

Police Beat

The following were reported to the University Police Department from April 24 through last Friday:

- MISDEMEANOR THEFT:**
 - A Schuhmacher Hall resident reported his clothes were stolen from a dryer in the Special Services Building.
 - An officer chased and arrested two juveniles in a car stolen from a campus parking lot.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING:**
 - Several desk items reported stolen from Goodwin Hall were found in a room in Walton Hall.
- HARASSMENT:**
 - A student in Dorm 8 reported she heard knocking on her door at all hours of the night.
 - Two Neeley Hall residents reported receiving several harassing phone calls.
 - A woman reported that she received several obscene phone calls at her office and her home.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS:**
 - A woman student reported that a man entered a women's

- restroom in Legett Hall and took a picture of her.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:**
 - A Davis-Gary Hall resident reported that four turkeys and a goat were put in his room, and the door then was locked. The animals were from the A&M poultry farm and from the sheep and goat center.
 - UPD received a report that detergent was put in a fountain in front of Zachry Engineering Center, and a glass door on the building was broken.
 - A student reported that eggs were thrown on his car while it was parked in the Commons parking lot.
 - Two mailboxes were broken into at the Northgate post office.
 - UPD received a report that there has been an increase of criminal mischief in the Langford Architecture Center.
- PUBLIC INTOXICATION:**
 - An officer, responding to a report of an intoxicated person, found a student unconscious near the Northgate post office.

Attorney hired by minister's friends to help protect his rights

DALLAS (AP) — The Rev. Walker Railey's friends have hired an attorney to be on hand when police question the minister about his account of his wife's near-fatal attack, officials said.

Railey's condition has been upgraded to satisfactory, and police say they expect to be able to question him soon about the April 21 strangling attempt on his wife, Margaret, in their home.

Ralph Shannon, chairman of pastor-parish relations at First United Methodist Church, said attorney Doug Mulder was hired over the weekend by a group of individuals who feel that when Walker Railey is interrogated, he should exercise his legal right to have an attorney present.

"We're not hiring someone to defend him," Shannon said Monday. "We're hiring someone to protect his rights."

Shannon said Mulder's fee is not being paid by the church but is coming from another source. He declined to elaborate.

Police said Railey, senior minister at the church, tried to commit suicide with an overdose of drugs Friday after they requested an interview with him about his whereabouts the night his wife was attacked.

Homicide Lt. Ron Waldrop said police will wait for a medical evaluation of the minister's condition "and then we'll decide whether we want to talk to him or not."

Margaret Railey is in critical condition at Presbyterian Hospital, where she has been in a coma since April 22.

Railey told police he found his wife early that morning after returning from a library at Southern Methodist University where he had been doing research.

The incident followed a series of six threatening letters to Railey that were critical of his sermons supporting civil rights.

Police said Friday that FBI analysts determined the letters were written on a typewriter at Railey's church.

Railey does not know that Mulder has been hired, Shannon said.

"He's not been in a condition to have any knowledge of it," he said. "He's been in and out. He's beginning to respond, recognizing people, etc."

Gephardt declines comment about Hart

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Rep. Richard Gephardt said Tuesday he plans to stick to the issues in his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

He also said he has no comment on the Gary Hart incident.

"I don't know anything about it," Gephardt said, the Missouri congressman told a news conference.

"And what I would say would be inappropriate," the U.S. House Democratic caucus chairman said.

Gephardt had his wife Jane beside him.

The *Miami Herald* reported Sunday that Hart had spent Friday night and most of Saturday with Donna Rice at his Washington townhouse. Rice is a 29-year-old model and actress.

Hart's wife, Lee, was in Denver at the time.

Hart has denied any wrongdoing and denounced the media's performance.

"Obviously, the American people look at us and scrutinize us very closely," Gephardt said. "I think that scrutiny comes with the territory, and I have no problems with that."

When asked what he thought about reporters following candidates

and reporting on their non-public activities, Gephardt said:

"I'm not in the business of telling the press and the media how to conduct their business.

