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Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department between Nov. 15 and 20.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION:
• A student was found passed out in his vehicle in Parking Area 19.

ASSAULT:
• A bicyclist was struck in the head with an object thrown from a passing vehicle. The vehicle sped away down East Main Drive.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:
• A student reported his vehicle was wrapped with toilet tissue while parked on the top floor of the Southside Parking Garage.
• The rear taillights of a 1985 Honda Prelude were damaged by an individual kicking them while the car was in Parking Area 30.
• A window in the southeast stairwell of Davis-Gary was broken by a projectile.
• While parked in Parking Area 30, the antenna of a 1987 Olds Calais was bent.
• A 15-foot elm tree was chopped down near the Golf Maintenance Shop.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS:
• A man found working on a computer in the Veterinary Medical Administration Building was given a criminal trespass warning.

BURGLARY OF VEHICLE:
• An ax handle was used to gain entry through a window of a vehicle in Parking Area 61. A parking permit and insurance card were stolen. The suspects were arrested and transported to the Brazos County Jail.

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:
• Four bikes were reported stolen.
• A student reported his gold chain and nugget were stolen from the Moore Hall basketball courts.
• An unattended purse was stolen from a study table in Sterling C. Evans Library.
• A wallet was removed from an unattended purse in the library. The wallet contained a driver's license, credit cards, student I.D., checkbook and \$15.
• A purse and its contents were stolen from the hallway outside a room in Blocker. The purse contained a checkbook, credit cards and \$11.
• A wallet was stolen from a unsecured purse in the petroleum building.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED:
• One person was charged with driving while intoxicated.

VIOLATION OF UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS:
• A person soliciting magazine subscriptions was cited for violation of University regulations.

Act Now

The Texas A&M Crime Prevention Unit wants to stress that the end of each semester usually brings an increase in crime.

The fall semester is especially dangerous because of the approaching holiday season.

The importance of securing property cannot be stressed enough. Of equal importance is to report suspicious activity.

By immediately reporting suspicious activity, you can help the Texas A&M University Police Department stop crime before it happens.

It sounds easy enough to report a crime, but only half of all crimes are ever reported. It's hard for police to do anything if they don't know what happened. Even an anonymous tip is better than no report at all.

If you see something suspicious, call the police as soon as possible to ensure they act quickly. The longer you wait, the harder it is for them to catch a criminal.

Put a stop to campus crime. For more information, contact UPD's Crime Prevention Unit at 845-2345 or the crime line at 845-6500.

Teen admits guilt in injury of bystanders

AUSTIN (AP) — A 16-year-old high school student has pleaded guilty to wounding two bystanders in September during a quarrel among rival gang members in downtown Austin, officials said.

Bonifacio Alba, who turned himself in to police about 10 days after the Sept. 19 shooting, pleaded guilty to charges of aggravated assault in the wounding of Tony Flores, 61, and a 16-year-old girl.

Alba's acknowledgement of guilt Monday was part of a plea bargain, Darwin McKee, his lawyer, said. Sentencing is scheduled for Dec. 10.

"This (the shootings) was a highly unusual thing for this young man to do," McKee said. "It was an aberration in his lifestyle."

McKee said he and prosecutors would ask District Judge Jeanne Meurer to sentence Alba to three or four years in the state penitentiary.

Boy receives national support for defying school dress code

BASTROP (AP) — An 8-year-old boy's battle with school authorities over his ponytail has brought him support from across the nation.

Zachariah Toungate's story has been told recently in dozens of newspapers, on television networks and talk shows, in Time and People magazines and on dozens of radio programs.

Listeners in the 38 states that pick up radio station KOA in Denver responded so fervently that the talk show host who interviewed the boy last week is organizing a Free Zach Campaign.

The host is urging listeners to voice their outrage by sending locks of hair to Bastrop school officials.

"I would hope the school board doesn't just react to public outcry and change the rule, but that they understand why it should be changed," said KOA's George

Weber, the host of "The Flip Side," an open-line talk show.

"I hope they see that the crime doesn't fit the punishment," Weber added. Weber told the Austin American-Statesman that he plans to attend the Dec. 18 school board meeting to urge trustees to change the dress code on behalf of the residents of Colorado.

But school officials say all the attention won't make them change the rule.

Zachariah, a third-grader, was sent home from school in late September for having a 7-inch ponytail. His parents asked the administration to change the rule, then appealed to the school board.

Ray Long, board vice president, said the rule will not be changed in the middle of the school year because it would set a bad precedent.

Last year, about 10 times as many

parents made an even bigger stink about the district's use of corporal punishment, and that rule was not changed, Long said.

"This is not a major issue," Long said. "It's hair he can grow back. It's no big deal."

Bastrop school Superintendent Paul Fleming said he has received about 30 letters, mostly from outsiders who support the Toungates stand.

On Oct. 5, Zachariah was ordered to do his reading, writing and arithmetic at Mina Elementary School in a 12-by-15-foot windowless room—an arrangement called "an alternative education setting" by school officials.

He eats by himself, plays by himself and, for \$35 a day, the school calls in substitute teachers. He has no physical education, music or choir classes.

Friends try to offer help to hostages

HOUSTON (AP) — About 40 relatives, friends and employers of Americans held in Iraq met with State Department officials Monday as they wrestled with deciding whether to go to Baghdad to help free the hostages.

"All of them were concerned about the current decision to visit Iraq," said Bill Schaub, OGE Drilling's coordinator for Kuwait, after the meeting ended.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on Tuesday released three American hostages whose wives came to visit them.

"It's a very difficult decision for anyone to make," said Schaub, whose company has six employees being held in Iraq and Kuwait.

"Women want to do anything they can to help their husbands, but it's risky and the husbands don't always want them to come," he said. "They're also worried that they may play into the hands of the Iraqis by going."

Most of the families of hostages refused to talk to reporters as they left the meeting.

Linda Ray, who said she has friends being held hostage, said the family members "voiced our concern about our loved ones."

Magaly Garcia said she would be going to Iraq. "Every wife wants her husband back, but for me, my family member there is enough."

But Donnita Cole, of Odessa, told the Houston Chronicle she plans to visit Iraq next week and was heartened by the release of the American Tuesday.

"Fantastic!" she said. "I mean, the best news since the invention of peanut butter as far as I'm concerned."

Daryl Watley of Tomball, son of a hostage Donald Watley, said the discussions, which began Monday, were sometimes heated as some family members disagreed with the Bush administration's actions in the Middle East crisis.

He said relatives attending the session often "disagreed with the headheadedness of the Bush administration's policies" and the rapid escalation towards war.

In the fifth of seven sessions with families nationwide, State Department officials avoided discussing Bush's policies and discouraged family members from visiting Iraq, Watley said.

"They just said that after you leave Amman, Jordan, they can't ensure your safety," said Lynda Parker, who still plans to visit her husband, hostage Bobbie Parker.

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