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States, military use laws to decrease AIDS

WASHINGTON (AP) — An increasing number of states now have laws that make it a crime to knowingly expose another person to the AIDS virus.

Since 1986, 22 states have passed laws making it illegal to engage in conduct that could transmit the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, believed to cause acquired immune deficiency syndrome, according to the AIDS Policy Center at George Washington University.

"The idea of trying to prosecute somebody for attempted transmission of HIV is increasingly, almost alarmingly, common," said Lawrence O. Gostin, director of the AIDS Litigation Project of the U.S. Public Health Service and a professor at the Harvard University School of Public Health.

But, he said, "when somebody is actually having sex with somebody, I think the risk is significant enough that prosecutors are well within their rights to prosecute."

While the number of AIDS-related prosecutions nationwide is not known, the military seems to be having the best success with such cases, the experts say.

Last week the Supreme Court rejected without comment an appeal by Nathaniel Johnson Jr., an Air Force sergeant who was convicted in a military court of aggravated assault because he had homosexual relations at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., while knowingly infected with the virus.

The Air Force Court of Military Review said at least six previous courts-martial had been convened based upon AIDS-related assaults. Such conduct, it said, "can be analogized to attempting to put poison in the drink of a victim."

Johnson was dishonorably discharged and sentenced to six years in prison. The outcomes in civilian courts so far have tended to be different, Gostin said.

"It is enormously problematical to try to reach into the bedroom and create a criminal prosecution around it, and the only ones who have been successful in doing that are the military," Gostin said.

Country talent



Photo by Eric H. Roalson

Reba McEntire dazzles the crowd at G. Rollie White Coliseum Sunday night. McEntire performed in concert with Vince Gill and Baillie and The Boys. The concert was presented by MSC Town Hall. Look for a review of the performance in The Battalion lifestyles section Thursday.

Clevenger violates constitutional clause

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Texas A&M's Judicial Board recently reprimanded Student Body President Ty Clevenger for violating a constitutional clause by appointing an ineligible woman to a student government post.

The eight-member Judicial Board said Clevenger violated Article II, Section III, Clause (f) of the Student Government Constitution when he appointed Amy Mullen co-chair of Freshman Programs last spring while she was on scholastic probation.

When Mullen, a sophomore speech communications major from Austin, did not raise her grade point ratio to the minimum 2.25 by this fall, Clevenger removed her from her position.

Mullen then filed a petition with the Judicial Board against Clevenger for abuse of power, citing clause (f) and clause (i). Clause (i) deals with

the student body president's power to remove people from student government positions.

The Board, chaired by senior Beth Ammons, ruled that Clevenger violated clause (f) by appointing Mullen to the co-chair position when she was on scholastic probation.

"Clevenger had no right to have Mullen serve temporarily as co-chair with the academic probation she was on at the time of appointment," the Board's opinion stated. "Clevenger appointed Mullen with the idea that her GPR would be above the requirement by the fall semester. This should never have been done."

Mullen says Clevenger did not inform her during her interview last spring that she had to raise her GPR to 2.25. She says she thought a 2.0 was the minimum requirement for eligibility.

"It was their responsibility to tell me exactly what the requirements were and they didn't," Mullen says. "It was their mistake for selecting me

and not telling me exactly what was going on."

Clevenger admits he did not properly inform Mullen of the GPR requirement, but he says her appointment to the co-chair post was not supposed to be final until this fall when her spring grades were checked.

"Her appointment was supposed to be contingent on her GPR, but apparently I didn't make it clear enough to her," he says.

Clevenger says student government often has appointed people on scholastic probation hoping they will raise their GPRs by the next semester.

"But apparently that's not kosher anymore," he adds.

Mullen, however, says she was not told her appointment depended on her grades.

"He never said I was appointed on some kind of probation," she says. "If he didn't appoint me, why was my name posted as director of Freshman Programs? And why was I

removed if I wasn't appointed?"

Clevenger says the minimum 2.25 GPR requirement now will be in bold letters on student government applications.

The Board, however, decided Clevenger did not violate clause (i) since the student body president has power to remove people at his own discretion.

Mullen says she is disturbed because even if the Board said Clevenger violated the clause by removing her, it could not enforce the ruling. She says the ultimate decision was with Clevenger, no matter what the Board decided.

