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AggieVision, A&M's video yearbook, is option 23!

Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to the Texas A&M University Police Department between April 11 and April 17.

INDECENT EXPOSURE:
• UPD officers were dispatched to investigate a report of Indecent Exposure at Wofford Cain Pool. Upon arrival the investigating officers were told the suspect was still in the pool and he was masturbating. The officers approached the suspect and observed that he was in the water in a crouched position with his swimming trunks pulled to the side and his penis exposed. The suspect was identified. Investigation continues.

FIRE:
• A small fire was started in a trash can in Nagle Hall when a cigarette was apparently dropped into a trash can igniting a few small pieces of paper in the bottom of the container. The fire was confined to the metal trash can. The container was removed from the building to eliminate the smoke.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED:
• While stopped at the intersection of Wellborn Road and Joe Routt Blvd., an officer observed a red Pontiac which was following closely behind a white pickup flashing its low and high beam lights as if to attract the attention of the driver or the officer. As the vehicles passed the officer's location, he noticed the red Pontiac had sustained severe damage to the rear and was operating with a deflated left rear tire. The officer pursued both vehicles and stopped the truck at the intersection of Wellborn Road and George Bush Drive. Investigation revealed the driver of the Ford truck had struck the Pontiac at the intersection of Villa Maria and Texas Avenue in Bryan and had fled the scene. The occupants of the red Pontiac and the pickup were identified. The occupants of the truck were intoxicated. The driver was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and the passenger was arrested and charged with Public Intoxication. The subsequent accident investigation by the Bryan Police Department resulted in the filing of three additional traffic offenses against the truck occupants. Both were jailed at the Brazos County Jail.

TRESPASS:
• Officers were dispatched to the Southside Parking Garage in response to a report of several subjects on the roof of the structure. Upon arrival, two subjects were observed ascending the construction crane on the north side of the structure. They were requested to return to the base of the crane. Once on the ground, they were identified, arrested and charged with Criminal Trespass. The subjects informed an officer that two other individuals decided not to climb the crane and had returned to their residence in Wells Hall prior to his arrival on the scene. When contacted, the other two men confirmed their involvement and were also jailed in the Brazos County Jail.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:
• Two Physical Plant vehicles parked at the Commons loading dock were covered with shaving cream. Investigation revealed the vehicles apparently were caught in the cross fire of a shaving cream fight. A room in Dormitory 5 was splashed with bleach from ceiling to floor. After soaking the room with bleach, the suspect placed a board with a notch over the door handle so that the room's occupant could not leave. Four windows in Keathley Hall were damaged. Each window was penetrated by a small round projectile slightly larger than a BB. A pillow was set on fire on the roof of a 1979 Chevrolet parked in Parking Area 29. While at the scene, the owner of the vehicle approached the officers and said the pillow belonged to him. He did not know why the pillow was ignited or why it was on top of his vehicle. The left driver side window of a 1987 Pontiac on Houston Street was shattered. The owner contacted and upon inspection of his vehicle, he reported that nothing was removed from the interior.

• Someone scratched the hood of a 1985 Toyota truck while it was parked in Parking Area 40.

• Someone scratched the paint on a car parked in Parking Area 5.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT:
• A woman said the operator of a 1983 Mercury cut in front of her while she was driving. She honked the horn on her motorcycle, and the driver responded with verbal and visual obscenities. A detective contacted the suspect who admitted having a verbal confrontation with the woman, but declined to give any further information or discuss the accident.

THEFT OF SERVICE:
• Clothing was found in a clothes dryer that had been activated by an altered laundry ticket. The person who reported the theft said 13 altered laundry tickets were found in the washers and dryers that afternoon. The altered laundry tickets render the machines inoperable until maintenance workers remove them.

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE:
• Two Texas A&M parking permits were removed from two vehicles. An air filter cover and distributor rotor were removed from a 1983 Ford Mustang parked in Parking Area 56. A distributor cap was stolen from a 1987 Ford Mustang parked in Parking Area 61. During patrol of campus property, an officer observed the passenger's side vent window damaged on a Ford truck parked in Parking Area 40. While waiting for the dispatch to notify the owner, the owner walked up to the vehicle. He was unaware the vehicle had been burglarized and discovered the Pioneer AM/FM stereo, Realistic 60 watt stereo equalizer/booster and two Jensen speakers were missing.

POSSIBLE BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE:
• A radio was removed from the dashboard of a 1981 Datsun in Parking Area 50. The owner was contacted and said he had not removed the radio. He also said that he would not report to the scene unless otherwise cooperate with the investigation at the time. He said he would check his vehicle the next day and then file the report.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION/CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:
• An officer saw a subject break a window beside the west entrance to Moore Hall. The investigating officer identified the subject, arrested and charged him with Public Intoxication and Criminal Mischief. He was jailed in the Brazos County Jail.

