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NEWS BRIEFS

Southerland hosts "Chat and Chew" Wednesday

Students will have the chance to meet and talk to Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, during Southerland's "Chat and Chew" session Wednesday.

Southerland will hold the lunch meeting at the Recreational Sports Center from 12-2 p.m.

Southerland uses the meetings to gather feedback from students in a casual atmosphere.

Saboteurs leave manifesto at scene of Amtrak wreck

HYDER, Ariz. (AP) — Saboteurs calling themselves "Sons of Gestapo" pulled 29 spikes from a stretch of railroad track, sending an Amtrak train hurtling over a bridge into a dry stream bed Monday, authorities said. One person was killed and about 100 were injured.

A note found outside the train in a remote expanse of desert referred to the federal siege at Waco, Texas, and Ruby Ridge, Idaho — both rallying cries for right-wing, anti-government extremists.

"That's what leads me to believe this is a terrorist attack," said Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio. Amtrak's Sunset Limited, bound from Miami to Los Angeles with 248 passengers and 20 crew members, derailed while crossing a 30-foot-high bridge 50 to 60 miles southwest of Phoenix sometime after 1 a.m.

Four cars plunged from the bridge, with three coming to rest on their sides on the sandy bottom of the desert wash.

Harassment, stalking burden college campuses across nation

Students who receive harassing telephone calls should keep a phone log of when the calls occur and what is said, UPD officers said, and threatening calls should be reported immediately.

By Michelle Lyons
THE BATTALION

Both harassment and stalking are problems that exist on virtually every college campus in cities across the nation, University police said.

Christie Maurer in the records department of the University Police Department said that from September 1994 through September 1995, there were 86 cases of harassment reported to UPD, most of which were telephone harassment.

Sgt. Betty Lemay of the Crime Prevention Unit for the UPD said almost every report involved the phone.

"Ninety-nine point nine percent of the calls that we get are telephone harassment," Lemay said. "Occasionally, we'll get a call involving an actual stalking."

"Most of the problems we

have had in the past were because there were no laws to stop it."

Lemay said that most reports are not true stalking or harassment cases.

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Lt. Bert Kretzschmar, head of the UPD Crime Prevention Unit, offered advice for students being harassed by phone.

"Don't carry on a conversation with somebody," Kretzschmar said. "Hang up immediately."

The callers are often people calling to talk to anyone.

"A lot of times when people randomly calling around, they just want to see what reactions are," he said. "They call and look for conversation."

"If the caller is someone you don't know, it's typically a random caller who is looking for a reaction."

Kretzschmar said that if the calls persist, the victim should make a phone log including dates and times of the call, what was said and whether there is any particular background noise.

If the caller is persistent, the line can be traced through UPD with the written permission of the victim.

The police should be contacted immediately if the caller makes threats, Kretzschmar said.

"Be sure and contact the police if any sort of threat is made," he said.

Lemay said every report looked at carefully.

"We take harassment and stalking very seriously," she said. "We certainly will get it stopped."



"Most of it is harmless," she said, "but we take all of our calls seriously."

Maj. Josie Hosier of the UPD said that of the 86 harassment cases, only one was a case of stalking.

Hosier said a young woman was assaulted out of town. The assailant began to appear at various locations around the Texas A&M campus.

As far as telephone harassment, Hosier said many of the calls are hang-up calls and can be stopped.

"We solve them by tracing

Richards says third party has slim chance

Texas' former governor believes the growing GOP influence may hurt Perot in 1996.

AUSTIN (AP) — While many voters voice unhappiness with Democrats and Republicans, Ross Perot's plan to create a third political party may not be the answer either, former Texas Gov. Ann Richards said Monday.

The Democrat, who won Perot's endorsement in her unsuccessful re-election bid last year, said in an interview that she's not sure another party would win over voters who don't like their current choices.

"It's very hard for anyone to put a party to-

gether that is going to satisfy people who essentially dissent," Richards told The Associated Press.

"If the time has come in this country that a sizeable number of people feel neither party is addressing what they want addressed — then so be it. Is a third party the answer to that? Lots of times people want something other than what they've got — but then they don't necessarily want what they get."

Richards said she's not sure the current two-party system leaves a broad "middle" ground between Democrats and Republicans.

But the growing influence of the GOP's conservative wing could cause trouble for that party, she said.

"I do think the Republican Party increasingly has a problem: you cannot get nominat-

ed unless you appease the right wing.

"It is very much like the trials that the Democratic Party goes through. How do you take people of disparate ideas, ideologies and directions and keep all the puppies in a basket? You look up and one group of puppies is running down the stairs."

Richards said Perot, as an independent presidential candidate in 1992 and since then, has been effective in drawing attention to issues politicians otherwise might ignore, such as the budget deficit.



Richards

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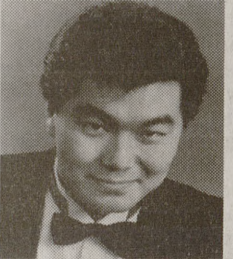
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