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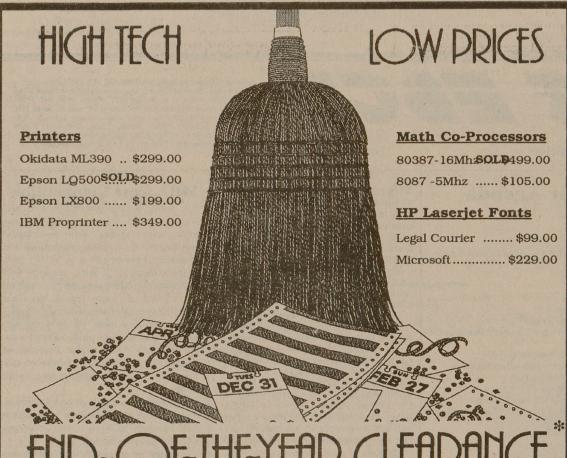
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# Increase of theft at A&MPo attributed to carelessness Vaca

By Alan Sembera

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Property crime is on the rise at Texas A&M.

Last semester, \$186,995 worth of property was reported stolen to the University Police Department — a 65 percent increase compared to the same semester the preceding year. However, violent crime decreased

from 21 incidents in Fall 1987 to 11 incidents last semester.

This increase in property crime comes at a time when A&M already has one of the highest theft rates of all universities in the state, Bob Wiatt, director of campus security

and University Police, said.
Wiatt attributes A&M's high theft rate to carelessness of the victims.

"They leave their property unse-cured or unattended and then come back to the great shock of 'Where did it go?' " he said. "That is something that is so frustrating because it need not occur."

Wiatt said his department is concentrating a tremendous amount of

effort to educate students, faculty and staff about the danger of theft.

"If people took the common-sense precaution of taking care of their property," Wiatt said, "we would diminish considerably the criminal offenses that are reported." fenses that are reported.

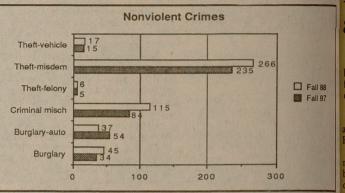
The category of property crime with the biggest increase was burglary of buildings. Forty-five incidents were reported in Fall 1988, compared to 34 in Fall 1987 — a 32 percent increase.
Wiatt said many of the burglaries

occur because University employees don't lock their doors and leave valuable equipment unsecured.

The property crime with the highest incidence — misdemeanor theft — increased 13 percent in frequency, from 235 incidents to 266 incidents. Misdemeanor theft is any theft of property valued at less than

# **Violent Crimes** Assault

Graphic by Elva Nolan



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\$750. The most commonly stolen items on campus are bicycles and backpacks.

The only type of property crime that decreased in frequency was vehicle burglary, which went down from 54 incidents to 37 incidents a 31 percent decrease

Most of the thefts that occur on campus are not committed by professional thieves, Wiatt said, but happen because someone sees an easy opportunity to steal something.

However, he said, many people

come onto campus from the sur-

with the intention of stealing cause of the ample opportunities

Wiatt said the campus police in prevent crime by using plainclot officers to blend in with stud and by posting officers on top of buildings for surveillance. One of the problems his depar-ment is facing now, he said, as

shortage of patrol officers.

The University Police Department usually has 48 certified police. officers, consisting of 30 patrol of cers and 18 detectives and super sors. But 10 patrol officers were rounding communities and counties cently lost to higher paying jobs.

## Clements says board member will resign

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements predicted Tuesday that one State Board of Insurance member would resign over recent allegations of mismanagement, but the gover-nor said it would not be Edwin Smith

Jr., his friend and board chairman.
"I don't expect him to resign,"
Clements said. "There are a lot of problems over there, but I'd say about 99 percent of those problems are not any of his doing."

Smith, who was appointed by Clements, took office about 15 months ago.

Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, has called for the resignations of Smith and board members David Thornberry and James Nelson after an investigation of the agency, which regulates the insurance industry in

Montford's report, based on an investigation by former FBI agent Eugene Gee, said "dangerous mismanagement" of the agency created "an open invitation to those intent on committing fraud to come to Texas and prey on unknowing insurance purchasers and policyholders." Clements said he did not plan to

ask for Insurance Board resignations, but he predicted they would

"One (member), perhaps, might resign, under the circumstances," the governor said, but he refused to name the member. He only said it would not be Smith.

"Certainly there are some problems over there," Clements said. "I want to emphasize that these problems didn't happen yesterday."
"They've been festering for a long

"Let's not rush into condemning an individual who's only been there for a short while," Clements said.

# Minor

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as declaring a major, Parrish said, because the minor is supposed to supplement the major field of study.

Because the first two years in a liberal arts major are core curriculum courses, most students don't have to declare a minor until the beginning of their junior year," he

"That may sound late, but most students in liberal arts can choose them and lose no time at all.'

Although the College of Liberal Arts is the only college at Texas A&M that requires minors across all fields of study, Parrish said he hopes students will see the opportunities and benefits they offer.

"We would hope students see mi-nors as an opportunity rather than a requirement that they begrudge," he

# What's Up

#### Wednesday

HUMAN FACTORS SOCIETY: will have an organizational meeting to discuss SOVEREIGN GRACE FELLOWSHIP: will have a worship service at 7:30 p.m.

NAVIGATORS: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Lounge B on the Quad.
CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION/NEWMAN: will meet at 7:30 p.m. at \$t.

RETAILING SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in 150 Blocker TAMU GERMAN CLUB: will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.

STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID: will meet at 7 p.m. in 507 AB Rudder.

CATHOLICS ON THE QUAD: will meet at 9 p.m. in Lounge B on the Quad.

POLITICAL FORUM: will have a general committee meeting at 7 p.m. in 212

AGGIE PARTNERS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 164 Wald AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 604 AB Rudder. CAP AND GOWN SENIOR HONOR SOCIETY: will have an informational meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

p.m. in 503 Blocker

AGGIES ABROAD CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 604 AB Rudder.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: will meet with talent show and dress parade committees at 7 p.m. in 704 Rudder. There also will be a planning meeting at noon in the cashiers room of the MSC. TAMU SAILING CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 225 MSC.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will meet at noon at the Center for Drug Preven-

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: will meet at 8:30 p.m. at the Center for Drug Pre-

TAMU CYCLING TEAM: will meet at 7 p.m. in 607 Rudder.

BLACK AWARENESS COMMITTEE: will have an executive officers meeting at STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Applications for 1989 Leadership America! are due in

PARENTS WEEKEND COMMITTEE: Parents of the year applications are available in the Guardroom, Pavilion, Evans Library, and the Student Programs Office and are due Feb. 10.

BUCK WEIRUS SPIRIT AWARD: applications are available in the MSC, Student Affairs offices and the vice president of student services office through Feb.

### Thursday

FACULTY FORUM: Dr. Lanier Burns will present "Can Christianity Be Unique in a Global Society?" at 12:30 p.m. in 226 MSC.
JUNGIAN SOCIETY/DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY: will show the film

ALPHA KAPPA PSI: will have a rush mixer at 8 p.m. in the Timber Creek party DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION: Mobil Oil will present information on careers in data processing at 7 p.m. at the University Inn pent-

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 203

STUDENTS WITH ALTERNATIVE PHILOSOPHIES: will discuss mediocrity and materialism at 8:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

PI SIGMA EPSILON: will have a rush party at 7 p.m. in the press box.

MSC WILEY LECTURE SERIES: will have an information session on the spring membership drive at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

PHI BETA LAMBDA: will have a happy hour from 5-8 p.m. at the Hilton Sun-

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM: will meet at 7 p.m. in 026 MSC. TAMU BICYCLING CLUB: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 305 Rudder.
HISPANIC BUSINESS STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 125

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will meet. Call the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting,
ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS: will meet at 6 p.m. Call the Center for

Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280 for details.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: will meet at 8:30 p.m. Call the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280 for details

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