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Tall, dark and handsome?

Jennifer Diehl, a junior journalism major from Houston, steps up Monday to examine one of five statues in the exhibit "Mindless Competition" displayed near Rudder Tower. The statues are part

of The First Texas Triennial exhibition brought to campus by the Office of University Art Collections and Exhibitions. The statues are made of foam rubber and steel.

NAACP accuses DPS of racial discrimination

AUSTIN (AP) — NAACP officials on Monday filed a complaint against the Texas Department of Public Safety, alleging the state's law enforcement agency discriminates against black employees through an entrenched "good old boy" system of favoritism.

The complaint was filed with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on behalf of 30 black troopers and support staff, said Gary Bledsoe, president of the Austin chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The complaint alleges disparities in treatment between black and white employees in hiring, promotions, and disciplinary actions at the DPS.

DPS officials disputed the NAACP, saying progress has been made to increase minorities in the ranks.

The DPS has more than 5,000 employees, of which 2,600 are commis-

sioned law officers, said spokesman Mike Cox.

Cox said that as of last April, 21.8 percent of the personnel in law enforcement were minorities, up from 9.6 percent 10 years ago.

"We think there's been some very positive improvement over the last 10 years.

We were working to make things better even before the original NAACP concerns were expressed and will continue to do so," he said.

A recent survey by the Texas State Troopers Association showed that many of its members believe a "good old boy" system exists and promotions frequently have little to do with an employee's abilities.

"It's unlikely that a good old boy is going to include a black and it sure isn't going to include a female," Bledsoe said at a news conference.

That charge was denied by Col. Joe E. Milner, DPS director.

"I reject that," Milner said. "Our promotional system is very fair, and we welcome any examination of it."

Bledsoe said the department's oral interview committee has disproportionately disqualified blacks and Hispanics from promotions; that blacks are penalized more harshly than white employees who commit the same violations; and that black recruiting numbers are consistently too low.

Bledsoe declined to give detailed examples, saying the EEOC complaint is an anonymous process and that the NAACP still is gathering information.

Charles Arnold, a custodian at the DPS, said he has worked there 15 years and was passed over for a promotion by a white employee.

Arnold said the DPS did not even list the job to inform employees about the opening.

"I feel neglected," he said. "I just wanted to be treated fair."

1989-90 academic calendar approved by Faculty Senate

By Juliette Rizzo
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The Texas A&M Faculty Senate approved the 1989-90 academic calendar Monday.

The calendar will now be submitted to President William H. Mobley for final approval.

Spring break is tentatively scheduled for the week of March 13-17 and final exams for the spring semester are tentatively scheduled for Friday May 5 and Monday through Wednesday May 8-10.

An amendment to the calendar proposed by Sen. Richard Shumway also was approved by the Senate. The amendment, which pertains to upcoming summer sessions, states that "degree candidates in all semesters and sessions shall sit for final examinations with other students in the registered class."

The intent of the proposal is to have all students in a given course take final examinations at the same time to allow professors equal time to grade all exams. The second part of the amendment states that the

amount of time for the faculty to grade final examinations shall not be less than the time granted during the fall 1988 semester, when President Mobley approved the revised finals schedule and a minimum of two days for professors to grade exams.

Speaker Gary Hart said the addendum to the schedule has been proposed because it is impossible for all students to take finals at the same time and for professors to get grades in on time to have actual diplomas distributed at graduation.

2 Dallas teens remain in jail for murder of police officers

DALLAS (AP) — Two teen-agers remained in custody Monday while police prepared to present the district attorney with formal charges for the youths' role in a car chase that led to the deaths of two police officers.

The youths, 17-year-old Ray Earwin McLin Jr. and a 16-year-old whose identity won't be released because he is a juvenile, were held on probable cause charges of murder, police spokesman Bill Bateman said.

Officers Lisa Sandel and Mark Fleming were killed when their police cruiser went out of control and crashed into an oncoming pickup on a rain-slickened street during a chase Friday night. An officer-trainee riding in the back seat of the car and the driver of the pickup were injured.

McLin was in the Low Sterrett Justice Center in lieu of a \$100,000 bond and the 16-year-old was in Dallas County Juvenile Detention Center. Bond has not been set, but police will try to have the teen-ager certified as an adult, Davis said.

Bateman said the police units investigating different facets of the case would have to get together to decide

what charges would be formally presented to the district attorney.

Police arrested McLin early Monday after questioning the 16-year-old, who was brought to them by his mother Sunday night.

Police believe the youths were in the stolen 1985 Oldsmobile 98 Sandel and Fleming chased, but detective Roy Hodgens said it was too early to discuss the specific roles the youths may have played in the car theft and chase.

"The one person who'd probably be the best witness is the officer who is still in the hospital," Bateman said.

The recruit, Nathaniel White, 25, was in serious condition Monday in the intensive care unit at Baylor University Medical Center, officials said. Police have been unable to question White because he has been heavily sedated, Bateman said.

