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The importance of securing property cannot be stressed enough.

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Report suspicious activity immediately to the University Police Department. The police will need a description of the suspect and direction of travel, as well as a license plate if a vehicle is involved.

About half of all crimes are not reported and a lot of suspicious activity goes unreported. Even an anonymous tip is better than no report at all.

So do not hesitate. Follow this rule:

If you see or hear something that seems even slightly out of place for the time of day or night, call the police immediately. The longer you wait, the harder it is to catch the criminal.

If you know about a crime and want to remain anonymous call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS.

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Illiteracy hampers workers' job skills

HOUSTON (AP) — Literacy problems are leaving many Americans lost in a workplace that is becoming increasingly sophisticated and technical, Labor Secretary Lynn Martin said Tuesday.

"The sad reality is that many American workers have not kept pace," Martin said in an address to the National Council of La Raza's annual convention. The Hispanic civil rights umbrella group has 130 affiliates around the nation.

"Assembly line jobs that require brawn and not brains don't exist," she said. "The same worker today must be literate enough to read complex manuals, analyze data and make judgments."

Martin said the outlook for the next generation of workers is not promising, particularly in the Hispanic communities.

"I know you are well aware of the painful statistics," she said. "Hispanic youths have a dropout rate of 40 percent, in some communities the highest of any specific group. Of those who

graduate, a disturbingly high number can't even read their own diploma. Seventy percent of all high school seniors can't write a simple letter seeking employment. We have to change this."

She estimated that between 20 million and 40 million American workers have literacy problems and that 85 percent of them still will be in the workforce in the year 2000.

"We clearly have our job cut out for us," she said. "There is no doubt in my mind that a focus on the acquisition of the specific skills... the basic skills of reading, writing and math, and thinking skills such as problem solving and knowing how to learn, need to be integrated into our school systems and work places."

Martin hailed President Bush's education initiative as moving in the right direction. She also asked for an overall commitment from parents and businesses.

Study Abroad considers variety of fee options

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response to the UT program that this new legislation came about. Legislators are hoping other state schools will follow their example.

Ashworth said the idea for such a fee at A&M was encouraged by last year's Student Government.

"The program will not be implemented tomorrow," she said. "It is still very much in the preliminary stages."

A variety of fee options are still being considered, she said.

"The committee is still looking at exactly what the bill means," Ashworth said. "We are looking at a late implementation and re-

alize we need to talk to the students more before we decide on a course of action. We really need to wait to see the budget."

Mobley said the cost for a study abroad program is smaller than most students believe.

"As it turns out it really isn't that much," he said. "The tuition is basically the same, and it ends up really being only the cost of travel. We can help reduce travel costs somewhat with group rates, and the fee could make the difference for a lot of students."

More students could join the Study Abroad program if they knew of its availability, Mobley said.

Donation goals not set for A&M charity drive

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Riley said the charity groups will be selected in mid-August.

Fleischer said donation goals are made for the community and for A&M. The communitywide goal for this year is \$670,000.

"We let divisions set their own goals because it gives them more authority," he said.

Riley said a goal has not been

set yet for the University's part in the charity drive.

Last year, Brazos County raised \$628,000 for the United Way drive. A&M raised \$95,000 for the United Way, and \$10,000 was raised for the other charities, which included the American Cancer Society and the Brazos Valley Children's Foundation.

Ex-con charged with assault of secretary

CENTERVILLE (AP) — A convicted murderer accused of kidnapping a college admissions secretary in an attempt to get his grades changed remained in jail on \$50,000 bond Tuesday on a charge of aggravated sexual assault.

Arthur Lee Dunbar, 26, was charged with sexually assaulting a woman who was abducted Monday from Lee College in Baytown, about 25 miles east of Houston, said Leon County Sheriff Royce Wilson.

The 52-year-old woman's abductor took her to Centerville, about 140 miles north of Baytown, where she was sexually assaulted but managed to escape about five hours later, authorities said. She went to a minister's home in Centerville and called her family in La Porte.

"She got away when he wasn't looking," Baytown Police Sgt. Gene Parker said. "They were in a shack somewhere out in the boonies."

Leon County deputies later found Dunbar "sitting out in front of his daddy's house," Parker said.

Parker said Baytown detectives were investigating the kidnapping and expected to file additional charges in the case. The sexual assault charge was filed by Leon County authorities.

Dunbar was paroled in 1989 after serving four years of a 15-year prison sentence he received after being convicted of killing a 2-year-old boy in Dallas, Parker said.

