



Bob Wiatt is director of the University Police Department

Wiatt is the enforcer for UPD

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Reporter

Only one man at Texas A&M is affectionately called "Der Fuhrer" by Frank Vandiver.

This man is not at Texas A&M on a special government assignment. Instead, Bob Wiatt serves as the director of the University Police Department.

Wiatt has had a history of experiences that the average individual could only see on reruns of "Mission Impossible."

The image of the police department has changed ever since Wiatt remodeled his own cramped and disorganized office two years ago.

Wiatt left behind his life with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to create a level of respected professionalism for the University Police Department.

"The University has thought of the University Police Department as a bunch of grouchy old people who do nothing but give tickets," Wiatt says. "We perform the same functions as state police do — including making arrests."

Wiatt initiated improvements — including expanding the number of traffic patrolers and cracking down on faculty parking violations and bicycle offenses.

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accountable for their actions."

Peering through his glasses with a serious stare, Wiatt still has the physique of a college football player. For his strength and dedication, he has earned the title of "Mr. FBI" from the press and from his colleagues.

Wiatt's duties, like cleaning up the department's image and tightening up penalties for repeat offenders, are a far cry from his duties a few years ago.

Wiatt still remembers that day in 1974 when a routine visit to Huntsville prison led to over 11 days of horror.

"I was knocked unconscious," he says, "and all I remember is seeing in slow motion two pinpricks of light like the sun was exploding."

Wiatt says he could not move for a few minutes after he was hit. He heard officers yelling, "Wiatt is dead!" until they eventually pulled him out of the doorway.

The convicts had set up two partitions and stacked library books against the boards as shields against the gunfire.

Wiatt says the convicts handcuffed a female hostage and a

he eventually saw his experience made into a movie called "The Sugarland Express."

Wiatt traded his high school cap and gown for United States Navy fatigues six weeks after graduation at age 17.

"My experiences in Okinawa were traumatic," he says, "yet they gave me considerable insight which I could not have gained in any other way."

Wiatt saw friends killed in World War II. Witnessing these tragic experiences caused him to develop an outer shell which kept him from being shocked at

ous nationalist party of Puerto Rico.

After Wiatt returned to the United States, he continued his career with the FBI in Houston. He was instrumental in slowing down the activities of the Ku Klux Klan in the Southwest.

In 1980, Wiatt retired from nearly three decades of service as an FBI special agent.

Today, Wiatt blends his experiences from the FBI and from three years at the Bryan District Attorney's office in leading the University police.

"In my life, I've come to the realization that society must have laws," he says, "or else we will have a catastrophic world without order."

"I also take great satisfaction in getting rid of the people who are prying on the victims of society."

"My goal is to make the University community aware that everyone is affected by University policy."

This encompasses faculty as important as deans of colleges and university administrators.

Wiatt says he has received telephone calls from outraged faculty members who insist they have special parking privileges over the students.

Wiatt has learned to anticipate both support and opposition to every University Police Department action.

"We are in the enforcement business," he says, "and it's not an endearing act — you don't make friends." ♪

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While Wiatt talked to a prisoner in a Huntsville cell, he says a guard yelled that a prisoner had taken hostages at gunpoint in the prison's exercise yard.

A convict working as a houseboy smuggled three guns and several rounds of ammunition, wrapped in plastic and stashed in a can of peaches, to three other prisoners.

Wiatt called for FBI assistance and then proceeded to the prison library.

Before a detailed plan to foil the criminals and save the hostages was executed, Wiatt says he was caught in two showers of bullets from the convicts' 357-magnum.

priest to them inside the "trojan horse" barricade as they shot at the FBI agents.

Thirteen officers dodged the convicts' bullets and pulled the hostages from the barricade before killing the criminals with gunfire.

Another criminal confrontation that Wiatt recalls was in 1969. A convicted drug felon and his girlfriend tried to dodge Wiatt's car in a 300-mile, 13-car high-speed chase across East Texas.

The officers finally stopped the suspect's car and struggled with the armed suspect and his girlfriend.

Wiatt says he laughed when

violent situations, he says.

After earning his undergraduate and law degrees at the University of Cincinnati, Wiatt decided not to become a lawyer but rather talked with a recruiter from the Federal Bureau of Investigation during a career day program at the university.

After this discussion, he chose his career.

Ending up in New York after traing, he was involved in breaking Mafia circles in the New York city docks.

