

MSC Black Awareness Committee to sponsor gospel music program

by Rhonda Snider
Battalion Reporter

The Voices of Praise, an MSC Black Awareness Committee choir, will host a Gospelfest at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Rudder Theater. In addition to the 25-member choir, five gospel groups and a soloist will perform.

Guests will include Prairie View A&M University's gospel choir, a gospel choir from Sam Houston State University, the New Zion Jubilee Singers from the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in College Station, the Christian Hope Baptist Church Choir and soloist Myra Winkley.

Each group will perform for about 20 minutes.

The Voices of Praise will sing five songs. The selections will be a variety of upbeat, contemporary gospel songs, a change from last year's Gospelfest program of mainly slow songs.

The MSC Black Awareness Committee choir and the

Voices of Praise have been planning and preparing for Gospelfest since the spring semester, said Tracey Howard, president of the Voices of Praise and member of the executive board of the Black Awareness Committee.

"It's a lot of hard work ... I think it will be very beneficial," Howard said. The program will help bring black students together as well as being entertaining, she said.

The purpose of the committee, Howard said, is to provide a cultural group for the 400 black students at Texas A&M and a means by which they can socialize. The group also invites speakers to provide information pertinent to black students, she said.

Gospelfest tickets are \$2 for students and \$3 for non-students. They are available at the Rudder Box office or from the Black Awareness Committee at a table set up in the MSC today.



staff photo by John Makely

Members of the Voices of Praise Gospel Choir sing in the Memorial

Student Center to promote Gospelfest.

Student filing suit against police

by Brigid Brockman
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A Texas A&M student says he will file at least one lawsuit against two University Police officers, but is "holding up on legal advice."

John Walker, a sophomore finance and building construction major, said his main objective is to get the two officers dismissed from the police force because they acted in an unprofessional manner.

Walker informed campus officials including President Frank E. Vandiver, Vice President for Operations Charles R. Argill and Director of Security Traffic Bob Wiatt of his intentions by letter.

Walker was arrested Nov. 11 by officers Cameron Fillmore and Mike Buckley. The officers said that a warrant had been issued for Walker's arrest after

they ran a driver's license check. The warrant had been issued for unpaid traffic fines.

The incident began after University Police stopped Walker for a traffic violation.

The officers pulled him over after he used a pedestrian walkway to cross Houston Street to Jones Street on his motorcycle.

Walker also is charged with resisting arrest, but Walker denied that charge.

Walker said he was frisked, and that Buckley then forced his right arm behind his back. At that point, Walker said, he asked Buckley what he was doing. Walker said he never was informed by the officers that he was under arrest.

Walker said Buckley threw him against a bench, and that he

and Fillmore tried to "rough him up." Walker said he made no attempt to escape or resist arrest.

Wiatt received a copy of Walker's letter Thursday afternoon. He said he would have no comment on the letter because it would not be fair to comment before the pending charges were resolved in court.

However, he did say the officers told Walker that they had to arrest him because of the traffic warrants, and at that point he resisted arrest.

He also said both officers had soiled uniforms and had suffered cuts and scratches, while Walker made no formal complaint of any injuries.

"I have every confidence in

our officers," he said. "There is a second side to every coin, and the only comment I have is I'll see Mr. Walker in court."

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• \$250 in cash from a room in Dorm 2. A student was asleep in the room at the time.

• A wheel cover from a vehicle parked in the reserved staff lot south of Rudder Tower.

• A wallet from the first floor of Langford Architecture Center. The wallet contained a Texas driver's license and other personal property.

BURGLARIES:
• Bowling league funds total-

ing \$27 were stolen from 316 Animal Industries.

RECOVERY:
• A K-Mart All-Pro bicycle was recovered from the Married Student Housing complex. The bike was reported stolen on Oct. 4.

OTHER:
• The exit gate arm to the reserved staff lot north of Engineering Building was broken.

• Two people were dove hunting on the Dairy Cattle Center property. University Police found one of the hunters and gave him a trespass warning.

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