

Capitol view topic of bill



staff photo by Irene Mees

Let's make a deal

Approximately 500 of the 1200 books submitted in a textbook exchange in progress in the programs office on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center. Students wanting to sell books fill out cards naming the title and

price and potential buyers look through the cards. Student government workers like Theresa Wigley, a senior business senator, left, and Patti Scrivner, a freshman aide, right, find the books.

Bogus police rob drivers

L.PASO. — The city's counter cops struck twice again weekend, though one of the attempts to extort money was when a would-be victim handed identification.

One or more men, wearing uniforms or parts of them, already have victimized persons since the incidents on Dec. 23. In each case the man was stopped in his car or on an alley, by a man dressed as an officer who then accused the driver of some violation, and took him down for money.

paying him \$10. The woman said she only had \$7. When she pulled the bills from her purse he grabbed them, got on his motorcycle and left.

Sgt. Brad Peevey of the police tactical unit, one of many squads combing the city for the bogus officers, said the counterfeit

cops may by now have enlarged their numbers beyond two.

"With all the publicity this has been getting, I wouldn't be surprised if there are several goof-balls out there taking advantage of it," he said.

Police Chief William Rodriguez last week said that a number of officers will be assigned to

patrol the city in plainclothes acting as decoys, hoping the thieves will stop them.

"If there's any doubt, ask to see his Police Department identification," the chief said. "Under the circumstances, no real policeman is going to object to that."

Monday, bringing lawmakers up to date on the progress of the state's judiciary.

The state Capitol, meanwhile, was being prepared for Governor-elect Mark White's inauguration at noon today.

The Capitol was decked out in red, white and blue bunting on the south entrance, and Congress Avenue, the inaugural parade route, was lined with Lone Star flags.

Three large red and blue striped tents were set up on the Capitol grounds for the inaugural luncheon after White takes the oath of office.

Inaugural activities kicked off Monday night with a \$50-a-person Democratic "Victory Dinner," at which country singer Charlie Pride will perform.

Today's events began with a "Governor's Volunteer Breakfast" at 8 a.m. and will climax

with three inaugural balls tonight.

Pope, who was elevated to chief justice last November by lame-duck Gov. Bill Clements, was invited last week by the House and Senate to present a "state of the judiciary" address at a joint session.

Clements addressed lawmakers last Thursday, and White will speak to the legislature on Wednesday.

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Sunday night, the bogus policeman was in a civilian car, described as a white, four-door, 1978 Chevrolet Impala.

A motorist said the man pulled him over, accused him of speeding and demanded to see the motorist's drivers license and proof of auto insurance. The intended victim instead demanded to see the policeman's identification, and the man muttered, "My sergeant will vouch for me," then got into his car and drove away.

The motorist described him as an Anglo-American in his late 30s or early 40s, about 5 feet 10 inches tall with short, dark hair. He was wearing glasses along with his official-looking uniform.

The woman also reported she was stopped Saturday night by a black, Hispanic man riding a motorcycle and wearing a uniform with a blue helmet. He told her she had been speeding, and when she started arguing he told her she could get a ticket for that too.

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