Wiatt and his wife then moved to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where they lived for almost four years. There Wiatt investigated the criminal acts of the danger-

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8:00	Oral Roberts	Sunday Morning	The First Touch	Sesame Street	Echoes Ringing Ed Young	Town Meeting Day Of Discovery	Carrasco-Lendas Kids, Inc.	Jerry Falwell	James Robson Robert Schuller	Day Of Discovery Hyde Park	Phil Arms First Presby-	Andy Griffith	Mass For Shut-Ins Chicagoland Church	Kenneth Copeland		
9:00	For The Public Sunday Morning	Face The Nation	Larry Jones Jerry Falwell	Sesame Street	Sunday Morning	It Is Written Methodist Church	Movie: "Island Of Love"	Jackson Vae Transformers	People Vae Baptist Church	Oral Roberts	terian Church Robert Schuller	Good News Movie: "Witness"	Cisco Kid Lone Ranger	Lloyd Ogilvie Davey And Goliath		
10:00	Methodist Church Baptist Church	Jimmy Swaggart	Robert Schuller	Sesame Street	Face The Nation	Movie: "Jack"		Speed Racer Valley Of Dinosaurs	This Week With	Sunday Funnies	For The Prosecution	Rawhide	Superbook Club			
11:00	Meet The Press	Baptist Church	World Tomorrow	Ancient Lives	Newscon-ference Images	And The Beanstalk	Methodist Church	Little Rascals Daniel Boone	David Brinkley Taking Advantage	Meet The Press	Wrestling	Wild, Wild West	Honey, Honey Leo The Lion	Wrestling		
12:00	The Lock And The Key	Basketball Playoff Game	Dart Finals Africa: A Continent	Motorweek McLaughlin Group	Basketball Playoff Game	Bob Uecker's World Of Sports	This Week With David Brinkley	Interview	Movie: "Gold"	Lifestyles Of The Rich And Famous	High Chaparral	One Step Beyond Baseball Chicago	Flipper	Movie: "Spirit Of Bruce Lee"		
1:00	Dick Van Dyke Comedy Special	In Crisis	Oil Painting Great Decisions	Winners	Crossroads	Washington Week Wall Street Week	Baseball Houston Astros Vs. Houston	USFL Football	Baseball Houston Astros Vs. Houston	USFL Football	Movie: "The Deadly Dream"	Baseball Houston Astros At	Cubs At Montreal Expos	Movie: "The Savage Horde"		
2:00	Auto Racing Busch Futurity	PGA Golf Heritage	Agronsky & Company Matinee At The	PGA Golf Heritage	Rangers At Milwaukee Brewers	Painting Keepsakes Creative Woman	Astros	A Hard Road To	Movie: "Family"	Atlanta Braves						
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4:00	Entertainment Style	Auction	Winners	Counterpoint American Debate	Wagon Train	SuperChargers	Movie: "Exo-Man"	Basketball Playoff	Dick	Movie: "Bells Of Rosarita"	Room 222 Good Morning					
5:00	News	It's Your Business CBS News	Shopsmith ABC News	CBS News	Start Of Something Big	News	Adam Smith's Money World	Movie: "Oliver"	ABC News	NBC News	Game	Fantasy Island	Movie: "World Safari"	Alfred Hitchcock		
6:00	Silver Spoons Punky Brewster	60 Minutes	Ripley's Believe It Or Not!	60 Minutes	Movie: "Disaster On The Coastliner"	Drop Out	New Tech McLaughlin Group	Twist	Ripley's Believe It Or Not!	Silver Spoons Punky Brewster	Anything For Money Man About The House	Wrestling	On Top All Over	NHL Hockey Division		
7:00	Knight Rider	Murder, She Wrote	That Was The Week That Was	Murder, She Wrote	That Was The Week That Was	Living Planet	Movie: "Moulin Rouge"	That Was The Week That Was	Home Sweet Home Ed Young	Basketball Playoff Game	The World	Silver Dollar Jubilee	Finals Game 2			
8:00	Crazy Like A Fox	ABC Movie: "Embassy"	Crazy Like A Fox	Movie: "Just An Old Sweet Love Song"	ABC Movie: "Embassy"	Nature	ABC Movie: "Embassy"	First Baptist	Frazier Thomas							
9:00	Scene Of The Crime	Trapper John, M.D.	Trapper John, M.D.	Movie: "A Punt"	Masterpiece Theatre "All For Love"	At The Movies	Scene Of The Crime	America's Blk. Forum Outlook	Sport Page							
10:00	News	News	News	News	A Pass And A Prayer	News	Masterpiece Theatre "All For Love"	Switch	News	News	Africa: Cry Of A Continent	Day Of Discovery Jerry Falwell	Tales From Darkside Lou Grant	Hour	Get Rich With Real Estate	
11:00	Stars Fight Back! News	Angels	Wrestling	This Week	Solid Gold	Might Be Giants	At The Movies PM Magazine	The Winning Hand	Speed & Beauty Super Chargers	Open Up						
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