"The Board realized even if they ruled in favor of me, Ty would have done it (removed her) anyway," she says. "What good is a judicial board if it doesn't have any power? Its ruling should override the president. Obviously, it doesn't."

It has been more than 10 years since the Judicial Board has reviewed a case involving student government members.

Religious unrest

Arab teen-ager stabs 3 Israelis

JERUSALEM (AP) — A knife-wielding Arab teen-ager shouting "God is Great!" stalked a quiet Jewish neighborhood Sunday, stabbing three Israelis to death, police said. They said he was seeking revenge for the Temple Mount killings.

One victim managed to shoot and wound the attacker, who was then seized by furious residents, ending the rampage in the Baka area in southern Jerusalem, police said.

Police said they would bar Arabs from traveling into Jerusalem on Monday and would patrol sensitive districts of the city to head off clashes, spokesman Aharon Elchayam said.

The early-morning incident inflamed tensions in the city, running high since the killings of at least 19 Palestinians Oct. 8 at Jerusalem's Temple Mount, when Israeli police fired into a stone-throwing mob.

Two Palestinian factions claimed responsibility for Sunday's attack, but police said they believed the assailant acted alone. The suspect was identified as Omar Abu Sirhan, a 19-year-old Arab laborer from the village of Ubbadiyeh in the occupied West Bank.

Avi Cohen, the officer leading the interrogation, said the attacker apparently chose his victims at random after the idea of revenge attacks "took shape in his mind in the past week." He said Abu Sirhan had no known criminal background.

The slain Israelis were an 18-year-old woman soldier, a 43-year-old garden nursery owner and a 28-year-old member of an elite police anti-terrorism unit, police said. The off-duty police officer managed to shoot the assailant as he was being attacked.

Angry Israeli youths stoned Arab-owned cars on a Jerusalem highway. Shouts of "Death to the Arabs!" resounded in the streets of Baka.

Defense Minister Moshe Arens voiced fears that Arab-Jewish

communal violence was reducing prospects of a Mideast peace settlement. He told Israel television's Arabic-language service he feared "a chasm is opening" that will make any reconciliation difficult.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek appealed for calm, saying the attack was "a tough test of people's patience and tolerance."

Some Israeli politicians demanded broader powers for troops and police to fire on attackers. They also said the off-duty

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policeman should have immediately shot the assailant dead. Instead, the officer fired his pistol in the air, then shot the attacker in the legs.

"If someone attacks with intent to kill, he should be killed on the spot," Agriculture Minister Raphael Eitan said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's senior adviser, Avi Pazner, said the U.N. Security Council's condemnation of Israel for the Temple Mount clash created "an atmosphere that incites extremist actions against innocent Jewish civilians."

After the killings on Temple Mount, known in Arabic as Haram al-Sharif, leaflets distributed by leaders of the 34-month-old Palestinian uprising called for vengeance in these "bloody days of total escalation."

During the uprising, 761 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli soldiers or civilians, and 282 by fellow Arabs, most on suspicion of collaborating with Israel. Before Sunday, at least 48 Israelis had died in the violence.

Microfridges offer dorms safe cooking alternative

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Since Texas A&M's Department of Student Affairs approved use of microfridges in residence halls, 322 students have rented the appliances and many are pleased with the convenience they offer.

Microfridges, which feature a refrigerator, freezer and microwave, operate from one outlet.

The University decided to allow students to have microfridges this fall to eliminate complaints from on-campus students who wanted to cook, but didn't want to get in trouble.

Sophomore John Einwich says he rented a microfridge because it's more convenient than using the dorm microwave.

"It's right here in my room for my use only," Einwich says.

Einwich, vice president of Aston Hall's council, says he is considering purchasing a microfridge.

"My sister will attend A&M next year," he says. "A microfridge would be a good investment for us."

Chris Phillips, a senior, says her meal plan doesn't allow her to eat on campus during the weekends.

"On the weekends, I cook frozen meals in the microfridge," she says. "It's much more convenient than having to go off campus to eat."

The microfridge looks like an ordinary compact refrigerator except it has a microwave attached to the top. The unit measures 43.5 inches in height, 20 inches in depth and weighs 87 pounds.

