

Schools offer zero-tolerance for gun-toting youths

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — In several Texas school districts, teen-agers who bring drugs or weapons to school and/or commit an assault on school property are expelled. No second chances. No excuses.

It's part of a "zero-tolerance" policy that also includes alternative schools for expelled students — an idea the American Federation of Teachers wants adopted nationwide.

"There has to be a message we are not going to tolerate certain behaviors," John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers, said Monday at the AFT's national convention here.

In a 1993 survey by Metropolitan Life, more than one in ten teachers and nearly one in four students reported they had been victims of violence in or near their schools. Thirteen percent of

the students said they had brought a weapon to school at least once.

The Council of Great City Schools said violence was the major concern in the country's urban school districts.

"There is a tragic climate in which there is no respect for school, for the teachers, for the rights of others," Cole said.

Educators are fighting back, with locker searches and metal detectors. The National Association of Secondary School Principals is asking students to sign a pledge that they will not bring weapons to school.

In Washington, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.,

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and Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said Monday that they would offer an amendment to pending education legislation that would require any school district receiving federal funds to expel for a year any student who carries a gun on school grounds.

"The time has come to get tough on guns in schools," said Feinstein.

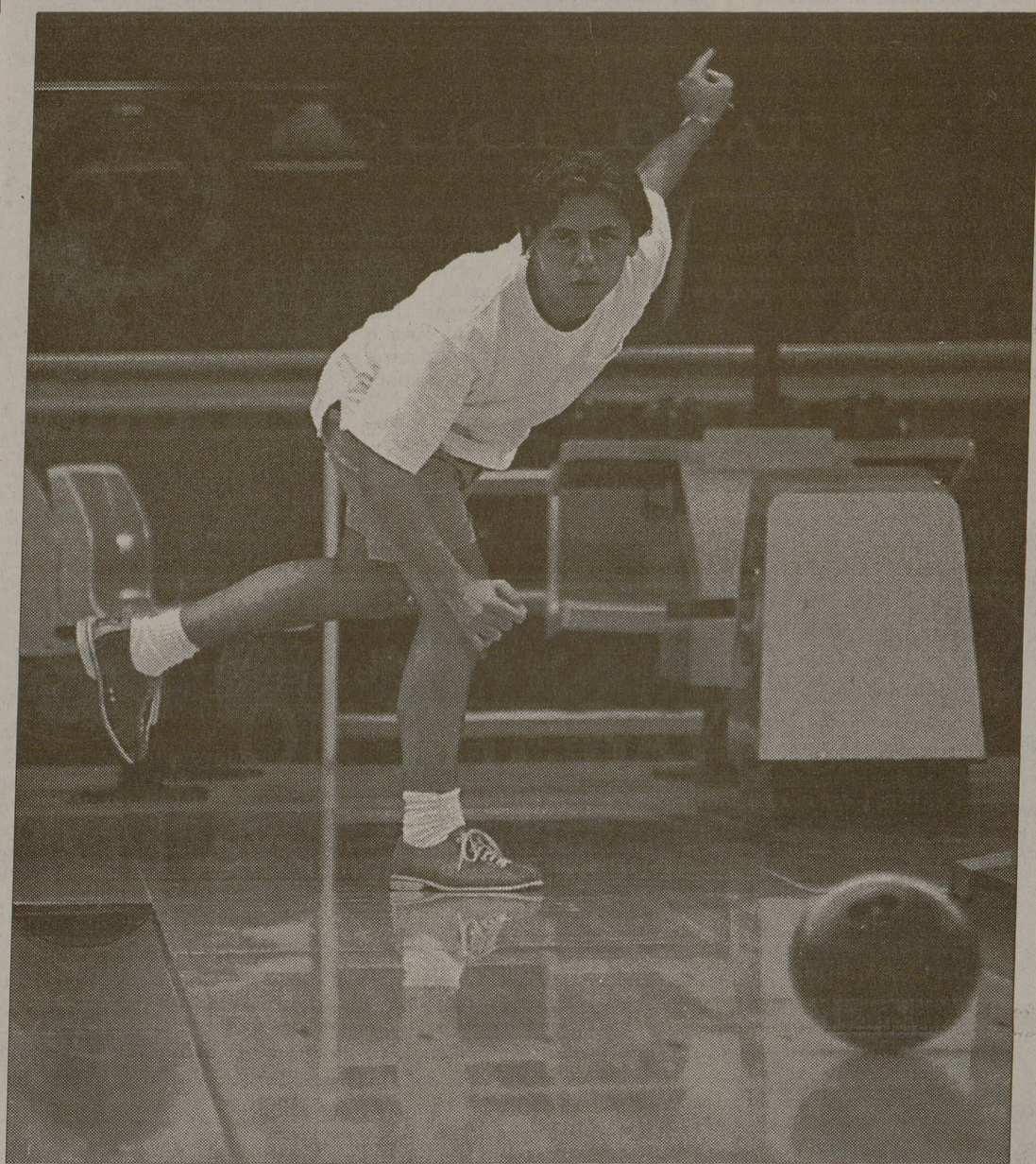
"Schools must undoubtedly be safe houses for learning. The message has to be to parents that it

is wrong to carry a gun into a public school."

The amendment was passed by Congress earlier this year as part of the Goals 2000 education bill. Since state participation in Goals 2000 is voluntary, including it in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act gives it broader reach, including virtually every school district in the country.

At its convention the AFT called for a national summit on school safety and violence and greater distribution of programs and curriculum that have been proved effective in teaching students how to solve conflicts peacefully.

