

# NSF: U.S. science in 2010 dependent on minorities

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Dr. John A. White, head of the National Science Foundation's Engineering Directorate, stressed the need to increase the representation of women and minorities in the engineering field and to improve funding of pre-college education.

"In order to try to sustain this country's science and engineering talent at world class levels, we do it through research — advancing knowledge," White said Tuesday. "But we do it by investing in faculty members to reach students."

White said that the purpose of the NSF is to develop human resources rather than strictly sponsoring research and that Congress has sent a strong message indicating a desire to see a greater percentage of the NSF budget spent on pre-college education.

White said that he is concerned with significantly increasing the representation of women and minorities in engineering.

"It's a critical problem for us nationally," White said. "All you have to do is look to the year 2010 and ask 'Who will be the practicing engineers — who will be the practicing scientists in this country in the year 2010' because everyone that is going to be that is alive today."

"We aren't going to be able to snap our fingers and create an adult, white male. If we think that the white male is going to carry the load for the country, it's not going to work — the numbers aren't there."

"At the turn of the century, we're going to find that white males constitute about 20 percent of the population, and 80 percent of those entering the workforce between now and the turn of the century will be women, blacks, and Hispanics."

"So, we've got to do something in engineering because we're losing the market share on women, and we're not even in the market with blacks and Hispanics."

White said that a primary function of NSF is to fund a consortia of colleges to solve the educational and minority problems at the undergraduate level.

"If we want to impact the involvement of women, blacks, and Hispanics, we ought to go where they are — we ought to support them, and link them up with the universities in the consortia," White said.

He said that in order to participate, a consortia of universities must graduate at least 2000 bachelors a year, of which at least 600 must be women and 300 minorities.

White said that the NSF supports basic scientific research, awards scholarship, and fosters information exchange between the U.S. and foreign nations. He said the NSF is interested in research into micro-scale chemical processing, optical high speed communications, and micro-mechanical electronic devices.

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# Mother gets probated sentence for baby's cocaine overdose

RICHMOND (AP) —The mother of a 17-month-old boy who died of a cocaine overdose praised the Lord after hearing that she would serve probation instead of a jail term for her son's death, but a prosecutor called the sentence a losing proposition in the war against drugs.

"Thank you, Jesus! Thank you, Lord!" shouted Nealie Beaty, 26, after State District Judge Ogden Bass told her Monday she would serve 10 years probation. She had faced 10 years in prison in the 1987 cocaine overdose death of her son, Robert "Bubba" Beaty Jr.

A jury convicted Beaty last week of third-degree injury to a child. The jury cleared her of first degree injury charges, which carried a life sentence.

Beaty's 27-year-old husband, Robert, is serving a life term on first degree injury charges. He also is serving an extra 18 month term and was fined \$1,500 for refusing to testify against his wife.

Prosecutor Dale Summa said he was disappointed in the outcome of

the week-long trial, which was moved from Brazoria County to Fort Bend County because of pre-trial publicity.

"There are a lot of battles in this war against drugs," Summa said. "I think this was a losing effort here."

He said a cocaine possession charge is pending against Nealie Beaty in Brazoria County, and prosecutors may pursue aggravated

jury charges against her after her testimony differed from an earlier deposition.

Nelial Beaty's parents and several representatives from Teen Challenge, a Christian rehabilitation center in Wharton County, attended much of the trial. They welcomed the probation, which was assessed with no fine.

## In Advance

### Pikes will sponsor benefit

The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity will sponsor a "Cruise for the Cure," a benefit for cerebral palsy, tonight at 9 in the Baja Yacht Club.

Charlie Piper, a Pi Kappa Alpha member, said the benefit will include limbo contests, an auction of Pi Kappa Alpha members for a

"night of servitude" and gift certificates for car washes, meals and lingerie.

The cover charge, which will be donated to the local chapter of the Cerebral Palsy United Association of Texas, will be \$2 and drink specials will run from 8 to 10 p.m.

## Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department between Oct. 3 and Monday.

### CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

• Someone entered the display case in the library and added messages written on condoms to the display.

• Some form of projectile was shot through two windows on the second floor of the Medical Science Library.

• A smoke bomb that was set off on I ramp of Walton Hall burned an area of carpet within the ramp.

• The paint and engine components on a student's vehicle were damaged while parked in Parking Area 50.

• A rear windshield wiper was bent on a vehicle in Parking Area 2.

• The paint was scratched on a car parked on Bizzell Street.

• The driver's window was broken out of a vehicle while parked in Area 61.

