

Campus crime increasing over nation

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Coeds on many campuses walk at night in pairs or in fear. Students lock their dormitory rooms even for a quick trip to the bathroom. Across the country a plague of crime is adding to the many woes of academia.

The trend has been building since the mid-1960s, obscured by the drug epidemic and violent political protests, but it is still growing and it is in no sense kid stuff.

"The days when the only crimes on campus were thefts of sweaters or books are long gone," says C. Lee Chandler, chief of campus police at California State College in Long Beach. "Today anything can happen."

Anything. Campuses that once were tranquil refuges from the troubles of the world are experiencing grand larceny, assault, armed robbery, murder and rape.

A Radcliffe student was raped at gunpoint this fall, the first such incident ever reported at the Cambridge, Mass., school. Several dormitories reported an armed intruder.

"I don't even go to the library after dark any more unless I have a guy along," said a Radcliffe sophomore. She lives three buildings from the library.

Nearby at Harvard, armed robbers stole a reported \$1,500 in cash and personal belongings in a fall raid on a dormitory. Across the continent at Stanford, a lone gunman stuck up the campus check-cashing service for \$610.

Whether or not a school has violent crime, thefts and burglaries are generally on the upswing.

"Dormitory thefts are sky high — up 52 per cent from last fall," said Walter Dodwell, associate security director at Princeton. University of Texas police reported in mid-fall that 1970 petty thefts at the Austin campus totaled 691, compared to 416 in all of 1969.

There are no national figures on the kind and scope of campus crimes, but those hardest hit appear to be the coastal, the urban and the large schools.

The University of Texas went from no robberies or rapes in

1969 to two each in 1970. Authorities at Rutgers, the New Jersey state university, reported that between September and November 1969 five students were arrested on campus for minor offenses; in the same period of 1970 the figure was 41, with offenses including armed robbery, rape, heroin pushing and assault and battery. Stanford reports its serious crimes have nearly doubled in two years.

UCLA reported 40 violent crimes against persons in the first 11 months of 1970 — up 10 from 1969.

Many campus security men say their crime rate has risen at about the same pace as that of society at large; others say faster. For an oversimplified comparison, take the cases of Stanford, 11,000 students, and adjacent Palo Alto, Calif., population 52,000:

Over three years, burglaries reported by police in Palo Alto rose about 11 per cent; burglaries on the Stanford campus went up about 228 per cent. Thefts in Palo Alto were up 56 per cent, at Stanford 28 per cent. Armed robberies in Palo Alto went from 23 to 75, at Stanford from one to nine. Rapes in Palo Alto increased from seven to 15, at Stan-

ford from three to five.

At Cornell, where larcenies are up 20 per cent over last school year, safety director Lowell T. George said the greatest increase in stealing began three or four years back but violent crimes spurted about two years ago.

One result of such statistics is a changed atmosphere on many campuses.

"The kids are getting wary," said Stanford sophomore Don Tollefson of Menlo Park, Calif. "When you see somebody you don't know in a dorm you're more dubious about who he is, whereas you used not to question anybody."

David Fischer of San Francisco, a sophomore at the University of California at Berkeley, said he barricades his apartment back door and double-locks his front door. The homemade alarm system in his car paid off his first day in town.

Other counter measures against crime:

Alpha Phi Omega fraternity members run an evening chauffeur service for coeds at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, where there were three rapes and several assaults during the fall. Yale, scene of one fall rape and two other assaults on

women, instituted a student-run minibus service.

Rutgers reports some success with four-man student patrols that have walkie-talkies and instructions to take all steps short of physical intervention.

Radcliffe has installed buzzer locks on dorms, increased police surveillance — including plainclothesmen with dogs on patrol — and agreed to offer free basic self-defense courses for all women students. Many schools have spent large sums on outdoor lighting.

Entering freshmen at the University of Miami receive a booklet advising: "Save yourself a beating or possible rape. Travel in groups at night."

The crime trend, plus the depredations of student rebels, have radically altered the situation of many colleges and university police forces.

Cornell's George said his department has nearly tripled in the last 10 years. It now has 42 uniformed patrolmen equipped with revolver, chemical mace, two-way radio and night stick. It has 45 building guards, nine traffic controllers and 10 radio-equipped cars. Ten years ago the university had 10,800 students; now it has 15,000.

AP science editor to address journalism congress, club

Associated Press Science Editor Alton L. Blakeslee will address the 41st annual joint meeting of the Southwestern Journalism Congress and Student Press Club March 19, according to conference director William C. Harrison.

Blakeslee is the latest addition to speakers which include Apollo 13 astronaut Fred W. Haise Jr., Houston attorney Percy Foreman, NASA Manned Spacecraft Center public affairs officer Brian Duff and Jim Thompson of Taylor Publishing Co.

Expected to attend the conference on student press problems are 175 student journalists and 25 faculty members and advisors from 15 member schools in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Blakeslee has personally covered most of the outstanding science events since joining the Associated Press in 1939. Among the highlights was his coverage of Admiral Byrd's 1946-47 Antarctic expedition.

He once described the four and one-half month voyage as "an

absorbing experience not to be missed—nor repeated too often."

As AP science editor Blakeslee coordinates the extensive science report of the news service.

