

Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department from Oct. 24 through Tuesday.

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:

- Eight bicycles and four backpacks were stolen from various locations around campus. Officers found that books from two of the packs had been sold at a local bookstore by a student whom they were able to identify.
- The Harris County Sheriff's Office recovered a bicycle that had been reported stolen on campus.
- A student reported that he found a moped in the bushes on the Quad. The moped had been reported stolen.
- A student reported that someone stole a checkbook from her post office box after she left the key in the lock. She said whoever took the checks had written some locally.
- A student reported that someone stole the license plate from his motorcycle.
- Someone stole a lithograph print of the Grand Canyon from the Hal-bouty Geosciences Building.
- Someone stole a sign from outside Bernie's Place.
- A student reported that someone stole his clothes from the Corps laundry room.
- A student reported that someone stole three gold rings from her purse, which was left unattended in the Horticulture Forestry Sciences Building.
- A student reported that someone stole his wallet from his backpack in Francis Hall.
- A student reported that someone stole the bicycle light and generator from his bicycle.

BURGLARY:

- While on plainclothes assignment, an officer arrested a man for breaking into a vehicle on campus.
- Two students reported that someone stole the T-tops from their Datsun 280-ZXs. The thefts occurred in the same lot at about the same time.
- A student reported that someone

stole his stereo, speakers and a box of cassettes from his pick-up truck.

- A student from Briggs Hall reported that someone stole several pieces of jewelry from her room.
- Someone stole two umbrellas from the display case of the snack bar at Easterwood Airport.
- Someone stole a tool box from the Soil and Crops Sciences Building.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

- A student reported that someone broke a rear taillight out of her car, which was parked on campus.
- Someone painted "X" over the Louisiana State University seals on the front doors of a vehicle parked on campus. The vandals also painted an "ATM" across each door.
- Someone set the contents of a dumpster on fire.
- It was reported that two men caused a disturbance and broke the cord to the front-desk telephone at the Commons.
- A student reported that someone damaged the rear view mirror on his car.
- Another student reported that someone broke the side view mirror off his car.
- Someone damaged a stop sign.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION:

- After receiving a report that someone was unconscious near Hogg Street, an officer found two students in what appeared to be an "alcoholic stupor."
- After responding to a disturbance call, officers found a student who was damaging property and appeared to be intoxicated.

FALSE ALARM:

- Someone set off a smoke/fire alarm at the new Chemistry Building.

ASSAULT:

- A student in Keathley Hall reported that someone verbally assaulted him over the telephone.
- A student reported that she was assaulted by her roommate in Legett Hall during an argument about a loud stereo.

Attorney: Jury shouldn't have investigation

DALLAS (AP) — An assistant district attorney said a Dallas County grand jury is wasting its time by launching its own investigation into nine police shootings of civilians that occurred from 1980 to 1987.

Norman Kinne, first assistant district attorney, said, "We've got an increasing crime rate . . . and now, all of a sudden . . . we have to go back and rehash old cases that have already been decided."

"It's an insult to all the grand juries who have already heard these cases," he said.

A Dallas County grand jury announced Tuesday it would review the nine cases, which resulted in no charges being filed by the grand juries that initially heard the cases.

Grand jury foreman Fred T. Bennett, a Dallas attorney who was once a prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice, said, "The only thing we can do is look and see if there were any violations of law."

The investigation comes amid conflicting newspaper reports over alleged discrepancies between initial police reports and autopsy reports.

Assistant District Attorney John Nelms said the grand jury announced its decision after a private meeting early Tuesday.

Grand jurors requested all documents and testimony presented to the original panels, but did not ask to recall witnesses, Nelms said.

He said, "Police shooting cases are presented more thoroughly than any other cases the grand jury hears. . . . If there was a clear-cut violation, I'm sure they would have indicted."

Nelms is the prosecutor who advises the Tuesday grand jury.

Bennett declined to discuss the reasons for the investigation or what grand jurors hoped to accomplish.

District Attorney John Vance and Dallas Police Chief Mack Vines said they would cooperate with the investigation.

A&M researcher says Russian studies suffer

By Scot Walker
Reporter

The biggest problem with studying the Soviet Union is the inability of most researchers to empathize with the Soviets' unique perspectives on concepts like freedom, democracy and the value of life, a Texas A&M researcher says.

Kevin Stubbs is a research associate at Texas A&M's Center for Strategic Technology pursuing a doctoral degree in the history of Europe and the Soviet Union.

He says that even though the people of Russia and the other Soviet republics have a history and culture radically different from that of people in the United States and Western Europe, Americans tend to think of them as being "just like us."

"The Soviet Union lies partially in Europe, but it doesn't share Europe's history," Stubbs said. "They are a people who

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didn't experience a Renaissance or a Reformation," he said, while those events played an important role in shaping the values of the rest of Europe and America.