• The license plate was stolen from a car in Parking Area 34.

• Numerous diskettes were taken from an office in the Wisenbaker Engineering Research Center.

• Hinge pins were removed from the gate to the Brazos Bowman Archery Club.

• A Cushman scooter was knocked over on Bizzell Street.

• A witness reported that he observed several people steal a traffic cone from Joe Routt Boulevard.

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT:**  
• A woman reported finding a man with drug paraphernalia in a women's restroom at the MSC. He ran from the area when confronted.

**MISDEMEANOR THEFT:**  
• A student in Underwood Hall reported her laundry stolen from the dorm laundry room. Across campus that night in Haas Hall the same incident occurred.

• Mirrors were stolen from a motor scooter parked in Area 46. A witness to the theft recorded the license plate number of the suspect.

• Sixteen bicycles were stolen from various locations around campus.

• Police saw a student carrying a bicycle down Joe Routt Boulevard and stopped him after closer inspection showed the bike was still locked. After attempting to give officers a false name and several stories as to why he was carrying the bike, he was taken to his residence pending filing of charges by the owner of the bike.

• Hubcaps were stolen from a car in Parking Area 56.

• A wallet that was stolen from the Old Engineering Building was found in the men's restroom, minus the cash. The same incident happened in the Wisenbaker Engineering Research Center.

• Two backpacks were stolen from the Commons dining area.

• A wallet was stolen from a room in Harrington Tower.

• A wallet stolen from the a room in the Engineering/Physics Building was recovered, minus a check from Texas A&M.

• A student reported that another student took two folders from his file without permission and refused to return them.

• A ring was stolen from a bathroom in Davis-Gary Hall.

• A seat was stolen from a bike parked near the Teague Building.

• A research paper was stolen from a filing cabinet in the Zachry Engineering Center.

• Two textbooks were stolen from an unattended backpack in the library.

• A watch and ring were stolen from a backpack in the Read Building.

• A student parking permit was stolen from a vehicle parked on West Main Drive.

• The front license plate was stolen from a student's vehicle while parked in Area 40.

• A wallet was taken from a locker in the men's locker room of Wofford Cain Pool.

• A billfold was stolen from an office in the Halbouty Geosciences Building.

• A Panasonic telephone was stolen from the third floor reception area of the Bell Building.

• A wheel was stolen from a bike parked in the McInnis Hall bicycle racks.

• A money pouch and its contents were stolen from the crate on the back of a Bryan man's motorcycle. The motorcycle had broken down on Ireland Street and was left there while he went to get another vehicle. The money pouch, minus the cash was found in a mail box by Parking Area 33.

**FELONY:**  
• A gold chain and ring were stolen from a locker in the Sbis Dining Hall men's locker room.

**HARASSMENT:**  
• A student in Hart Hall re-

ported receiving annoying phone calls every two minutes.

**BURGLARY OF A BUILDING:**  
• Tools were stolen from the Kenzie Terminal Construction Site.

• A Digital VT-320 computer terminal was stolen from Thompson Hall.

• An Echo line trimmer was stolen from the Grounds Maintenance Storage building at the Research Park.

**BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:**  
• A stereo was stolen from a student's car parked in Area 30.

• Several cassettes and a stereo were stolen from an unlocked car in Parking Area 77.

• A radar detector was stolen from an unlocked car in Parking Area 2.

• A CD player, backpack and tennis racket were stolen from a car in Parking Area 30.

• A reserved staff Texas A&M hang-tag was stolen from a car in Parking Area 5, as well as from a car in Parking Area 51.

• A stereo was stolen from a car parked in Area 50.

• A graphic equalizer was stolen from a car in Parking Area 56.

**BURGLARY OF A HABITATION:**  
• A wallet, gold chain and answering machine were stolen from a room in Cain Hall. Entrance was gained through an unlocked window.

**CRIMINAL TRESPASS:**  
• A man who had been fired from the Grounds Maintenance Department was arrested on the premises after reports of his consistent harassment of the employees there.

**THEFT OF SERVICE:**  
• A Texas A&M parking permit inside a car parked on Mosher Lane was altered from blue to red. The student who owns the car was released pending the filing of charges.

**ASSAULT:**  
• A woman reported that a man put his arm around her at the reference desk in the library, which she defended her.

• A student was assaulted by an unknown person who struck him in the face. There was no known motivation for the attack.

**PUBLIC INTOXICATION:**  
• A College Station man was arrested after police observed him Throckmorton Street yelling obscenities at passing vehicles.