

# Worsening Economic State Contributes to Crime Rise

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Major crimes committed in Austin increased 15.7 percent in 1974 — slightly below the national average of 17 percent — according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's annual report on crime.

Local law enforcement officials attribute the dramatic crime to a worsening economy and to more persons reporting criminal offenses.

## Bike Mishap

## UT Student Listed In Critical Condition

A University student remained in critical condition Tuesday after an auto collision with his bicycle Friday in the 2900 block of West Drive, the same location another University student was hit and killed in January.

Michael Brago of 3007 Speedway St., a graduate student in the School of Library Sciences, was riding east on 30th Street when a 1974 red and white Toyota station wagon collided with his bicycle at 30th Street and West Drive. The car drove off, but witnesses told police the make, model and color. Capt. W.R. Swinney of the Austin Police Department said.

Brago, who is in Brackenridge hospital, suffered two fractured ribs, a flayed chest, a ruptured stomach and a ruptured spleen, Swinney said.

John Schwieters, who was majoring in anthropology, died Jan. 22 of injuries he received when hit by an auto at the same location Jan. 13.

## Campus Briefs

# Nuclear Experts To Debate

The pros and cons of nuclear power plants will be presented by two scientists at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Robert Lee Moore Hall 4.102.

Dr. Bernard Cohen, physicist and director of the University of Pittsburgh nuclear physics laboratory, will present the affirmative view of nuclear power while Dr. Barrie Kitto, a University biochemist, will present the negative view.

The program is sponsored by the University Department of Physics.

## MCAT Deadline

The deadline for the MCAT (Medical College Admissions Test) for the May 3 administration is Monday.

## Drug Talk

Mental Patients Liberation Project will sponsor Dr. John Belknap discussing "Psychiatric Drugs" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Jester Center 315A.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALTH PROFESSIONS will present Alfred Knudson, M.D., PhD, UT Health Sciences Center, Houston, discussing "Graduate School in the Health Sciences" at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Robert Lee Moore Hall 7.104. Interested students are invited.

INSTITUTE OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES will present Jorge Hardoy, Latin American urbanist, discussing "City and Countryside in the Historical Development in Latin America" from 3:15 to 5 p.m. Wednesday in Burdine Hall 602.

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"Any time money becomes tight crime does go up," Austin Police Chief Bob Miles said Tuesday. Miles feels, however, that more Austin citizens are reporting crime, especially rape, than in other urban areas.

"The Austin Rape Crisis Center has been instrumental in getting more women to report rape," Miles said. Rape increased 73.3 percent (from 90 offenses in 1973 to 156 offenses in 1974).

Travis County Sheriff Raymond Frank feels the rising crime rate is a direct reflection of the economy. "People are resorting to thievery to make ends meet," he said of the 24.2 percent increase in burglary and the 18.6 percent increase in theft.

Of the 12 Texas cities listed in the FBI report, eight had higher increases than Austin. The only major crime to decrease in Austin was aggravated assault, which fell 51.7 percent (from 978 instances in 1973 to 472 in 1974). This decrease reflects a "statistical change," said one police official — a change in the Texas Penal Code, redefined "aggravated assault."

Murder and negligent manslaughter rose 34.6 percent (from 26 to 35 instances). Robbery in Austin increased 37.9 percent in 1974, and auto theft increased 4.1 percent.

The outlook for in the immediate decrease is not major either. Miles reported that in the first two months of 1975 crimes were up 15.9 percent over the comparable period in 1974.

# Exhibit Begins Four-Day Showing

'Arquitectura' Speaker Calls for Minority Understanding

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White society doesn't understand the life style of minorities and therefore doesn't design housing which will fit in with the needs of the minority family, an architecture professor said Tuesday.

At the opening of the four-day "Arquitectura" exhibit at the Architecture Building Dr. Reynell Parkins said the minority student who is studying to be an architect should keep in mind the life style of minorities and design housing that would alleviate some of the problems.

Minorities need to band together as a means of survival, Parkins said. "Survival is going to require you coming together and giving each other support," he emphasized.

The exhibit was opened with

an address by Santos Reyes, acting director of the University Center for Mexican-American Studies. He emphasized the need to dispel the myth that ethnic studies are a new phenomenon. "Ethnic studies have been around since the establishment of colleges as we know them," Reyes said. The '60s led to a big revival of ethnic awareness, and hundreds of black and chicano studies programs were established.

In 1971 there were 150 chicano studies programs in the United States, Reyes said. Now there are seven to eight good, strong programs, he added.

The exhibit will continue throughout the week. Juan Coterou, an Austin architect, will speak on the "Birth of Chicano Style" at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday in Architecture Building 305.

"The Future Organization of Mexican-American

Architects" will be the topic of an address by Jorge Villalva, another Austin architect, at 1:15 p.m. in Architecture Building 305.

A lecture on Mexico by Guillermo Torres, instructor in architecture, will be given at 4 p.m. Thursday in Architecture Building 105. The exhibit will close with remarks by Dr. Charles Burnette, dean of the School of Architecture, at 1 p.m. Friday.

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