

2 shooting reports released by police after legal battle

DALLAS (AP) — Detailed internal accounts of two fatal shootings by Dallas police were released after the department lost a two-year legal battle to withhold them from public scrutiny.

The police on Wednesday gave reporters files on the shootings of Russ Granderson in 1985 and of James Cook in 1984.

The documents, released to the *Dallas Morning News* and the *Dallas Times Herald*, included reports on investigations by the Internal Affairs Division, witness' statements and detailed accounts provided by the officers involved.

The Cook file contained a letter from the district attorney's office to then-Police Chief Billy Prince critical of Phyllis Clark, the officer who shot Cook.

The grand jury found the shooting justified, the letter noted, but many jurors felt that poor judgment was exercised by Officer Clark and that the shooting could have been avoided if backup officers had been called.

The initial police report, which Clark helped compile, stated Cook was shot in

the right side of the chest after Clark and her partner answered a domestic disturbance call.

The autopsy found Cook was shot in midback, through the spine. There was no exit wound.

The documents also showed that in the slaying of Russ Austin Granderson, investigators resolved an apparent inconsistency in the officers' original accounts.

The internal documents released Wednesday said a bullet wound in Granderson's left buttock was caused as an officer fired in an "arc-like fashion" as Granderson ran past him.

Both officers were exonerated by a grand jury.

The release of the files Wednesday came two weeks after the city of Dallas dropped a lawsuit against Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox, who had ruled that all closed files on police shootings and complaints should be released to the public.

The city was seeking in its lawsuit to keep the records closed.

Large crop expected for 1015 onion lovers

By Melissa Naumann Reporter

Onions bring tears to the eyes of many people and leave them sniffing hopelessly in the kitchen. Next spring, however, a large amount of 1015 onions in grocery stores will keep onion lovers dry-eyed.

Researchers from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station have found a way to produce more of the popular 1015 Texas SuperSweet onion by cloning a female version of the onion.

Dr. Leonard Pike, a TAES researcher, said the cloning process, which involves tissue culture techniques, allows the production of more 1015 onion offspring than ever before.

"We've just brought the onion industry into the 21st century and can develop new strains in a matter of years," Pike said. "It once took up to 12 years. In my career I might have developed three or four new strains. Now someone can literally develop hundreds."

Barbara Rogers, a staff research associate working with Pike, said the 1015 onions — named for the preferred planting date of Oct. 15 — will be ready around mid-April.

"Last year, the onions had little labels on them, and the grocery stores usually have a big display," Rogers said. "You won't miss them."

Pike said onion farmers will earn bigger profits from the 1015 onions since the yield is twice that of regular onions: 40,000 pounds of 1015 onions per acre instead of 20,000 pounds of regular onions.

Rogers said the large number of 1015 onions on the market will not affect prices at first.

"They usually start out pretty high, around 50 cents per pound," she said. "Then, as more onions come into the stores, the prices will drop."

Regular onions currently cost between 33 cents and 49 cents per pound.

The onions also are becoming more resistant to diseases which can destroy entire crops, Pike said.

"Now farmers can be assured of better seeds that will not present as many losses," Pike said. "Some of them will never know of the problems such as fusarium bulb rot. We're anticipating problems and dealing with them before they happen."

Rogers said the cloning process also speeds up onion production.

"It usually takes two years to get onions," she said. "You plant the seeds one year to get the bulb and then plant the bulb another year to get the onion. Now we've eliminated the initial seed-to-bulb phase. We're trying to get this cloning process patented right now."

Pike said the actual quality of the onion has improved as well.

"Also being bred into the plants is the size of a grapefruit and a sweetness that won't make you cry," he said.

What's Up

Friday

- MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** will present a dialogue on "Jihad: A common link between Moslems and Christians" at 7 p.m. in Rudder Tower, the screen for the room number.
- LATTER-DAY SAINTS STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** Earl de Schamp, director of the church educational system, will speak at noon during the seminar at the Institute Building.
- KOREAN CHURCH OF A&M:** Pang-Une Kim will present a piano concert at 7:30 p.m. at 3333 Oak Ridge Dr. in Bryan. A \$3 donation is suggested.
- UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES:** will have a Bible study at 6:15 p.m. at Presbyterian Church.
- CAMPUS CRUSADE:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington.
- CORPS OF CADETS:** will run across campus to the centerpole raising \$100 p.m., ending at Duncan field.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** call the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting.
- STUDY ABROAD OFFICE:** DIS applications are due by 5 p.m. in 1615 East Campus.
- WESLEY FOUNDATION:** will have a costume dance at 8 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation.
- UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS COUNCIL:** will have a Halloween party for students and their children from 5-7:30 p.m. in the council room.

