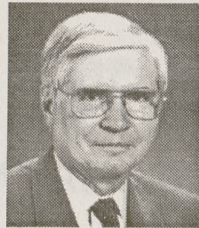


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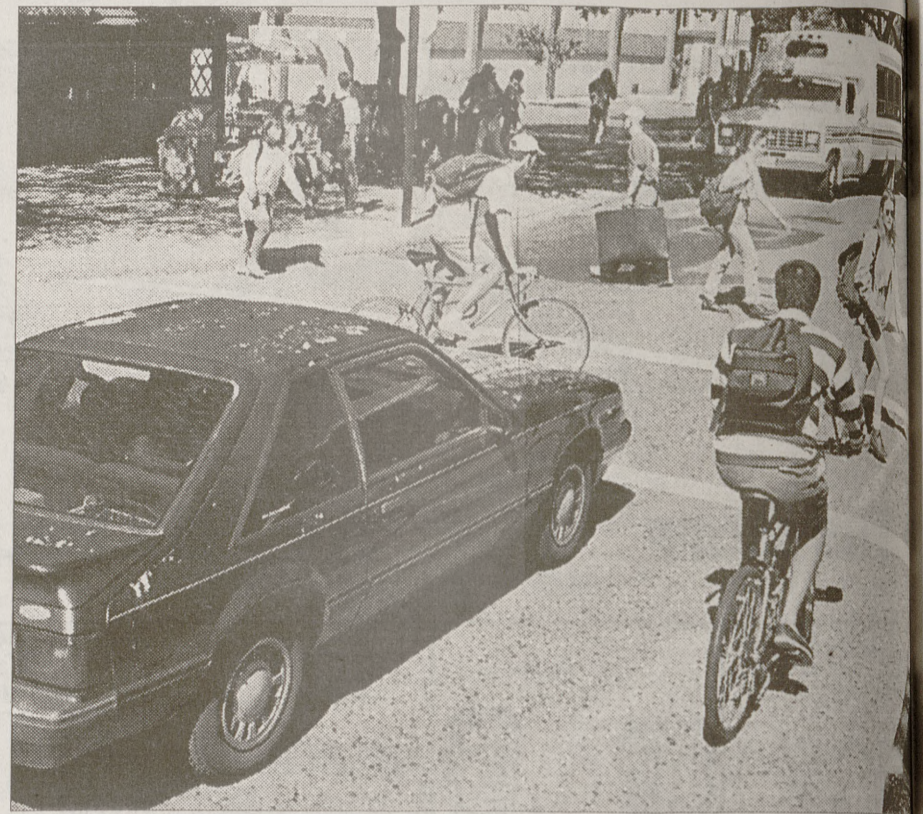
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Walkers be wary of wayward wheels

□ Traffic safety on campus begins with people being aware of their surroundings, UPD officers said.

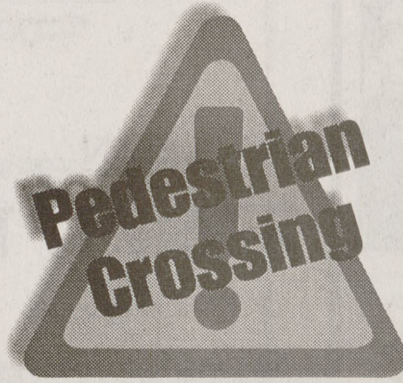
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THE BATTALION

Since January, there have been 14 reported cases of accidents involving pedestrians on and around the Texas A&M campus, University Police Department records show. Sgt. Betty Lemay of the UPD Crime Prevention Unit said pedestrians need to take certain precautions. "The thing that I especially notice is that pedestrians take it for granted the car is going to stop when they are in the crosswalk," Lemay said. "They never look up and end up walking out in front of 3,000 pounds of steel. "Just because there's a crosswalk doesn't mean you have the right of way." Lemay said there are many reasons a pedestrian should not assume a driver will stop for a crosswalk, including brake failure and simply not seeing the pedestrian trying to cross.



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Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists converge on the intersection of Ireland and Ross St. More accidents occur between classes because the roads are congested.



Neither the driver, nor the pedestrian should assume what the other will do, Lemay said.

"Common courtesy is the best rule," she said. "You need to make eye contact with the driver to see what they are going to do."

Lt. Bert Kretzschmar of the UPD Crime Prevention Unit explained the problem.

"On campus, there are three groups of people: pedestrians, people on bicycles and people in cars," Kretzschmar said, "and they are all vying for the same road space."

Kretzschmar said the accidents were not just limited to car and pedestrian accidents.

"We get bicycles hitting bicycles and bicycles hitting pedestrians," he said. "A person will be riding a bicycle in the bike lane, and a pedestrian will step out, and the two will collide."

Accidents are particularly bad when classes are changing, Kretzschmar said, because sidewalks and streets become more congested. He explained that many problems could be avoided.

"One thing I've seen about pedestrians is that they don't walk with their head up," he said. "They get so preoccupied with school and other things that they don't stop to think, 'Gee whiz, if I walk out in the middle of the street, I may get hurt.'"

"People need to realize that there are laws for cars, laws for bicycles, and there are laws for pedestrians. You also have to keep cour-

tesy in mind." Bob Wiatt, UPD director, said pedestrians can avoid being hurt.

"No. 1, they need to be aware of their surroundings," Wiatt said. "We have horns, people moving around — there is more of a convergence of pedestrians, bicycles, cars and trucks."

