

## Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to the Texas A&M University Police Department through Monday:

**MISDEMEANOR THEFT:**  
 • A television channel box was stolen from the Hotard Hall television room.

• Eight bicycles were stolen.  
 • Three backpacks were stolen.  
 • Four wallets were stolen.

**FELONY THEFT:**  
 • A 1979 Chevrolet Camaro was stolen from Parking Annex 62.

• A Chevrolet LT was stolen from PA 61.  
 • A Chevrolet Camaro Z-28 was stolen from PA 56.

**BURGLARY OF A BUILDING:**  
 • Someone entered the gift shop at Olsen Field and stole about \$1,000 in gifts.

**BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:**  
 • The t-tops, two pair of pants, four shirts and a skirt were stolen from a 1980 Chevrolet Camaro parked in PA 61.

**ASSAULT:**  
 • A woman reported that while she was teaching a class in the Physics Building, a man

walked up to her and mashed a cream pie into her face. The man was somehow identified and contacted by police. The man said someone named "Dave" paid him \$5 to commit the act. No charges were filed by the woman.

• An A&M professor said that while he was walking near PA 52, some people who were riding by in a truck threw water balloons at him.

• A woman reported that while she was walking on Throckmorton Street, a man riding on a dirt bike pinched her rear as he went by.

**CRIMINAL TRESPASS:**  
 • A staff member in the Biological Sciences Building West reported seeing several times a man walk into a second-floor ladies restroom. The staff member said the man stays in the room until a woman enters and then leaves the room without saying anything.

**BURGLARY OF A HABITATION:**  
 • About \$40 was stolen from a room in Legett Hall.

• A camera was stolen from Law Hall.  
 • About \$85 was stolen from two rooms in Dorm 6.

# Students now must pick up aid checks

By Mary Ann Fisher  
 Reporter

Texas A&M's business office no longer will mail checks to students for any funds remaining in their financial aid accounts after tuition and fees are paid next fall, says Taft Benson, director of student financial aid.

He says students receiving financial aid next fall still will have funds placed in an account created in their name.

Students can pick up their checks next fall in the Coke Building, he says. If students aren't aware that they have additional funds or don't pick up their checks, he says, they will be notified by mail.

Checks must be picked up by the end of the semester they're awarded for, he says, or the money will be forfeited. Forfeited money is placed back into an account, which is divided into two pools, he says.

One pool is for students who are Texas residents and the other is for out-of-state and foreign students, he says.

The funds then are reallocated to other students needing financial assistance, he says. If time allows, the money is real-

*located the semester that it is forfeited.*  
 This semester students received checks within a few weeks after classes started, he says, but the system created problems for the business office.

The main problem was that students who lost their eligibility for financial aid also were receiving checks because the computer had not processed the new information yet, Benson says.

He says they were having problems getting the money back from students.

These students were billed later for the amount they were mistakenly given, he says.

Benson says some students lost

their eligibility because they failed to meet certain standards.

A student must maintain a 2.0 grade-point ratio and be enrolled in at least 12 hours to qualify for certain federal and state funds based on need, such as the Texas Public Educational Grant, he says.

If the student's grades fall below a 2.0, he is put on probation for one semester and given the chance to bring his grades up, Benson says.

If the student fails to bring his grades up during that probationary semester, he is dropped from financial aid the following semester.

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Benson says the business office wanted to wait until after the 12th class day, when students officially are enrolled in classes, to disperse any financial aid.

This would prevent giving students who have withdrawn from the University financial aid.

This would create a problem for students, particularly those living off campus who must pay security deposits, he says.

He says he's spoken with several students who say they would not be able to attend school unless they had their money before classes begin.

Benson says that after a discussion, both offices decided it was in the students' best interest to disperse funds as early as possible, usually a week before classes begin.

To help students better plan for the coming academic school year, Benson says the financial aid office will mail award letters earlier this year informing students how much aid will be available to them.

He says the office is computerizing the process of matching students' needs to available funds.

