

Watch your silver, gold and goodies

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Reporter

"I could probably walk around these dorms, especially around class or dinner time and take \$1,200 in goods, not including jewelry and calculators and stereos, without having anybody question me," says University Police officer Don Pauler.

Pauler has founded a crime prevention program on campus, "but that's really in name only," he says. "The purpose is to promote an information flow between our department and the students on campus," he said. "We hope to expand to the off-campus students and the faculty, but that's in the future."

Pauler believes that misinformation and a lack of information have created problems in the past — problems like students not reporting minor crimes because they don't see the necessity. If a crime is not reported, no matter how small, Pauler says, the police have no way of getting involved.

In the program, a police officer is assigned to a group of dorms to talk to the students. The officer and the students design programs to meet the needs of the residents and resident advisers, covering subjects from rape prevention to parking tickets.

"We want to show the students that we are going to help and we are going to give the students the information they want," Pauler says.

Pauler says he also hopes the program will dispell the negative image the campus police have acquired.

"We want to let the students know that we're more than just a bunch of guys that wear uniforms, write tickets and tow cars," he says. "We're here to serve the university community."

"That's why we started this

program with the dorm students. They are the nucleus of the community. We deal with them on a 24-hour-a-day basis. Hopefully we can get more interest and apply the program to others."

Mark Shomaker, the head resident of Crocker, says:

"I think it's beneficial because the students primarily see the police as ticket writers and disciplinarians. This way the students see the police as working for their welfare."

"Because they're seen in plain clothes at the meetings, the students see them as humans. The students are seeing a more personal side of the officer."

"If the response from the students is good, I think it's worthwhile. I think the guy is doing an excellent job as far as reaching out to the students."

But the head resident of Haas, Kathy Bartholomew, says that dorm's officer is utilized differently.

"She's available to present programs to the residents," Bartholomew says, "but we don't see that as a need in Haas. We don't have enough students attending educational programs that we see it as being worth her while to come out."

Bartholomew says that she and her resident advisers meet with their assigned officer and present their problems to her and then relate the information to their residents.

Pauler says that he has recently presented some new ideas concerning security to some RA's.

He's not releasing it now because he wants it to be a surprise, but he says when he told the RA's, they thought it would show the students "in a real strong way just how vulnerable their possessions are and what they can do as far as securing their own personal items."

Minority administrators on A&M 'get' list

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Texas A&M University has had few black administrators in its 100-plus years, and now has only two. However, several black administrators within the system say the situation is improving.

"I think the situation warrants much improvement," said Dr. John Coleman, the only black member of the Texas A&M System Board of Regents, "but I think A&M is willing to do so."

Coleman, who has been a board member for seven years, said he is proud of Texas A&M's leadership in the Texas Equal Educational Opportunity Plan for Higher Education.

He said that although the number of black administrators today is small, Texas A&M took leadership in an aggressive plan.

Mark White, then secretary of state, submitted the Texas Plan in June 1981, it was amended in May 1983, and it was approved by the federal Office of Civil Rights in June 1983.

Texas A&M put the plan into action last fall and submitted its

goals to the state Coordinating Board. The board is the governor's liaison to the federal civil rights office.

The plan calls for the University to have 12 black administrators by the 1987-88 academic year.

Sheran Riley, assistant to the president, explained that since the national pool of outstanding minority administrators is small, if the goals are not met, the board will expect the University to have demonstrated a good faith effort in filling open administrative positions with minorities.

She said Texas A&M President Frank Vandiver has already requested University vice presidents to consider minorities for available administrative positions.

1983 statistics from the System Affirmative Action office list two black administrators the Texas A&M University System and one administrator at

University itself.

Prairie View A&M, a predominantly black university, has 24 black administrators. Tarleton State University and Texas A&M University at Galveston have none.

Coleman said last year's hiring of Dr. Ivory Nelson as executive assistant to the chancellor is a good example of the University's efforts to recruit outstanding black administrators.

"It's really hard to increase the number of minority administrators in one fell swoop because the number of top-flight administrators is limited," he said. "Even though we hope to increase the numbers in both areas (administration and stu-

dent body), the schools that have been doing it for years have a competitive edge... they have a leg up on us."

Coleman added that top minority administrators are being "solicited like blue-chip athletes."

He said schools with larger numbers of minorities than Texas A&M have greater chances of successful recruitment.

"We started off at such a low point," he said. "There's been a great change over the years, but if you only have 1 percent and you double it, that's only 2 percent."

He said increased administrative recruitment is certainly

do-able, but there's not a large pool.

"I believe A&M and the system are sincere in their effort to increase the numbers of qualified black administrators," he said.

Coleman said accurate implementation of the report of the President's Committee on Minority Conditions needs to get started aggressively as far as black administrator recruitment is concerned.

The report recommended that the University substantially increase efforts to recruit minorities for administrative positions.

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