Saturday

- TAMU BICYCLING CLUB:** will meet at 9 a.m. at Rudder Fountain for a bike ride.
- STUDENT Y/AGGIE FRIENDS:** will meet at 1 p.m. in 504 Rudder.
- OFF CAMPUS AGGIES:** will meet at 8 a.m. at Duncan field for bootcamp.
- ROSICRUCIAN ORDER:** will have a lecture on meditation, visualization, mysticism from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Room 105 College Station Center.
- TAMU SPORTS CAR CLUB:** will have an autocross at 9 a.m. at Riverside campus (formerly the A&M Annex).
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** call the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting.
- CORPS OF CADETS:** will have the flight of the Great Pumpkin at 8:30 p.m. in the Quad. There will also be a wing/regiment mixer at 9 p.m. in Duncan Hall.

Sunday

- TAMU INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS:** will demonstrate and folk dance from 8-10 p.m. in 226 MSC.
- CHINESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will screen the movie "Scarface" at 7 p.m. in 224 MSC.
- PRE-THEOLOGY SOCIETY:** will present "An Introduction to Theology" at 4 p.m. in 510 Rudder.
- INDIA ASSOCIATION:** will have a variety of entertainment and dinner at 201 MSC.
- TAMU BICYCLING CLUB:** will meet at 1 p.m. at Rudder Fountain for a bike ride.
- ET ALIA DANCE CLUB:** will meet and practice at 7 p.m. in 266 Read.

Monday

- RHA:** will have RHALloween with booths, a costume contest and fun from midnight in the Grove.
- CO-OP FAIR:** will be from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in Zachry and the Honors Sciences Building.
- INTRAMURALS:** entries open for the video triathlon and handball singles at 1:15 p.m. in 159 Read.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** call the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting.
- PHI ETA SIGMA:** will have a Halloween costume party at 6 p.m. at the Hillis Nursing Center. For more information call Joanne at 260-0665.
- TRADITIONS COUNCIL:** "Howdy Week" will run through Friday. Just say "dy!"

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Read Hall no later than three business days before the desired run date. We print the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will be printed. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

Associate professor discusses views on role of risk analysis

By Andy Alexander Reporter

The concept of risk plays an important role in today's legal thinking. Yet, when are risks real?

This was the question presented by Paul Thompson, associate professor of philosophy and humanities, during a colloquium Thursday. Thompson presented a paper he had written titled "Risk Objectivism and Risk Subjectivism: When are Risks Real?" to a group of 15 students and faculty members.

Thompson introduced his views on the role of risk analysts in determining issues of public policy. Thompson said risk analysts deal with issues such as the chance of getting cancer when exposed to a toxic substance, the risk of sending a child to a school that has an AIDS infected student or the risk of a pump failing in a nuclear reactor.

Thompson described the various views of objectivists and subjectivists in dealing with real risks. Objectivists, he said, take a stand based on a more classical, or relative frequency probability of events. Subjectivists simply rely on an expression of confidence that something may happen. He added that actions may be taken without a feeling of risk, although some risk may actually be present.

In his presentation, Thompson told the story of a man returning home from work, giving two situations. In one, a 7-year-old boy tells the man that someone has put a voodoo curse on his mailbox that changed his mail into a rattlesnake. In the other, the man's reasonably responsible neighbor tells him that a group of kids have reportedly been putting live snakes into mailboxes and two have been found already.

A risk analyst would determine the

real risk in opening the mailbox, Thompson said.

Rebuttle from Keith Bepko and questions from the audience suggested that we should avoid the use of real risks and just address the general.

Thompson suggested that policy should be created with the use of all possible risks, and not just those that seem real.

The Department of Philosophy Humanities sponsors colloquium Thursdays. Speakers include departmental staff and faculty, as well as outside experts.

The next colloquium is scheduled for Nov. 3. The speaker will be Dr. Mathews from Rutgers University. He will be discussing the psychological aspects of grammar. All presentations are open to the public.

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Monday, October 31, 1988, the employers listed will be on campus participating in the Co-op Career Fair. These employers will primarily be interested in visiting with prospective co-op students, but students who are interested in either summer or full-time employment, should also feel free to come by. The Co-op Career Fair will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the lobby of both Zachry Engineering Center and Horticulture Sciences Building with a lunch break from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

A seminar on "How to Interview for Co-op, Summer, or Internship Jobs" will also be conducted at 7:00 p.m. on October 31 in Room 103 Zachry. Employer representatives from McNeil Consumer Products and IBM will assist the staff members from the Co-op Office and Career Planning and Placement Office in conducting this seminar.

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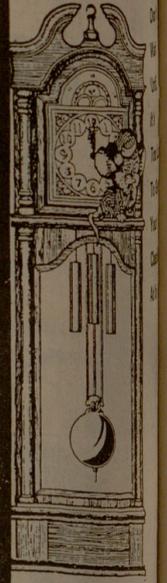
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