Students who file for financial aid within the deadline next Tuesday can expect to receive award letters by the end of June, he says.

# Group files suit to halt subsidized slaughter of dairy cows

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Cattlemen's Association has filed suit in the U.S. District Court of Lubbock to halt the subsidized slaughter of nearly a million dairy cows, saying the influx of beef is seriously depressing cattle markets.

The suit against the Agriculture Department means the "whole-herd buyout" program is now under fire on at least two fronts. A federal judge in Rochester, N.Y., has tempo-

rarily blocked the program because of complaints from the Humane Society about a requirement that cows destined for slaughter be branded on the face.

A hearing has been scheduled for Monday on whether to make that injunction permanent.

The cattlemen's association said the department's failure to spread out the slaughter of dairy herds evenly over the life of the 18-month

program has resulted in a heavy oversupply and plummeting prices in both the live cattle and futures markets.

Department officials put the program into effect on April 1 in an effort to reduce the nation's persistent dairy-surplus problem. It will spend \$1.8 billion over the next 18 months to pay dairy farmers to slaughter their herds. Farmers themselves will pay about 38 percent of the subsidy

cost through assessments on their milk production.

While not commenting directly on the suit, Undersecretary for Commodity Programs Daniel Amstutz said cow sales were heavily loaded into the early part of the program because of dairy producers' need for immediate cash.

Amstutz said some of the distribu-

tion of herd liquidations was dictated by bid levels and costs. The department would have had to pay more, he said, had bids been made later. He added that the department is doing its best to buy enough meat in the early period to offset the glut.

Chuck Ball, a spokesman for the cattlemen's association, said the beef cattle producers who sold animals during the past week lost about \$25

million because of price drops averaging \$2 to \$3 per hundred pounds.

"Unless the buyout is halted or precisely scheduled marketings ordered, losses will mount even higher in the coming weeks," the organization said in a statement.

Ball said the buyout "has totally disrupted normal cattle marketing. It's just falling apart on us."



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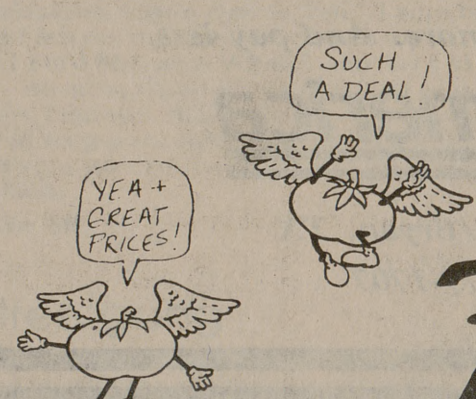
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 Gung Ho (PG-13) nightly  
 7:30 9:45

Hannah and her sisters (PG-13)  
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Lucas (PG-13) nightly  
 7:20 9:20 Last week ends Thurs.

Cinema III  
 Skaggs Center 846-6714  
 The Money Pit (PG) nightly  
 7:20 9:20

Care Bears Movie II (G) 1:00 7:00

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Boys next door (R) nightly 7:40 9:40

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PLAZA 3  
 226 Southwest Pkwy 846-9187

\*PRETTY IN PINK PG-13 7:20 9:40

\*THE COLOR PURPLE PG-13 7:20 9:40

\*OUT OF AFRICA PG 7:20 9:40

MANOR EAST 3  
 Manor East Mall 846-1616

\*DOWN AND OUT IN BEVERLY HILLS R 7:20 9:40

WILDCATS R 7:20 9:40

\*SLEEPING BEAUTY G 7:15 9:35

SCHULMAN 6  
 2002 E. 29th 775-940

POLICE ACADEMY 3 PG 7:20 9:40

P.O.W. THE ESCAPE R. 7:20 9:40

\*CROSSROADS R 7:25 9:45

MURPHY'S ROMANCE R 7:20 9:40

\*BACK TO THE FUTURE PG 7:20 9:40

\*APRIL FOOL'S DAY R 7:25 9:45

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