

## Police Beat

The following were reported to the University Police Department from Oct. 26 through Sunday:

- MISDEMEANOR THEFT:**
- Six bicycles were reported stolen.
  - A telephone was reported stolen from the MSC.
- FELONY THEFT (Supplemental Information):**
- College Station Police recovered a motorcycle that had been stolen Oct. 25 from outside Aston Hall. The motorcycle was found in front of a College Station convenience store.
- ATTEMPTED FELONY THEFT:**
- A student told police he saw a man tampering with his motorcycle while it was parked in front of McInnis Hall. The student said he asked the man what he was doing and the man said he was just looking at the motorcycle. The student also said the ignition switch had been removed from the motorcycle.

- THEFT OF SERVICE:**
- Someone passed 55 counterfeit dollar bills through a coin exchange machine on campus.
- DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED:**
- An officer saw a car being driven without its headlights on after dark. After stopping the car, the officer determined the student who was driving was intoxicated.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:**
- The driver's door of a Chevrolet Blazer was kicked in while it was parked in Parking Area 24.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION:**
- A student reported that 110 compact audio discs were stolen from his dorm room.
- FELONY THEFT:**
- A 1987 Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle was reported stolen from Parking Area 6. Officers located the motorcycle and found that it had been severely damaged in an accident.

# A&M conference to promote insight into U.S., Mexico

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Staff Writer

Students and speakers from Mexico and the United States will visit Texas A&M Thursday for "Mexico-USA: Past, Present and Future," a three-day conference aimed at promoting mutual understanding and respect between the two countries.

The conference is sponsored by the Mexican Student Association and the Office of International Coordination.

"In a relationship between two countries, in order to respect the other, you have to understand their values," Gabriel Carranza, a conference organizer, said. "We must understand the reason why Mexico is the way it is and why America is the way it is. We're trying to find a better life and a new future."

Scheduled speakers are:

- A&M President Frank Vandiver, who will deliver the welcome and introductory speech at 7 p.m. Thursday.

- Haskell Monroe, chancellor of the University of Missouri, who will discuss the United States' past and its relationship with Mexico at 7:15 p.m. Thursday.

- Luis Berruecos, an anthropologist for the Mexican Ministry of Education, who will speak about Mexico's past at 8:20 p.m. Thursday.

- Neville Clark, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station director, who will talk about the development of the United States in the 20th century at 8:55 a.m. Friday.

- Jesus Silva-Herzog, a former finance minister of Mexico, who will discuss the development of Mexico in the 20th century at 10:45 a.m. Friday.

- U.S. Rep. Kika de la Garza, who will speak about the future of the United States and its relations with Mexico at 1:50 p.m. Friday.

- Alejandro Sobarzo, a Mexican senator and secretary of international affairs, who will speak about the future of Mexico and its relations with the United States at 3:45 p.m. Friday.

- A banquet will be held Friday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the College Station Hilton and Conference Center.

- Jorge Castaneda, professor of political science at the National University of Mexico, who will deliver a consolidating speech about the futures of Mexico and the United States at 9:55 a.m. Saturday.

- Norman Borlaug, Nobel Peace Prize winner and distinguished professor of international agriculture at A&M, who will discuss the philosophy behind the relations of Mexico and the United States at noon Saturday.

Thursday and Friday's presentations will be in Rudder Theater. Saturday presentations will be in 226 MSC and closing ceremonies will be held at 11 a.m. in 224 MSC.

Registration forms are available at the Office of International Coordination. The \$20 fee includes all speeches and receptions, a banquet and a luncheon.

## Church replaces minister suspected in wife's choking

DALLAS (AP) — The United Methodist Church on Tuesday named an Atlanta minister to fill the First United Methodist Church post left vacant when the Rev. Walker Railey was placed on leave of absence shortly after a near-fatal choking attack on his wife.

Bishop John Russell, head of the Dallas-Fort Worth area of the United Methodist Church, selected Hal N. Brady III to be senior minister of First United.