Police said the juvenile had stolen two cars Friday. Both cars were recovered Saturday and property missing from one was found in the other.

Motorcycle chase ends in death, spurs riot in Miami neighborhood

MIAMI (AP) — About 75 people burned cars and threw rocks Monday at police who had fired at a motorcycle during a chase that ended in a wreck and the death of one suspect and the injury of another, authorities said.

the site of major racial strife in the past.

Miami Mayor Xavier Suarez declared the riot "contained" about five hours later. School officials announced five schools in the area would be closed Tuesday.

Several officers hit by rocks and bottles were treated at the scene, police said. At least two cars were set afire, two news vehicles attacked with rocks and several people who wandered into the area were hit by rocks, authorities said.

Miami police were placed on full alert, with overnight shifts called in early, and the Florida Highway Patrol and Metro police placed on standby.

The incident began about 5:45 p.m. on the Martin Luther King holiday when police started chasing a motorcycle with two possible robbery suspects, police Sgt. Michael Mazur said.

Police started shooting, and the motorcycle ran into a car, Mazur said.

Texans honor King with parades, vigils

Official: MLK passed torch to new leaders

By Richard Tijerina
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Although Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was murdered 21 years ago this April, he has not been forgotten, and the torch he carried promoting civil rights has been passed on to the black leaders of today, a Texas A&M official says.

Kevin Carreathers, coordinator of the A&M Multicultural Services Center, said today's civil rights leaders such as Jesse Jackson and Atlanta mayor Andrew Young are paving the way toward racial equality while carrying the dreams of King.

"(The leaders) are doing an excellent job because they have a clear focus on what goals need to be accomplished and they are well-respected by society at large," Carreathers said.

Carreathers said King's legacy of promoting racial equality was especially crucial to blacks in the 1960s by bringing the issue to the public eye.

and suggested combining it with another optional holiday, Confederate Heroes' Day, celebrated Jan. 19.

"I know that my colleagues on this side of the rotunda have the courage to combine Confederate Heroes Day with Martin Luther King's birthday because there's nothing wrong with it — they're both heroes in the eyes of people who love freedom," Washington said.

Most Texas colleges were open as were some school districts.

"He raised the conscience level of the country," he said. "He was very instrumental in promoting access for equal employment and educational opportunities.

"Specifically, he did a whole lot to improve (blacks') self-concept and their self-pride, to be able to feel good about themselves and to challenge the system they were under in those times."

Reginald Martin, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and co-chairman of the Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference at A&M on Jan. 26-29, said King was not only instrumental in helping the country find its way toward civil rights, but helped black Americans be proud of themselves.

Martin said Medicine Tribe, a group of A&M students advocating a boycott of all classes and food services on campus, was wrong for pro-

testing the University's decision to hold classes on King's birthday.

"I respect them (the group) because they have a goal they want to accomplish and they're working toward that goal," he said. "However, I think they're going about it the wrong way because I don't think Martin Luther King would have wanted that."

The Multicultural Services Center provides many means of helping minority students at A&M, including scholarship and internship information and different ethnic programs. He said more services such as the ones the Center provides should be offered to minorities at A&M.

"You can increase the amount of scholarship money," he said. "We can do more to see the courses being taught are from a more multicultural perspective. We can change the tenure progress for minority faculty."

Carreathers and Martin said even

day and early dismissal so kids could participate in any community activities going on," Chris Garcia, CCISD information officer, said.

About 50 people marched in an hour-long demonstration organized by the NAACP outside the Grand Prairie school district office, police said. The district held classes Monday.

"There was a small opposition group, but they stayed across the street," Grand Prairie police Sgt.

Ron Meine said of the demonstration. "Everything was quite orderly."

Meine said police did not identify the opposition group.

In Houston, the holiday was marked with a parade through downtown and various church services and vigils throughout the city.

Ovide Duncantel, of the Houston Black Heritage Society, said black people should do their best to recognize King's birthday.

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Gunman opens fire at day care

PLANO (AP) — A gunman at a day care center opened fire Monday on a woman who had come to pick up her children, and the wounded mother fled to a bowling alley for help and later died of her wound at a hospital, police said.

Laurie Lee Newman, 25, of Richardson, died at a Plano hospital of a gunshot wound to her right side, said Jon Giddings, a police investigator and public information officer in this North Dallas suburb.

He said police were securing warrants for the gunman's arrest. "We know who he is, we are getting warrants for his arrest and we are looking all over for him," Giddings said.

He said that officers were called to the Plano Super Bowl, a bowling alley where Newman had driven while fleeing from her attacker.

"She drove to La Petite Academy at 4:30 p.m. to pick up her two children," Giddings said in a statement. "When she pulled into the parking lot, the suspect pulled up directly in front of her, exited his vehicle and began firing a large-caliber handgun."

Giddings said the first bullet apparently lodged in the windshield of Newman's car, while the second pierced a passenger-side window and struck her.