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Longshot

Byron Utz, a senior horticulture major from Longview and a member of the Texas A&M Trap and Skeet Club gets in some targeting practice at the Brazos Valley Gun Club, located on Cherokee Lane. The club meets twice a month for shooting practice.

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Howdy Week to offer students more than friendly salutations

By Missy Sims
Reporter

This week "howdy" can mean more than just the customary Aggie greeting.

Texas A&M Traditions Council members will give gift certificates to students who use the salutation to commemorate Howdy Week.

Saying "howdy" is one of Texas A&M's biggest and longest-standing traditions, Mike Dvoracek, Student Government's Traditions Council chairman, said.

"The practice is slowly becoming part of A&M's history," said Dvoracek, a 22-year-old recreation and parks major from Lubbock.

Head yell leader Doug Beall said, "A&M has the reputation of being a friendly university, but the 'howdy' tradition is disappearing. Howdy Week will hopefully revive the friendly spirit of the student body, and saying 'howdy' will be around for many years to come."

For students with a somewhat lethargic attitude toward A&M's traditions, the Traditions Council will offer prizes from local restaurants, clubs and ice cream shops to every person who says "howdy" to a council member.

Also, if a Traditions Council member observes students or faculty members saying "howdy" to the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue, they

will receive a special Howdy Week gift certificate.

According to the University Archives files, incoming freshmen in the Corps of Cadets are instructed to greet the statue, Dvoracek said.

"It is 'good bull' to be sociable to Sully," he said.

Other special Howdy Week items include T-shirts that say "Just Say Howdy." They will be sold for \$7 each, council member Todd Guidry said, and will be available all week in the MSC.

Howdy Week customarily is held in the spring, with the Howdy Dance highlighting the week. This semester's Howdy Week will climax with the Aggies' away game at Baylor.

Besides Howdy Week, the 26-member committee annually sponsors the upcoming Switch-off for Kick-off football game, where social roles are exchanged and women invite men to the game. The committee produces promotional television commercials about the University and conducts a traditions awareness program for various student organizations and visiting conventions as well, Guidry said.

Dvoracek said the council's goal is to make students aware of A&M's tradition-based heritage.

"We hope Howdy Week is instrumental in reaching that goal," he said.

Police charge multi-personality man in robbery after escape from hospital

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man with 11 personalities and a robbery conviction was back behind bars Monday after his escape from the San Antonio State Hospital last month, police said.

Leonard Little of Universal City was arrested and charged Sunday in connection with a robbery earlier in the day. He was jailed Monday in lieu of a \$150,000 bond, officials said.

Detectives were attempting to unravel Little's path since he left the hospital Sept. 20 to determine if he was involved in other robberies and burglaries in the city and county.

"My personalities took me over," Little told the *San Antonio Light*, explaining why he had fled the state hospital. "The next thing I knew, I was laying out in a field with no clothes and no money."

During his well-publicized trial last year, testimony showed that Little's multiple personalities included a teen-ager named Buck, a black man named Flash and an 11-year-old boy who loves Captain Kangaroo and Zorro.

Detectives said that since his escape, Little has been Buck, "Jerry Newton" and Len Little, but during Sunday's arrest he answered to his own name.

Little said he left the hospital because "they treat you really bad." About 4 p.m. Sunday, police said

two men wearing stockings over their heads walked into a city jewelry store and held up the owner and his wife, taking about \$2,000 worth of jewelry from a display case.

One man was armed, police said.

Later, as narcotics Detective Frank Randolph headed south on Interstate 37 about 6 p.m., he spotted a stolen car matching the description of the getaway car in the robbery.

Police said Randolph followed the car to an ice house, where a man got into another car with two women. Later, police learned that Little was getting into his sister's car so that she and a woman companion could take him back to the hospital.

Detectives said his sister had been looking for him since his escape and found him Sunday evening along a city highway. She was following him to the ice house to pick him up and take him to the hospital, police said.

When police arrested Little, he allegedly was armed with a small pistol. Police still were looking for the other man involved in the jewelry store robbery.

Little was charged in connection with robbery, unauthorized use of a vehicle and expired license plates late Sunday.

He was sentenced in September 1986 to five years after he was found mentally competent to stand trial for an aggravated robbery in 1984.

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