After being placed on leave shortly after the April 22 attack on

Margaret "Peggy" Railey, Railey later resigned his credentials as a Methodist minister and spent time in a private psychiatric hospital following an attempted suicide.

He has denied any knowledge of the attack and refused to cooperate with investigators. Railey was subpoenaed by a grand jury investigating the attack in July, but refused to answer questions.

Police have filed no charges in connection with the assault, which took place at the Raileys' home.

Mrs. Railey remains in a coma in a Tyler nursing home.

# SMU economist predicts depression if U.S. fails to implement 'wealth tax'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A shattering economic depression, the likes of which the United States has never seen, waits at the turn of the decade unless a sweeping "wealth tax" is imposed, a Southern Methodist University economist said Tuesday.

Dr. Ravi Batra, whose best-selling book "The Great Depression of 1990" forecasted a stock market crash, offered his economic solutions to the Senate Republican Conference Task Force on Economic Growth and Opportunity.

The root of the country's economic dilemma is a concentration of wealth among 1 percent of the population, Batra said.

He suggested imposition of a wealth tax of 50 percent on all invest-

ment income for anyone with a net worth of \$2 million or more would solve the problem.

"If the government collects half of this through a wealth tax, the tax revenue will rise by as much as \$250 billion, enough to wipe out the annual budget deficit and partly retire the federal debt," the 44-year-old Indian-born economist said.

He also suggested greater regulation of banks and brokerages to cool the speculative fire in the stock market and favored an increase in the down payment requirements on commodities and futures markets from 5 percent to 50 percent.

Four traditional supply-side economists were on hand for the

meeting, which was attended by only one senator, Robert W. Kasten, Jr., R-Wis. Each was critical of Batra's proposals, but particularly Richard Rahn, vice president and chief economist for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

"There is no empirical evidence to show an increasing concentration of wealth," Rahn said. "There is no way you can generate the kind of money he is talking about."

"(The wealthy) could clearly move elsewhere. Several European countries have tried a wealth tax. And it has been a disaster."

William B. Johnston, senior research fellow at The Hudson Institute, also dismissed the wealth tax as unworkable, but agreed the country has experienced a bubble

of speculation that should be addressed by greater regulation.

Glaring at the panel of free market economists, Batra declared dramatic action is needed now if the U.S. is to avoid an economic catastrophe equivalent to conventional world war.

"Some historians including myself have noted striking similarities between the 1920s and the 1980s," Batra said.

"However, global economic and social problems today are far worse than those that occurred six decades ago, when the American budget and trade were consistently in surplus, and the U.S. was emerging as the lender to the rest of the world."

## Harassment

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he said. "We were making everybody leave once the pole started to go up."

But Tim Dorney, Aggeland photo editor, said photographers have been left alone in previous years, including last year when he was a yearbook photographer.

"I took some shots from a distance, but we moved in and out of the perimeter at will," Dorney said. "John Makely (another photographer) was within a few feet of the pole positioning the center pole."

Dorney said a general statement was made at the shoot cautioning photographers to be aware of the guy ropes while taking photographs. But that was the only safety precau-

tion mentioned besides wearing hard hats, he said.

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— Marie McLeod, Aggeland photographer

near the pole after it was up and as it was being coated with oil.

"I hear this comment while I'm in the perimeter taking pictures — 'We'll f--- her brains out if she doesn't get her a--- out of the perime-

ter,'" she said. "They were just totally crude."

Friend said the photographers

didn't really bother me unless they were aimed at me."

As McLeod photographed the center pole raising, she said someone threw dirt at her from behind.

"I was squatting taking pictures of the pole as it was going up with a wide angle lens so I could get it all in," she said. "I could hear them back there chuckling and I kept feeling dirt being thrown all over my back."

Friend said she also was harassed later while sitting on the ground outside the perimeter watching the photographers' equipment.

She said about 20 people starting running around her with a bucket of oil and they were acting like they were going to throw it at each other and then at her, she said.

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