



POLICE BEAT

The following incidents were reported to University Police Department from Oct. 13 to Oct. 20.

Misdemeanor Theft

At various campus locations - Two bicycles were stolen.

Mosher Hall - A blue denim hair band and a gold pinky ring were stolen.

Duncan Dining Hall - A Hewlett-Packard calculator was stolen.

Underwood Hall - Several items of clothing left unattended in a dryer were stolen.

Ireland Street Motorcycle Parking - A 1988 white Honda motorcycle was stolen.

Walton Hall - A bicycle tire was stolen.

Cain Hall - A backpack containing a calculator, several textbooks, a purse, makeup bag and leather organizer was stolen.

Cain Hall - \$8 in quarters was stolen.

Cain Hall - A wallet was stolen and \$51.24 in Aggie Bucks charges were made.

Cain Hall - A key and \$11 were stolen.

Minor in Possession

Joe Rout Boulevard - Citation issued.
Parking Area 62 - Citation issued.

Burglary of Vehicle

Intramural Parking - The victim's Chevrolet truck was entered by someone who punched two

holes in the lower portion of the driver's side window and stole two speakers, and amplifier, an equalizer, and a CD player.

Parking Area 50 - The passenger's side window of the victim's 1986 Honda Accord was shattered and a CD player and speakers were stolen.

Parking Area 50 - A cassette stereo was stolen from the victim's 1993 Mitsubishi pickup.

Parking Area 96 - A CD player and CD were stolen from a Jeep Wrangler.

Criminal Mischief

Crocker Bicycle Rack - Bicycle tires were bent.

Harassment

McInnis Hall - The victim received threatening phone calls.

Krueger Hall - The victim received threatening phone calls.

Assault

Commons Lobby - The victim was playing cards with friends when a man walking through the lobby stopped and confronted him. The man struck the victim in the face with his fist and book bag. After striking the victim, the man left the area and was later located and identified.

Dunn Hall - The victim was assaulted by two known assailants who forced their way into the room.

Judges deny Indian tribe gambling on reservation

EL PASO (AP) — Tigua Indian leaders were closeted with attorneys this morning planning strategies to battle a federal appeals court ruling that jeopardizes their bid to introduce casino gambling to Texas.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday struck down a lower court's ruling that ordered the state to negotiate a gambling agreement with the tribe.

Tigua Gaming Commissioner Vince Munoz said the ruling was a disappointment and a setback, but did not kill the tribe's plans.

"We are not giving up our fight. We will bring our casino to this reservation," Munoz said this morning. "We may be

a fallen warrior for the moment, but we are not through fighting."

The Tigua's leadership had expressed certainty they would win their battle with the state to open a casino, especially after receiving a favorable ruling from U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton.

Bunton essentially agreed with the tribe's arguments that Texas opened the way for casino gambling when it started operating the lottery. Last year, he ordered the state to negotiate a gambling compact with the tribe.

A compact is required if the tribe is to offer Class 3 gaming, which includes table games and slot machines.

But the 5th Circuit ruled that the Tigua's proposed gaming on their reservation in exchange for federal recognition in 1986.

"We are left with the unmistakable conclusion of Congress — and the tribe intended for Texas' laws and regulations to apply as surrogate federal law on the tribe's reservation," the three-judge panel said in the unanimous ruling.

The New Orleans-based appeals court also ordered the dismissal of the suit.

Munoz said the case will be appealed to the Supreme Court or that U.S. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt will be petitioned for relief.

Taylor residents combat drugs, gang activity in hometown

Citizens' group gets help from Texas National Guard to tear down crack houses

TAYLOR (AP) — The Texas National Guard moved into Taylor on Tuesday to demolish crack houses at the request of a citizens' group organized to run drug dealers out of town.

The group Turn Around Taylor was formed to combat drug sales, drug use, gang activity and prostitution, which had become a fact of life for a part of Taylor called the Line, said Police Chief Fred Stansbury.

