

• History 489E: A History of Modern American Women.

Dr. Sara Alpern is the instructor of the course, and, according to her syllabus on History 461, the class "surveys relevant religious, legal, political and cultural factors which helped shape the role and character of women in American society from colonial times to the present."

Women's historical role in the nation's development is examined "along with women's continuing attempts to achieve political, economic and social equality," the syllabus says.

In History 489E, the syllabus says the "emergence of the American woman in the 1890s and her history through the 1980s" is studied. According to the syllabus, women are examined as "organizers, innovators, political reformers, workers, social activists, housewives, mothers, consumers and feminists."

"In both courses I stress a multidimensional approach to women's history," Alpern says. "I don't just focus on prominent women in history."

Alpern recommends her classes to students who are interested in learning about the various dimensions of women's lives.

"I think that students will get a sense of what it was like to be a woman during those time periods," Alpern says. "It's a good way for the

men to gain insights into female perspectives over time."

History 489E will be offered in the spring on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. There is no prerequisite for the class. Hist 461 will not be offered next semester.

• Psychology 300: Psychology of Women.

A student taking Psychology 300 will begin by learning to evaluate research and make logical conclusions based on that research.

The content of the class includes learning about the biological and social influences on sex differences, studying the female menstrual cycle and its influence on behavior and identifying how women are presented differently in the media.

The class also focuses on women's issues, dating relationships, sexuality, rape and women in the work force.

Dr. Charlene Muehlenhard, assistant professor of psychology and course instructor, says women have been neglected in the field of psychology, and because most of the theories only apply to males, students only get the male perspective.

"In our society, women are put into a double bind," Muehlenhard says. "They are expected to be feminine, but society expects something different from them at the same time."

Muehlenhard describes this double bind as a choice of being either feminine or competent. She says most of our society thinks a woman must be one or the other, without

achieving an equal mix of the two.

"It's easier for someone to deal with these kinds of problems if they know what is actually going on," Muehlenhard says. "Sometimes society's expectations of a woman are not always the best for her."

Psychology 300 will be offered this spring on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. The prerequisite for the class is completion of Psychology 107.

• Sociology 424: Women and Work in Contemporary Society.

Dr. Elizabeth Maret, associate professor of sociology and course instructor, says her class starts out with a discussion of the meaning of work and looks at the divisions of labor by sex in work organizations. The concept of gender stratification then is introduced.

Students also learn assumptions about the nature and nurture of women, influences on women's work roles, consequences of women's work, women in the paid work force, women in traditional occupations and women in non-traditional occupations such as management, science and agriculture.

Sociology 424 will be offered this spring on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. There is no prerequisite for the class.

• Sociology 489: Sex Roles and Society.

Dr. Barbara Finlay, associate professor of sociology and course in-

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