

State and Local

Security measures change for A&M dorms

By Laura White
Staff Writer

In an effort to insure the safety of dorm residents Texas A&M officials have changed several security measures.
Tom Murray, assistant director for student affairs, said "Several policy measures have been taken to make residence halls more safe. Residence halls are locked at 7 p.m. now instead of 10 p.m., and unlocked at 10 a.m. instead of 8 a.m."
"Also, visitors must call from the lobby and be escorted to a dorm room by their host or hostess. This policy makes access to the rooms more difficult for outsiders."

Another safety measure — the installation of eight more outside phones on campus for emergency use — will be completed before the end of this month, Murray said.
The location of the phones will be announced later.
The policy on lost dormitory room keys also will change, he said.
Lost keys were replaced last year for \$15. A \$30 charge this year covers the cost of a new key and lock.
As an additional safety measure, keys no longer are engraved with the residence hall and room number, but are coded instead.
Director of Security and University Police Bob Wiatt said that students will have to help make the new security measures work.

"These policy changes can be effective if students will take the extra step to act responsibly," Wiatt said.
"The primary problem of theft is that people here make themselves victims. They don't lock their doors, they leave their books and backpacks unattended, and they leave their bicycles unsecured.
"People shouldn't come to A&M thinking they can't be victimized. They need to be aware and have some responsibility."
Murray agrees with Wiatt.
"Between 90 and 100 percent of the theft on campus is due to irresponsibility on the students' behalf," he said. "We hardly ever see any forced entry in theft cases."
Wiatt said that a major role of the Uni-

versity Police Department is to educate people about crime prevention.
"We conduct educational seminars on crime prevention at Fish Camp, to the Corps and to other on-and off-campus organizations," he said. "We also act in conjunction with Student Affairs to help put out fliers, booklets and other literature on crime prevention."
Student reactions to the new policies have been mixed.
"I feel very secure living on campus," Adriana Garcia, a junior economics major from Bryan, said. "Since the doors are locked earlier and I see police around everywhere, I don't think safety is a problem."
Whitney McPhail, a junior history major and resident adviser for Neeley Hall, disagrees.
"There seems to be a false sense of security at A&M," she said. "With more students and more construction going on at A&M, I'm beginning to feel less safe. People need to understand and be aware of what can happen."
"It's everyone's responsibility. Everything shouldn't be left in the hands of the University Police."
Three rapes were reported on campus between September 1987 and July 1988. From September 1986 to July 1987 no rapes were reported on campus. During this same period of time the number of burglaries rose from 93 to 116.

Magnet school in Temple chosen as model of 'elementary curricula'

B-CS crisis hotline gives 24-hour help

By George Watson
Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bordered on three sides by housing projects and on a fourth by a pasture where cattle often stray, the Meridith Magnet Elementary School inspires a love of learning among its students, say federal educators who have singled out the Temple school for its invigorating curriculum.

"We try to bring education alive for children," principal Bonnie Martin said Thursday. "We make children excited about learning. This is a go-getter school."

Federal educators agree, including Meridith among seven schools profiled as models of strong elementary curricula in a report issued this week by Education Secretary William J. Bennett.

In it, he summarizes his views on what should be taught to the 32 million youngsters enrolled in kindergarten through the eighth grade in 81,000 elementary and junior high schools.

In singling out Meridith, the report notes that while the school is in one of Temple's poorest neighbor-

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hoods, it has become an oasis where students from all backgrounds, including some from the wealthiest neighborhoods in the district, find a sound and challenging curriculum.
"We don't stop with textbooks and worksheets," Martin said.

The report said that when fifth graders got ready to read Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island," a classroom was transformed into a deck of a pirate ship, complete with broken barrels, skull and crossbones, and gold ducats.

"Whether the book is 'Charlotte's Web,' 'Misty of Chincoteague' or 'Robin Hood,' the teachers at this

school bring an enthusiasm to their classrooms that makes children savor the experience of reading good literature," the report said. "In fact, Meridith teaches its 540 third, fourth and fifth-graders to love learning."

The report said the student body is a mix of white, black and Hispanic children, and that four out of 10 come from disadvantaged homes. Yet 97 percent of the fifth-graders showed they had mastered necessary reading skills in a recent statewide test.

The average score among all Texas schools was 18 percentile

points lower.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said Thursday, "Meridith Elementary stands as an example to the country of what Texans can do when they put their minds to it. They have a right to be proud and we're proud of them."

The report said every school day begins with a silent period, so students can read from a book of their choice. Students carry the book with them throughout the day in case they have a spare moment to read. The hallways and classroom walls are covered with displays of their art and writing, "reminding everyone that good work brings with it a sense of accomplishment."

Each spring, the school sponsors a host of science activities as part of its Super Science Spree, including visits by the local television weatherman, a spider expert, a bee keeper, veterinarians, doctors and dentists.

Martin said, "They tell the class how science relates to the real world, how it will relate to the careers they'll choose later."

B-CS crisis hotline gives 24-hour help

Once in a while, life can get too hard to handle. Sometimes people just need someone to talk to about their problems before things start looking better. A crisis hotline established this summer in Bryan-College Station is open for those looking for help.

Staffed by mental health professionals, the hotline serves as a resource for talking about problems, help in solving them and referral to more qualified personnel if necessary.

The hotline is sponsored by HCA Greenleaf Hospital and run by hospital employees who are trained in mental health or social work.

Ann Schumann-Ousley, hotline public relations director, said that the need for the hotline arose from the hospital's receiving calls from people with nowhere else to go.

"The hospital received about 200 to 250 calls every month from people with a problem," she said. "We felt it necessary to instigate a hotline with trained professionals to handle these calls."

Hotline callers receive "crisis man-

agement" services to identify and define their problems. Then the hotline staffer intervenes if necessary and determines the next step in solving the caller's crisis.

If additional help is needed, such as psychological counseling, the hotline operator refers the caller to the proper authority.

"When the hotline was first started, calls were scarce," Schumann-Ousley said. "But within the past couple of weeks, we have received about 10 to 20 calls per week."


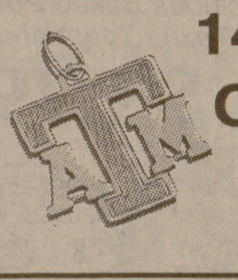
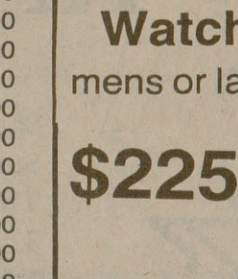
The hotline is open 24 hours. All calls are kept confidential.

The Crisis Connection can be reached at 690-2020 or 1-800-323-5398.

Correction

In the Community section of the Aug. 29 issue of *The Battalion*, it was incorrectly reported that the average cost of a meal and beverage at Pelican's Wharf restaurant in College Station is \$25.

The correct price is \$15.

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