"Pedestrians are certainly most vulnerable, then the bicyclist, then the driver. It may be from a lawsuit."

Wiatt said one of the problems is students do not heed crosswalks.

"There are crosswalks in various places all around campus," he said. "Students stagger out into the street anywhere in a bunch of cattle leaving a pen."

Besides being courteous and aware, pedestrians need to use common sense, Wiatt said.

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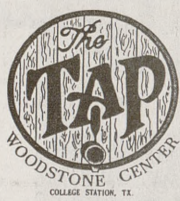


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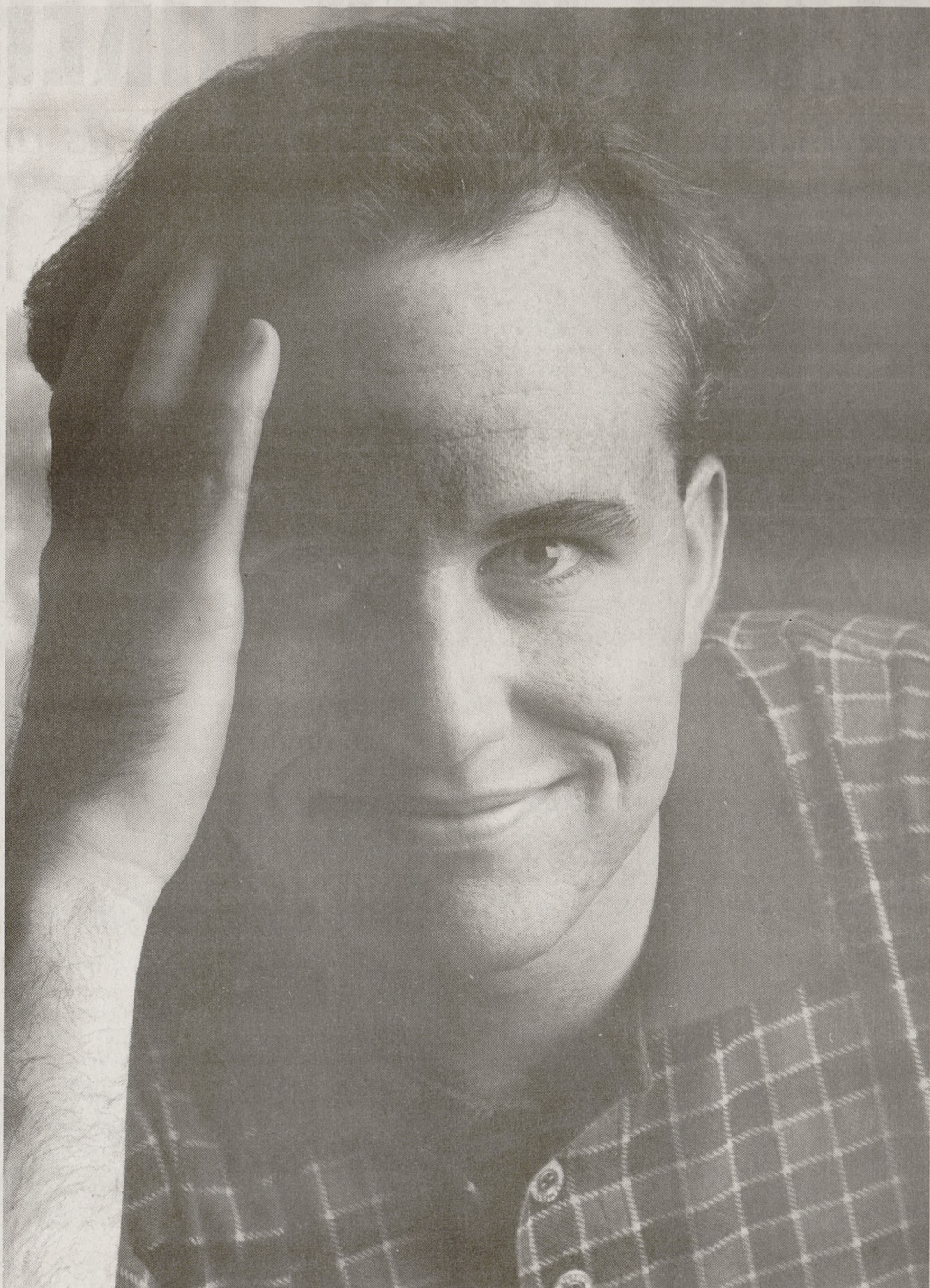
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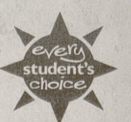
Alan Chambers
Former homosexual

"Even though I kept going back to gay bars, I knew God loved me. He was there with me, waiting."



"I knew others who left homosexuality behind, so I knew I could, too... I had a hunger for a better relationship with God but was frustrated with Him. So, one day I asked God, 'Why can't I be happy? Why can't a man meet my needs?' Then it was like, God-to-Alan: 'Listen up... man wasn't created to meet another man's need, only God can do that.' You know, I knew God loved me, even though I kept going back to the bars. He may not have liked what I was doing, but He still loved me. That's when I realized His commitment to me was what I had been looking for in everyone else, and that He had been there waiting all along for me to turn to Him. That's how I was able to walk away, and not want to ever go back again... God changed my desire. I want so much for others to know they can come out of homosexuality if they want to... to believe that they can. It's important that they know God loves them. That's the very first step."

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