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Dear Readers:

Once upon a time, there were two cities called College Station and Bryan where there was no theft, no vandalism, no rape and no drunk driving. Everyone lived at peace with their neighbors and the atmosphere was one of total trust. ****POOF**** Wake up, readers. Those crimes are being committed every day, and you could be the next victim.

This week At Ease set out to discover how much crime is being committed on campus. If you thought A&M was safer than most places, think again. Robert E. Wiatt, director of the University Police Department, says that one reason for the high level of crime is the carelessness of students.

But being careful is not the only defense against crime. Safety education is a large part of crime prevention. To this end we've included a story about crime prevention and education programs in the area. And since automobile theft is a problem not uncommon to students, there is an article on how to find your car where you left it.

Our final two articles both concern an organization well known to most students. The University Police Department is headed by Bob Wiatt, a man who's life has been dedicated to law enforcement. We've taken a look at his colorful past, and since he told us he's been "hit with just about every object — bricks, bottles, clubs, and a double-bladed ax," we are confident that he will be able to handle the blow that students have dealt to his men in this week's Aggienizing Answers. We set out to innocently ask, "How do you feel about the UPD?" What we got were heated responses, angry outbursts, and, believe it or not, not a single kind word for the campus police. Sorry, Bob.

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The Texas A&M Code of Honor says that Aggies do not lie, cheat or steal. Director of the University Police Department Robert E. Wiatt disagrees. He says that A&M has had a higher incidence of misdemeanor theft than any other college in the state, and that students are often the perpetrators. So much for our "good ag" image. Turn to page 8 for the rest of the on-campus crime story. (cover art by Susan C. Akin.)

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Learning the facts about crime is the first step in preventing it. The University, College Station and Bryan Police Departments are working to educate people about crime, and are helping potential victims to help themselves.

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He heads up one of the most controversial organizations on campus, notoriously known as the Kampus Kops. But a colorful career with the F.B.I. prepared Bob Wiatt, director of the UPD, for almost anything. An entertaining profile of an entertaining man reveals that first and foremost, Wiatt believes in equity.

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The police officers on campus seem to suffer from a worse reputation than the teasips these days. In this week's Aggienizing Answers, we ask students what they think about the "KK." The response was . . . um . . . not exactly positive.

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This week Tom looks at a new genre of music called new age. Yanni, the artist of his focus, has used synthesizers to achieve this new sound. Tom also checks out a low budget tape produced by KANM featuring local bands. Turn to page 4 for Tom's reaction.

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Although Tom wasn't impressed with the story line of "Real Men," he says James Belushi . . . well, we won't ruin it for you. Read on to find out what Tom thinks about this comedy.