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Police Beat

ment from April 17 through last HARASSMENT Friday:

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:

• Five pairs of women's un-derwear were stolen from a dryer in the Mosher Hall laundry room. A total of 13 pairs have been sto-len within the last two weeks.

• A surveillance officer saw a student remove a 15-foot square piece of synthetic turf from a rack on Kyle Field. Another officer working surveillance saw a man remove a 5-foot by 4-foot piece of turf from the rack.

• A three-inch buck knife was removed from a laboratory in the Medical Sciences Building.
A student reported that his

Aggie ring was stolen from a wash basin in a first floor restroom of the Agriculture Building. THEFT BY CHECK:

• An MSC official reported the head with a softball bat.

The following were reported that the bookstore has received to the University Police Depart- 33 bad checks from one student.

• An Aston Hall resident reported that he and his roommate had been receiving harassing phone calls for the past five weeks.

• A Mosher Hall resident reported that she and her roommate had been receiving harassing phone calls since March 4.

• A Spence Hall resident re-ported that she had received several threatening phone calls be-tween April 11 and April 19. INDECENT EXPOSURE: • An officer saw a light blue

car speeding in a circle around Albritton Tower. The officer found that the driver was masturbating. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

• A woman reported that she investigated a noise at about 5 a.m. on April 17 and found that someone had struck a lamb in the

Students, professor plan to excavate ancient pueblos

By Sheryl Taylor Reporter

This summer, a group of Texas A&M graduate and undergraduate students, along with an anthropology professor, will use a stream val-ley along the Mimbres River in southwestern New Mexico as their classroom to study the pueblo ruins of the ancient Mimbres people.

"We have integrated our summer archaeological field school into this project which was started about 10 years ago," says Harry Shafer, A&M professor of anthropology. "The actual research focuses primarily on ancient pueblo ruins that were occu-pied by the ancient Mimbres Indians from Á.D. 700 to A.D. 1150.

The field school allows students to perform actual excavations and make discoveries while learning ar-chaeological methods at the same time.

Shafer has tried to concentrate on one segment of the discovered pueblo. A pueblo is a communal village built by certain southwest Indi-ans of the United States. It consists of one or more flat-roofed structures made of stone or adobe that house a number of families.

Shafer tried to complete the pro-ject last summer, but new discoveries were made and, as he points out, in archaeology, the unexpected usually occurs. He says a separate architectural unit consisting of a series of rooms which constitute a pueblo by itself was discovered. The pueblo was not expected to exist, Shafer

says. "We wanted to finish the project "Shafer says, "but because of our new discoveries we are going to explore it and see what it represents." Shafer says the architecture of the discovered unit is much better than what is normally seen, and they want to explain why there is only one structure built so much better than the others. In some areas of the southwest, some pueblos were three and four stories, but in the Mimbres River evidence shows that pueblos were usually only one story. However, a two-story pueblo was found in the region where Shafer and his students were working. "This finding was totally unheard of in this region until now and we want to explore and learn more about this particular ruin," he says. While excavating a Mimbres' ruin, Shafer found skeletons showing a high incidence of poor nutrition and disease. The Indian children had a high incidence of anemia and the adults, tuberculosis. This finding surprised Shafer and his crew because in normal Indian societies, agriculture was supplemented by wild plants and game. Wild plants provided needed vitamins for a balanced and natural diet. But the Mimbres Indians seem to have relied on a corn-based diet, resulting in vitamin deficiency.

The Mimbres' pottery is one of the best material things used to iden-tify the Indians, Shafer says, but the pottery was no longer painted after A.D. 1150.

The Mimbres disappeared from the archaeological records around A.D. 1150 and abandoned all their ruins with no trace, Shafer says.

The Indians had a dual system of religion which mixed catholicism with their traditional beliefs. The Mimbres had a beautiful

world view and their root of philosophy was from Eastern Asia that came through three migrations about 12,000 years ago," he says. "And their theme of harmony is with natu-

During the six-week period, the students will participate in and be taught virtually every aspect of ar-chaeological fieldwork while earning six hours of credit. They will learn basic techniques, procedures and methods involving the excavation of the Mimbres' ruins. "This project is an extremely im-

portant teaching facility for our stu-dents and it will help students who want to become professionals in the field of anthropology," Shafer says. Shafer emphasized that the reearch aspect of the project will en-

hance the undertanding of the Mim-bres' culture of the Southwest, as well as Texas A&M's position in terms of southwestern archaeology.



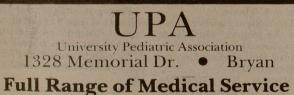
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Shafer is the director of the project and the only A&M faculty member involved with it besides the few graduate students.

The Department of Anthropology sponsors the project and seeks funding outside the University to support research and additional costs.

The National Geographic Society gave a \$5,000 grant for the research and contributions from private sources funded this summer's pro-

The funding provides for trans-portation, food, supporting staff (graduate students) and research equipment. A&M will act as curator of the re-

search collection from this project.

One of Shafer's goals is to work with a museum to feature the Mimbres' artifacts with information, which would travel around the country and tell the story of the Mimbres' culture.

"Our findings of the Mimbres' project have a very significant im-pact on the archaeology of the American Southwest," Shafer says.

Former A&M student to sing in Rudder benefit concert

By Karl Pallmeyer

Music Critic A former Texas A&M student who has made a name for himself in country music will be performing a benefit concert Thursday at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

Country singer and songwriter Lyle Lovett, a Class of '80 journalism graduate and Class of '81 German graduate, and his band will perform songs from his best-selling album, "Lyle Lovett."

Lovett has agreed to pay all his ex-penses and all proceeds will go to the Texas A&M chapter of the Ameri-can Institute of Architects and MSC Town Hall.

Yoakum and Rodney Crowell and is filled with such Texas regional influ-

ences as Townes Van Zandt, Steve Fromholz and B.W. Stevenson.

While attending A&M, he began playing local bars and nightclubs and attracted the attention of the music press across the state.

His original songs and warm singing style won him a recording con-tract with MCA Records in Nashville. Lovett has appeared on "Austin City Limits" and other television music programs.

Last year, Lovett released his debut album, "Lyle Lovet," which fea-tured the songs "This Old Porch," "Cowboy Man" and "Closing Time." The first single off the album, "Further Down the Line," hit the top 40 on the country music-charts.

Lovett's music is representative of the "new country" style of Dwight der Box Office. Call the box office at 845-1234 or MSC Town Hall at 845-1515 for more details.

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