The buildings being knocked down are located in that area. Turn Around Taylor officials said two structures were torn down Tuesday morning, with another dozen crack houses scheduled to be razed soon.

Officials said about 100 vacant structures have been identified for possible future demolition.

The structures being torn down are buildings where police say crimes, most involving drugs, have been committed.

"We are excited that everyone has come together in this effort to stop drug dealing in Taylor," Stansbury said.

"It has taken us all a huge amount of time and effort to come this far, but we feel we are well on our way to reclaiming our city," Stansbury said.

He said violent crime is down 80 percent and overall crime down 32 percent in the Line area.

Last year, an operation organized by the Williamson County district attorney's office resulted in 24 arrests and 45 indictments for illegal delivery of cocaine along the Line. District Attorney Markerson said at that time the area was an "open-air drug market."

With the help of representatives from the U.S. Justice Department, residents organized Turn Around Taylor, which came a take-to-the-streets group of peaceful protesters.

The group's members don hardhats and white T-shirts and march for four or more hours on Saturday nights through streets with the highest reported drug-related activity.

Officials said they often confront drug dealers at their homes and on the streets.

"We can sit on our front porches again," said Mae Turner, 79, who has been participating in the weekly marches.

"The drug dealers had been harassing everyone, especially the poor people, and we were afraid to turn on our porch lights at night."

Defense industry leaders urge increase in foreign military sales

DALLAS (AP) — Members of the defense industry have urged a panel of congressmen to loosen restrictions on foreign military sales as a way to help U.S. companies cope with budget cutbacks.

The defense industry is now dependent on foreign sales," Gordon England, president of Lockheed Fort Worth Co., said Tuesday. Lockheed leads a consortium on the Air Force F-22 fighter.

U.S. Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Dallas, organized the forum to hear from representatives of the defense industry, including Texas Instruments, Rockwell International Corp. and E-Systems. U.S. Rep. Ralph Hall, D-Rockwall, and three California congressmen who serve on the House Armed Services committee also participated.

Johnson said the forum was critical to obtain industry input as it undergoes rapid consolidation, and the defense budget has been cut 32 percent since 1986. Johnson's Dallas district alone has more than 350 military subcontractors, he said.

"To have a downsize of our military — in other words, reducing budgets — are going to cost us not only procurement of new systems, but jobs," he said.

International sales were brought up several times during the forum, and Johnson said afterward he believed it was an important emphasis.

"We're too restrictive, and so the companies can't get out there and do business, compete with the rest of the world like we ought to be able to," he said.

Lt. Gen. Thad Wolfe, vice commander of the U.S. Air Force's Air Combat Command, said the Air force also feels strongly that foreign military

sales can help build ties in a changing world. Such sales would increase U.S. influence with other countries and allow the armed services to reap greater economies of scale, he said.

"A properly structured FMS (foreign military sales) program could also help offset the adverse impact of our becoming a smaller, home based force," Wolfe said.

"Such a program would strengthen our national security by increasing interoperability in equipment, tactics and procedures with potential coalition partners, while at the same time increasing their indigenous capability and effectiveness," he said.

Industry representatives asked for less oversight and a streamlined acquisition process.

They also requested that the government work to eliminate some of the uncertainty they face when spending money to develop new systems.

"It would be good to know what the plan is going to be and what the budget is going to be so we can match our budgets," said Jim Schwalbe, vice president for military business of Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.

"We must eliminate these costly starts and stops, changes in production rates," said Larry Cherry, vice president of Washington operations for Vought Aircraft Co.

Bell Helicopter Textron in Fort Worth is developing the V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft for the Marines, along with Boeing. Dallas-based Vought, which Northrop Grumman Corp. is purchasing, makes parts for the B-2 bomber, the C-17 military cargo jet, and three Boeing jetliners.



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Pumpkin pie, anyone?

Sophomore industrial distribution majors Jennifer Allgood and Chad Murf carefully carve their Halloween pumpkin.

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