AFT delegates also approved, without debate, a resolution calling for the adoption of strict codes of student conduct along with zero tolerance of "drugs, weapons, crimes and acts of violence on school campuses."



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Shootin' for a strike

Luis Angel, a senior agricultural engineering major, gives his bowling arm a good workout Monday afternoon in the MSC. Luis is an international student from Bogotá, Colombia.

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Mexican food high in fat, sodium

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tossing the tacos, bypass that burrito and just say "no" to the refried beans, guacamole, sour cream and tortilla chips.

The consumer group that attacked the fat in movie popcorn and in Italian and Chinese meals now warns that most Mexican food dishes in restaurants will saddle you with up to a full day's worth of fat and sodium and more than 1,000 calories.

But unlike Chinese and Italian food, the Center for Science in the Public Interest said it found few ways consumers could improve the nutritional value of Mexican restaurant food.

"Mexican food is not seen as health food," Michael Jacobson, the executive director, acknowledged at a news conference Monday, "but I think the numbers will shock anybody who has had any concern about health."

Herman Cain, president of the National Restaurant Association, said the independent study "feeds the nation's paranoia about the food system" and that it "may be far worse than

nothing wrong with Mexican restaurant food for customers concerned about nutrition as long as they make the right choices," Cain said in a statement. "The low-fat, low-cholesterol items are there."

Skip the trimmings

Side orders and extras don't help, but careful selections can.

• **Beef-and-cheese nachos:** A serving has more than 1,300 calories and as much fat as a stick of butter. Half an order equals three-fourths of the recommended daily allowance of 65 grams of fat.

• **Chicken burritos:** Second-best, although fattier than fajitas because of the cheese on top and the refried beans inside.

• **Taco salad:** Each has a day's worth of fat and saturated fat and 1,100 calories, excluding the dressing. It can be made healthier by skipping the beef, cheese, guacamole, sour cream and tortilla shell.

— Center for Science in the Public Interest

The center's nutritionists bought take-out portions of the fifteen most popular Mexican dishes at table-service restaurants in Chicago, Dallas, San Francisco and Washington.

Equal portions of the same dish were mixed, and a sample of each was sent to an independent lab for testing, said Bonnie Liebman, director of nutrition for the center.

Liebman said there was no single culprit in Mexican cuisine, but that the problem starts with the side dishes — Mexican rice, refried beans, sour cream and guacamole — and is magnified by the added entree.

Of the 15 dishes, the survey found the only "safe bet" to be chicken fajitas with flour tortillas, but only when eaten without the trimmings.

The worst choice was the chiles rellenos platter. "You might as well eat a stick of butter and one and a half teaspoons of salt," Liebman said of the weighted cheese-stuffed, deep-fried pepper topped with cheese and red sauce.

Pebble Creek

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ent from other courses in the area because it has a modern design.

"The design is more modern in terms of fairways," Lane said. "The fairways are concave and more generous in retaining the ball than the older style golf courses."

Lane said Pebble Creek was designed differently than older style golf courses because the architect designed each green for that specific hole or particular shot.

Pebble Creek's modern design makes it a popular course for tournaments, he said.

The bigger tournaments are scheduled on Monday because the course is usually closed, he said.

"We don't like to schedule tournaments that will interfere with members playing time," he said. "Our main goal is to try to provide a quality product and good service to members."

Bill Woodson, member of Pebble Creek and on-premise manager for Brazos Beverages, said he enjoys playing golf at Pebble Creek.

"I joined Pebble Creek when it opened in 1992," Woodson said. "It looked like the kind of golf course I wanted to play and judging from the plans it looked like the kind of place I wanted to be a part of."



POLICE BEAT

The following incidents were reported to University Police Department between June 24 and July 10:

Driving While Intoxicated
East Main - An intoxicated motorist was arrested.

Felony Theft
Sports Recreation Center Construction Site - A chop saw, a cutting torch with gauges, two weld packs and two grinders were stolen.

Fire
Turbomachinery Laboratory - A heater ignited insulation in a first floor room. College Station Fire Department personnel checked the area and extinguished the smoldering material. No evidence of structural damage was detected.

Assault
Read Building - At the end of a basketball game, a person was struck on the left side of his face by a person on the opposing team.

Criminal Mischief
Parking Area 50 - A 1990 Chevrolet was damaged with a sharp instrument.
Ross Street - A cyclist reported his bicycle was struck by a hit-and-run motorist. The motorist

said his vehicle had been damaged by the cyclist who climbed on the hood and beat the windshield with his fists. The motorist also noted a scratch on the rear passenger's door.

Criminal Trespass/Failure to Identify
Bizzell Street - Two juveniles who chose to ignore a previously issued criminal trespass warning were arrested. One of the juveniles was also charged with failure to identify himself. Both juveniles were taken to the Brazos County Juvenile Detention Center.

Burglary of Building/Criminal Mischief
Firemen's Training School - The door to the Control Unit Building was pried open and the contents of the building were moved around. A pair of gloves and boots, normally stored in the building, were found on the east side of the structure. A

pair of bolt cutters, a pair of bunker gloves and a yellow bunker coat were stolen.

Burglary of Vehicle
Firemen's Training School - A radio was stolen from a 1985 Ford van parked on the property.

Misdemeanor Theft
Various Campus Locations - Three bicycles were stolen.

Theft of Service
Academic Building - A second floor office was entered, and several unauthorized long-distance telephone calls were made.

Driving While License Suspended
F&B Road - Following a traffic stop, a motorist was detected operating a vehicle without a valid driver's license.

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