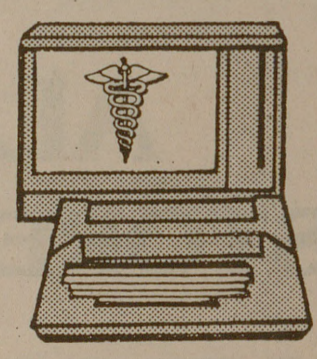
TERRORISTIC THREAT:
• A woman reported that she had been threatened by someone. The woman said she believes that the suspect knows who removed some money from her vehicle and had asked him to return it.

HARASSMENT:
• Seven students reported receiving harassing phone calls. Four bicycles were stolen from campus. A framed doctoral diploma from Texas A&M was stolen from 156 Bizzell Hall. A wallet and a set of drawing pens were stolen from a backpack left unattended in the lobby of the Richardson Building. A Nikon FE camera, 50 millimeter lens and Nikon camera strap were stolen from a room in the Memorial Student Center. A College Station man had picked up an abandoned bicycle from the north side of campus. He stated that because there was no lock on the bicycle, he decided to take it and put it to use. The single-speed blue Sears bicycle was confiscated and placed in storage pending contact by the owner.

MINOR IN POSSESSION:
• A minor was issued a citation for Minor in Possession of Alcohol at the Research Park.

Computing Services Center offers hints to fend off viruses

By KEVIN M. HAMM
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Bill Hobson of the Computing Services Center recommends students take the following precautions to help stop computer viruses from spreading:

- Scan hard disks often with anti-virus scanning programs.
- Scan all new disks before use, especially ones in which the origin is unknown.
- Always have a backup of system on floppy disks.
- Be wary of "freeware" and "shareware" programs, such as those downloaded from bulletin boards; scan before use, and use on a floppy-only machine first if possible.
- Use write-protect tabs on floppy diskettes whenever possible.
- Never assume commercial software is safe.

Brad Epps of the Academic Computing Center said people interested in getting anti-virus programs should go to the Graphics Lab in Teague Research Center or the ACC in the Blocker Building and ask about the virus-protection programs available.

There are two programs: F-PROT from Iceland and a package

Virus

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- A virus cannot appear by itself; it must be written.
- A write-protected diskette cannot become infected.
- Not all viruses are harmful; some only cause minor damage or side-effect.
- A virus cannot infect a computer unless it is booted from an infected diskette or an infected program is run; reading data from an infected diskette cannot cause infection.
- A virus cannot attach itself to data files and, therefore, cannot spread through them.

Ironically, one of the first documented viruses occurred at Texas A&M. In 1981 an undergraduate wrote a virus and experimented with it on his own collection of diskettes. The purpose of the experiment was to write a virus that would occupy no memory or disk space, would spread to other programs without doing any damage, and attempt proving successful, and lost interest in the experiment in 1983.

Hobson said the only way to combat viruses is for computer users to protect themselves.

"We all joke about 'safe computing,' but that's what it really boils down to," he said.

Scientist

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like planets or the moon, he said. People are not familiar with these objects, he said, and they look mysterious. So some believe that Earth has been visited by spaceships.

"There are, of course, all kinds of claims the government covered it up," he said. "My goodness, they couldn't even cover up Watergate."

One of Adair's favorite UFO stories is about a man who believed in UFOs. One day in his cornfield he found scorched corn mashed down in a radial shape. The man heralded this as proof of a visit from a flying saucer.

"Two years ago," Adair said, "his brother-in-law finally confessed." But the original man still clings to his belief in a spaceship landing.

Another question to ask is why would anybody visit Earth, he said. "Since we have no indication of life anywhere else in the universe, it says something about life being rare," Adair said. Scientists cannot positively prove that aliens have not visited Earth, he said.

"(But) there is no evidence anywhere in the world to prove they have," he said.

Chariots of the Gods is another belief that was common several years ago, Adair said. This has to do with the theory of aliens visiting Earth, building huge structures such as the Egyptian pyramids, Stonehenge and the Easter Island monoliths, and then leaving.

Also, Adair said some believe in supernatural creatures like Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster.

"It'd be great to go to Loch Ness," he said. "If they'd just fund me, I'd go look for the guy."

In the 1970s, the whole idea of psychokinesis was started by Uri Geller, Adair said. Geller would perform before an audience of scientists, he said, but not before magicians.

"He was a great magician," Adair said. "Finally, there are the ideas of levitation and out-of-body experiences, Adair said.

"I have these all the time," he said. "I call them dreams."