

Students report crimes from Christmas holidays

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Crimes reported on the Texas A&M University campus over the holidays included thefts, criminal mischief and trespassing — common violations during a Christmas break, said Lt. Bert Kretzschmar, head of the University Police Crime Prevention Unit.

Kretzschmar said that most of the thefts on campus were in and around residence halls in first-floor rooms.

Stolen items included clothing, a checkbook, textbooks, bikes and calculators.

The department expects to receive more burglary reports as students return from the holidays, Kretzschmar said. It is important that students report burglaries or attempted burglaries in the residence halls, he said.

"If students come back from the holidays and find that their room has obviously been broken into, they need to call us immediately and make a report," Kretzschmar said. "We need to know about the burglaries to prevent future ones from happening."

None of the crimes reported over the Christmas break were exceptional, said Bob Wiatt, director of University Police.

"One common thing that usually happens is that students leave their dorm rooms unlocked and come back to find things missing," Wiatt said.

They were also reported in the MSC flag room, the State Headquarters Building, the large animal hospital construction site, the Faculty Club and the University President's home.

Holiday criminal mischief reports included damage to cars in parking areas around campus, damage to the front desk and video games in the Commons Lobby and soap poured into the Rudder Fountain.

Since the campus is practically vacant over the break, University Police looked for any suspicious behavior, Wiatt said.

OCA clean-up to improve community

By SHELIA VELA

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The Off-Campus Aggies Association (OCA) and the city of College Station have initiated an environmental program, Aggeland Pride, to instill community pride in students who make College Station their temporary home.

Jennifer Cotner, an assistant in the College Station public relations office and coordinator of the program, said the idea originated when the sanitation superintendent was having trouble with trash containers, especially at apartments. "Trash bags were being left out on the ground instead of in the trash container, causing a problem for the automated system in-

volving ultimately one bus with usually one operator," Cotner said.

To deal with these problems, city officials and OCA formed Aggeland Pride.

The use and appearance of trash containers will be one of the first issues to be addressed. Posters and brochures featuring A&M students will be distributed to students and the general public to emphasize ways to improve the use and appearance of trash containers around apartments, homes and duplexes.

Jessica Reeves, director of Spirit and Traditions of Off-Campus Aggies, said "all (OCA) board members are behind the project 100 percent."

Reeves said she became involved with Aggeland Pride because the organization focuses

on recycling.

"I feel more students will take part if it is easier to have recycling bins right at their own apartment dumpsters," she said.

If the program is successful, city officials want to pursue other safety and environmental issues through a council committee comprised of student representatives selected each school year, Cotner said.

"Other activities planned might concern parking, lawn maintenance, or even bonfire," she said.

The program will be implemented through the College Station Public Relations and Marketing Office along with the city's Public Services Department.

Attorney reconsiders murder ruling

Texas DPS releases evidence to lawyers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety has been ordered to turn over evidence in the 1990 deaths of a Texas Racing Commission official and his family to relatives, a lawyer says.

Demetri Anastasiadis, an assistant attorney general handling the case, said Tuesday an appeal of that district court order is possible.

"We've been considering an appeal if there is an adverse ruling," Anastasiadis said.

Anastasiadis, who said he hadn't yet seen the ruling by District Judge James Meyers, said that if an appeal is filed, the first step would be a motion requesting a stay of the order until that appeal is completed.

John Phillips, a lawyer who represents the surviving family members, said the judge said he "felt like this was a proper time to release the information."

David Joost, chief financial officer with the Racing Commission, and his wife, Susan, and children,

Lauren and Eric, were found dead in their Buda home March 5, 1990. The deaths were ruled murder-suicide, but family members question the ruling.

Daniel Joost, David Joost's brother, said the family wants access to the evidence compiled by the DPS and Texas Rangers to see if there is proof that his brother killed his family and himself.

"We just want a second opinion," Daniel Joost said. "We want our investigator to be able to sit down with their evidence and see what happened."

Officials with the DPS and Texas Rangers maintain there is an ongoing investigation, so evidence should not be made public. Meyers had ruled in June that the ongoing investigation meant the files could not be released to the Joost family. Daniel Joost said he is pleased with Meyers' ruling, but said he expects an appeal.

"Even though the judge has said that's what he wants, as far as them carrying out the order, I doubt seriously if that is ever going to happen," he told the Austin American-Statesman.

President Bush returns to Texas

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Private citizen George Bush was coming home to Houston Wednesday immediately after handing over the presidency to his successor, Bill Clinton.

Bush, aboard the 747 aircraft that most recently served as Air Force One, was expected to arrive at Ellington Field, southeast of Houston, by midafternoon.

Bush staffers had hoped the event would remain low-key and not attract a huge crowd.

The former president was accompanied on the flight home by staffers and friends. He declined to allow reporters to accompany him.

Bush and his wife, Barbara, were heading to a rental house in the West Oaks subdivision where they will live until construction of their new home is complete, two doors away.

The Bush's own a narrow lot there and have purchased adjoining land to increase the size of the property to 5,280 square feet.

The home is near the Houstonian Hotel where Bush has

held legal residence during his eight years as vice president and then four as president. Also nearby is the building where Bush has leased office space.

The return of the Bush family to Texas, where they moved in 1948 after Bush graduated from Yale, was being marked in Houston by several large freeway billboards that proclaimed "Welcome Home George & Barbara."

A store in the Bush's new neighborhood was passing out yellow ribbons for residents to tie around trees as a welcoming sign.

The city has spruced up the already affluent area by paving the street, although city officials denied it was done specifically to accommodate the arrival of the former president.

Some residents of the neighborhood have considered petitioning the city to block off the former president's street to deter sightseers or make it a private street.

City officials, however, have discouraged such a move, saying the novelty of Bush's presence soon will wear off and traffic won't be a problem.

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Sat., Jan 23 12:00	Greensworld Golf Tourney	Phi Tau House
Sun., Jan. 24 1:00	Burgers and Balls V-Ball	Phi Tau House
Mon., Jan. 25 8:00	Tour Phi Tau	Phi Tau House
Tues., Jan. 26 7:00	ATE Ball	Clicks Billiards
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