He was named science editor in 1969 and is noted for his ability to take a complicated matter, scientific finding and report it in simple language for the man on the street.

Blakeslee joined AP in 1939 and more in 1939 and has reported science news since 1946.

His father, Howard W. Blakeslee, was one of the earliest newspaper science specialists and a first science writer for The Associated Press.

He attended Duke University and Columbia College.

Blakeslee has won numerous honors, including the 1966 Sigma Delta Chi General Reporting Award for his series, "The Challenge of Change."

Also in 1966 he was named winner of a University of Missouri Honor Award for distinguished service in journalism.

Campus briefs

Youth and Drugs colloquium scheduled

An Educational Psychology Colloquium on "Youth and Drugs" will be held Thursday.

Mrs. Chris Rogers will speak at the 3:30 p.m. event in Room 406 of the Academic Building, announced educational psychology head Dr. Arthur J. Roach. He said the meeting site has been

changed for this colloquium. Mrs. Rogers worked as a psychiatric nurse at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute.

Colloquiums on cancer, shell models planned
Physics colloquium lectures on

cancer therapy and shell model calculations are scheduled Wednesday and Thursday.

The Wednesday speaker is Dr. Chaim Richman physics professor at the University of Texas at Dallas. Dr. Pieter Brussard, Duke University visiting professor on leave from the University of Leiden, The Netherlands, will speak Thursday.

Both programs begin with a coffee at 3:30 p.m. followed by the lecture at 4 p.m. in Physics Building, Room 146.

Chess team takes third

An A&M chess team paced by John R. Moffitt of Midland placed third in the Region XII American College Unions tournament at LSU.

Moffitt, a graduate student in physics, tied for third with an LSU chess player in the individual standings. Members of the first place LSU "A" team took the top two places among 26 players.

Texas A&M's "9" team scored 6½ of a possible 10 points to place third in team standings behind the two LSU teams. Rice was fourth, A&M "B" fifth, LSU at New Orleans sixth and ninth, University of Houston seventh and tenth, Grambling College eighth and East Texas 11th.

Sports Car Club schedules two events

Two driving events in less than a week are scheduled by the Sports Car Club which meets Wednesday at the old College Station City Hall.

President Tom Wedel said a gymkhana is planned on the day student parking lot north of the engineering center after the 7:30 p.m. Wednesday meeting. He indicated that meeting attendance is prerequisite to driving in the gymkhana.

Also on the TAMSCC schedule this week is a Sunday autocross at the Research Annex. Bill German said a driver's school will be held Saturday. Further information will be available at the meeting.

Earth Resources program described

The U. S. Department of Interior's Earth Resources Observation Systems program will be described at a graduate lecture Thursday.

Speaker for the 3:30 p.m. presentation in Room 121 of the Civil Engineering Building will be Frederick J. Doyle of McLean, Va., research scientist in mapping systems for the U. S. Geological Survey.

EROS is designed to utilize grounds, aircraft and satellite sensor data for utilizing the resources provided by land, water and atmosphere.

Rifle team competing this weekend

The rifle team will compete Friday and Saturday in the National Rifle Association sectional to be held in Houston.

Timothy O. Phillips, Nederland freshman who paced the Aggies to a recent win over Texas, will lead the six-member team into the competition hosted by the University of Houston.

Harris joins basic division

Mrs. Catherine Harris has been assigned in the library's basic collection division, announced Director John B. Smith. Formerly in the Acquisitions Department as junior librarian, Mrs. Harris was made assistant librarian in the basic collection upon completing master's degree studies in library science at UT-Austin.

Mrs. Harris, who also has a M.A. in English from Texas, completed undergraduate studies at Sam Houston State University.

Air pollution topic of colloquium

COLLEGE STATION — Dr. Leonard H. Weinstein, program director for environmental biology at Bayce Thompson Institute for Plant Research in Yonkers, N. Y., will present a colloquium Wednesday at Texas A&M University.

The 4 p.m. presentation in Room 112 of the Plant Science Building is entitled "Effects of Air Pollution on Physiological and Biochemical Processes of Plants."

Dr. Weinstein's visit here sponsored by the Plant Science Department.

Leabo elected head of journalism council

C. J. Leabo, A&M's Journalism Department head, has been elected president of the newly organized Texas Journalism Education Council.

TJEC will work to strengthen journalism programs in Texas colleges and will include schools in the state offering a bachelor's degree in the field.

Leabo's term as council president begins Sept. 1. Serving one-year terms with him are president Prof. C. E. Shuler, North Texas State; secretary Prof. James H. Herring, Texas A&I; and treasurer Wayne Danielson, school of communication dean at UT-Austin.

Dean Hannigan's mother dies in Washington

Funeral services for Mrs. Gertrude R. Upson, mother of Dean of Students James P. Hannigan, are tentatively scheduled for Friday in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Upson, 87, died in her sleep early Thursday in her home at 6200 Oregon Ave. NW, Washington, D. C. She had visited the Bryan-College Station area many times. Services are under the direction of Rimaldi Funeral Home, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Upson is survived by her son, Army Brig. Gen. (ret.) James P. Hannigan of Bryan; two daughters, Mrs. Norma Callish of Sacramento, Calif., and Mrs. Armand Spinosa of Long Island, N. Y.; six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

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