Tom Murray, assistant director of student affairs, says residents can rent microfridges for \$189 per school year or \$114 per semester.

"Students can even purchase a microfridge for \$449," he says. "The microfridges are fairly new. We especially liked the idea that the three appliances utilize only one outlet."

The microfridges never use more than 10 amps of power, thus eliminating the risk of blow-

ing fuses in the residence halls, Murray says.

According to a pamphlet distributed by the manufacturer, the microfridge unit has a current-limiting circuitry that stops the refrigerator, while the microwave is on and vice versa.

Because of this device, the unit is said to be perfect for places where wiring limits available power.

"Last summer, we even tested the microfridges ourselves," Murray says. "We wanted to make sure they wouldn't blow fuses under abnormal conditions in the halls."

Murray and his staff selected groups of rooms in Davis-Gary, Hughes and Mosher halls and asked residents to try the appliances.

Residents were asked to use every possible appliance in their rooms to see if the added use of a microfridge would blow a fuse.

Beth Couvillion, a resident in Davis-Gary last summer, was one of the residents selected to test a microfridge.

Couvillion says she and her roommate turned on every appliance in their room along with the microfridge and not one fuse blew.

Murray says he was pleased with the results of the study.

"Even when three units were used on the same electric circuit, the microfridges didn't blow any fuses in the residence halls," he says.

Couvillion, however, didn't rent a microfridge for the fall semester.

"I liked the microfridge," she says. "It's very high-tech looking and convenient, but the rental price is high."

But Dawn Magee, a resident adviser in Keathley Hall, says the rental price doesn't seem to have hurt sales.

"The microfridges are pretty popular," she says. "Many of my residents are renting one."

Murray says student affairs would like to let residents bring their own microwaves to A&M's residence halls, but it would be difficult to monitor the sizes of the microwaves being used.

Alcohol dangers, liabilities

Program stresses evaluation of drinking habits

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This week marks the sixth year of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week and its efforts to make college students aware of the dangers of alcohol and to teach them how to act responsibly when drinking.

NCAA is a national program established by the Inter-Association Task Force on Alcohol and Substance Abuse Issues.

The committee is comprised of student affairs professors from around the nation.

Several A&M faculty and student organizations have been planning since the spring to provide students with programs and activities so they might learn information about drinking responsibly.

The week's slogan is "Challenging and changing our habits."

Jane Purry, assistant coordinator for drug prevention and education at Texas A&M, says the program is not attempting to stop students from drinking alcohol.

"We want students to evaluate past drinking behavior and change their drinking habits if they think they may be hurting themselves," she says.

She stresses that most students are intelligent and can make the right decisions.

The week's events are geared to provide alternatives to drinking as the center of college social life.

Purry says the goal is to prove there are other alternatives to alcohol.

This week's events include programs including today's "Natural Highs," a seminar by George Obermeier, coordinator of alcohol and drug education at Dickenson College in Carlisle, Pa.

The seminar will explain ways to change a person's state of consciousness using healthy and positive alternatives.

The program will provide students with opportunities to find out how to get high without using alcohol, Purry says.

Purry says all students and faculty are invited to attend the program in 201 MSC at 3 p.m. It is sponsored by the Center for Drug Prevention and Education.

A&M Food Services are providing "mocktails" at Sbsa, Duncan and the MSC dining facilities from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Aggie Cinema is sponsoring the film "Clean and Sober," starring Michael Keaton, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday in Rudder Auditorium.

The Residence Hall Association is sponsoring Hall-Y-Wood Squares at noon Thursday in the Davis-Gary Hall quadrangle on north campus.

Several A&M student leaders and athletic coaches will participate as residence hall students compete for prizes by answering questions about the use of alcohol and correct drinking behaviors.

The RHA Hall-Y-Wood Squares is one of five university alcohol awareness programs selected by the Coors Brewing Company in Golden, Co., to be used in an alcohol awareness video promoting NCAA, Purry says.

The week's events end Thursday night with a Mocktail Madness Carnival.

The carnival will have information booths, games, food, non-alcoholic drinks and will provide information for hosting parties responsibly and handling peer pressure in groups.

The carnival is in 212 and 224 MSC from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Free information will be available to all students at every event this week, says Purry.

For more information concerning National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week events, call the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280 during regular business hours.