The Renaissance was a period between the 14th and 17th centuries that was noted as the beginnings of modern science and a revival of interest in the arts. The Reformation was a 16th century movement that rejected the Roman Catholic doctrine and led to the formation of the Protestant churches.

"Words like freedom and democracy have different connotations for Soviet citizens," he said. "When studying the Soviet Union, researchers have to be careful to account for such built-in cultural biases."

Researching the Soviet Union is the principal function of the Center, which was chartered under the Texas Engineering Extension Service in 1979. Any group, government or industry that wants information or answers to questions can hire the

Center to do the research. But Stubbs said if someone wants research to support a predetermined point they should look elsewhere.

"All of our work is completely objective," he said. "If we ever did a project that came to a biased conclusion, we would be out of business."

While some other research centers are given labels such as "conservative think tank," Stubbs said the A&M Center is and wants to remain known as an independent research facility.

The Center commonly turns down clients who offer to pay large fees for facts to support their own theories, he said.

"Without the credibility that comes with being objective, we wouldn't have a valid reason to exist," Stubbs said. "We tap resources and professors on this campus, others around the country and in Europe. When we are through researching, but before we release our conclusions, we consult more experts to make sure the results are clear and unbiased."

"We do everything possible to reach valid conclusions and to uphold our reputation for objectivity, even if that means giving our clients answers they don't like."

Although the Center's expertise is in military-related research about the Soviet Union, its charter is broad enough to allow it to handle any topic.

Clients have included cities, federal and state governments and large industrial corporations.

Stubbs said the Center was chartered to provide a new point of view on research that already was being conducted on the east and west coasts.

"A problem existed in that the staff at these other centers were moving into federal government positions, and then returning to do research when the administration changed," Stubbs said. "This revolving door led to built-in biases and the system became too inbred, so we were chartered to provide a fresh approach."

Stubbs said that because the Center does some research that is classified as secret and cannot be published, it sometimes is charged by members of the academic community as lacking objectivity.

"That doesn't make sense to me," Stubbs said. "Just because we can't make public some of our findings doesn't make them less scientific. It's just a matter of national security."

Civil servant arrested after taking \$400 bribe

LAREDO (AP) — An amnesty official has been charged with accepting a \$400 bribe from undercover agents posing as Mexican citizens seeking legalization.

Immigration and Naturalization Service agents made the arrest Monday night at a Laredo motel after handing four \$100 bills to Daniel Meza, who has been an amnesty adjudicator with the legalization program since its inception May 5, 1987.

Meza was charged Tuesday with soliciting a bribe. He was later released on a \$25,000 personal recognizance bond.

If convicted, Meza faces up to 15 years in prison.

Gary Renick, chief investigator for the INS office in San Antonio, said, "It went down fairly fast."

"It tells everyone if we have somebody dirty, we're going to clean it up."

Renick said Meza is the first amnesty worker in the San Antonio district — which includes Laredo, Austin and Corpus Christi — to be arrested and charged with bribery.

But Renick said in the San Antonio district about 15 individuals have been indicted and convicted for selling documents that would make aliens eligible for legalization.

He added that his office has about eight to 10 other investigations ongoing.

"The fraud is massive," Renick said. "We're concentrating very hard on it."

Because Laredo is one of only three ports of entry for legalization in the United States, fraud is concentrated in the area, Renick said.

He added the problem is compounded by individuals across the border who offer educational classes that coach aliens on how to respond to questioning once they enter the country.

According to a complaint filed against Meza, INS agents on Friday arrested Juan Bernardino Moncada-Arredondo in Laredo with several sets of fake documents on him.

The phony documents were statements from employers indicating the name and time certain aliens had worked for them.

The paperwork allowed the alien to

apply for amnesty as Special Agricultural Workers.

Agricultural workers, unlike other amnesty applicants, have until Nov. 30 to file for legal status.

Moncada-Arredondo, agents said, told them he supplied documents to aliens seeking amnesty.

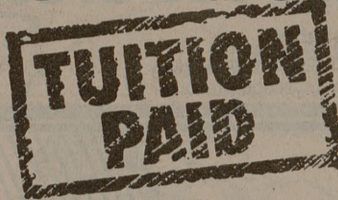
He also said he paid Meza to recommend that they be favorably considered for amnesty and to issue them temporary employment authorization.

Renick said his office was continuing to investigate how long the bribery relationship may have existed.

In cooperation with the government, agents said Moncada-Arredondo, called Meza on Sunday, arranging for two aliens to be given employment authorization and a favorable recommendation for amnesty.

On Monday, according to INS reports, the two undercover agents posing as aliens went into the Laredo Immigration Legalization Center where Meza worked.

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