POLICE BEAT

These crimes were reported to the University Police Department from July 11 to 14.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED:

Four individuals were arrested and incarcerated for driving while intoxicated. One case was filed as a felony because of two prior convictions of DWI.

ABANDONING A CHILD:

A scared and upset five-year-old child called the Brazos County Emergency Communications District because he was left alone by his parents. The Department of Human Services was notified.

An eight-month-old infant was found alone by a maintenance foreman who was assigned to replace the carpet in the apartment. The Department of Human Services was notified.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

An individual's 1990 Honda was damaged while parked on campus by someone who used a sharp instrument to scratch the right side of the vehicle.

Five individuals were observed entering a restricted area at Easterwood Airport. They were identified, issued criminal trespass warnings and released.

Someone illegally entered a room located on the 12th floor of the Eller Oceanography and Meteorology Building and tampered with a grade sheet.

BURGLARY:

The passenger side window was broken on a 1987 Honda while the vehicle was parked on T-Row. The victim reported the glove box was searched and the contents spread on the floor of the vehicle.

A Macintosh SE computer, keyboard, mouse, hard disks and hard drive containing the programs Word, Works and Hypercard, were stolen from a fourth floor room of the Langford Architecture Center.

Several traffic cones were stolen from Polo Road.

Ogden: State can fund colleges, universities

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"It doesn't sound like the state is going broke," he said. "We can fund state services with no tax increase."

Sen. Jim Turner, D-Crockett, said state schools seem to be singled out in the budget reforms.

"I'm very concerned about the proposed cuts in higher education funding," he said. "Colleges and universities seem to be bearing more than their share of the burden in resolving our fiscal crisis."

Ogden also said he disapproved of nearly doubling tuition and giving 75 percent of the revenue to the state's general fund.

"There's a good chance the Legislature won't go along with that and say university money should stay with the universities," he said.

Ogden said he felt optimistic lawmakers can give higher education the money it requires.

"I've consistently said the state has enough money to ad-

equately fund higher education at present levels of revenue," Ogden said. "With everyone pulling together everything will be OK."

Ogden said confusion over Sharp's report led A&M officials to believe the school would lose more money with the cuts than is actually the case. He said University officials used a different starting point than Sharp did when they calculated the budget cuts' effects.

"The report was not too clear on (its numbers)," he said. "I read it and it wasn't clear to me."

A&M administrators worked under the assumption that A&M would not receive a biennial 19 percent budget increase to maintain current levels of service, Ogden said.

"They saw no promise of an increase," he said. "They thought the cuts would come from (funding levels) of the present."

Chief Rathburn wants to stay at Dallas helm

DALLAS (AP) — Police Chief Bill Rathburn, touted as a possible successor to his embattled counterpart in Los Angeles, said Monday he wants to remain at the helm of the Dallas force.

"I don't believe Daryl Gates is going anywhere, and even if he does, I came to Dallas planning to finish my law enforcement career here," Rathburn said. "That hasn't changed."

Some minority leaders in Los Angeles said last week they would attempt to recruit Rathburn, a former Los Angeles deputy chief, if Gates retires at the year's end.

Gates has been under pressure to retire since last March, when the nation was stunned by a videotape of white Los Angeles police officers beating

a black motorist.

"I don't like even talking about this (leaving)," Rathburn said. "It's a distraction, something that is a complete waste of time."

"I plan to be here at least five years," he said. "I want the officers to know that. I want the public to know it."

Los Angeles minority leaders were among Rathburn's biggest supporters when he retired as a deputy chief in March and took the Dallas job.

Gates has headed the Los Angeles department for 13 years. A commission report on the March beating, released last week, showed that city's police force suffers from ineffective management, lack of fresh leadership and racism.

Richards' expenses exceed campaign contributions

DALLAS (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards received \$51,290 in campaign contributions and spent \$215,516 during the first half of this year, campaign finance records show.

About \$17,000 of the money Richards collected was from interest earned on campaign accounts. Her largest contribution, \$5,000, was from Bank One in Dallas.

Totals raised by Richards and other officeholders were small because they were barred from collecting money from January through May while the state Legislature was in session.

Of her expenditures, nearly \$50,000 went to Gold Commu-

nications of Austin for mailings, printing and consulting. She spent nearly \$12,000 on computer equipment and reimbursed the State Aircraft Pooling Board \$1,140 for use of a state airplane.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales reported he collected \$7,909 and spent \$54,773 in campaign funds through June 30.


State Land Commissioner Garry Mauro listed contributions of \$24,296 and expenditures of \$112,258 for the six-month period.

Texas Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison raised \$550 in June and spent \$28,730 for the first half of the year.

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