"My responsibility is to try to be a good public servant, to articulate my vision for the country and what I would do if elected president, and that's what I am going to do."

Gephardt spoke to the Texas House after he had already appeared in San Antonio and Houston.

After he spoke in Austin, he flew to campaign stops in Mississippi and Alabama.

"Viva Cinco de Mayo," Gephardt said in his brief speech in recognition of Mexico's independence from France, which is celebrated widely in Texas as well as Mexico.

"Texas has traditionally shown the way to the rest of the country as to how to deal with the future," Gephardt told the House.

"The 'Don't Mess with Texas' spirit is felt all over the United States," he said, referring to a popular slogan used in a state anti-litter campaign.

He said he felt many Texans were with him in his national efforts for an oil import fee and for a fair foreign trade policy.

Slow economy offers fewer jobs

DALLAS (AP) — Job offers are coming in slower this spring at area colleges and universities, and placement directors are blaming sluggish state and national economies for the downturn in entry-level positions.

Spring is usually the biggest recruiting season on college campuses and the heaviest hiring season for employers seeking recent graduates.

But business closings, mergers, restructurings, losses on contracts and other changes related to a weak economy have caused many of the larger companies nationwide — and particularly in Texas — to reduce the number of employees, say industry analysts.

Warren Robb, director of counseling, testing and career placement at the University of Texas at Arlington, said, "Recruiters are saying they have fewer available positions, and, therefore, are going to fewer campuses."

But Ray Lewis, placement director at North Texas State University, voiced optimism.

"My feeling is there's a job out there for everyone — you might have to hunt for it harder," Lewis said. "A majority of people probably are working in jobs they didn't first have in mind."

While the big companies may not be recruiting at the same volume as previous years, analysts say students

may fare better finding a job with a small company.

Butch Herrington, placement director at DeVry Institute of Technology, said, "Smaller companies are hiring more than the larger companies for expansion and replacement."

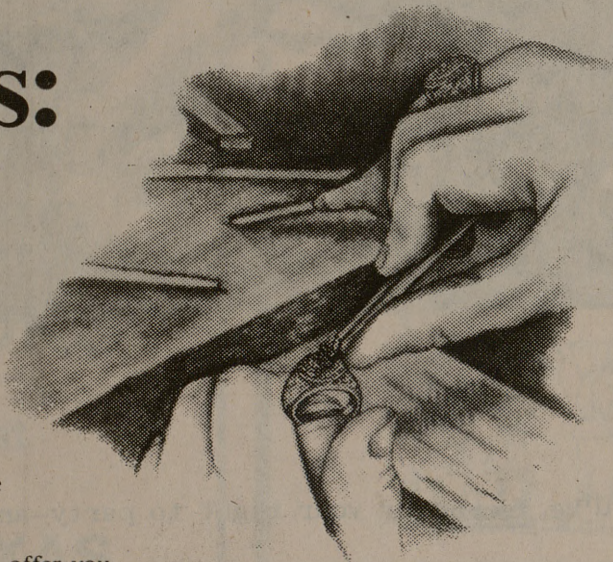
Joseph W. Duncan, corporate economist and chief statistician for Dun & Bradstreet Corp., which conducts an annual national employment survey, said, "The longevity of the economic recovery has surprised everyone, and the big companies have become concerned about their ability to become more competitive."

"That concern has produced a lot of belt-tightening last year, particularly with respect to employment, and the trend appears to be continuing this year." The survey said corporations employing 25,000 or more workers have indicated they plan to reduce payrolls slightly this year, but that about 2.6 million new jobs will be created by smaller companies.

"Small businesses continue to be the driving force behind job creation in the U.S. economy," Duncan said.

The Dun & Bradstreet study projects growth in areas such as finance, real estate, construction, service industries and the wholesale and retail trade — some of the problems in the Texas economy.

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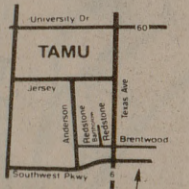
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