

Couple charged with Culpepper burglaries

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A Plano woman was charged with possession of stolen property two days after her husband was charged with breaking into businesses in Culpepper Plaza on Texas Avenue. Jonell Rachelle Smith was charged with possession of stolen property connected to a Plano robbery, said Sgt. Dan Jones, public information officer for the College Station Police Department (CSPD).

Kenneth Clayton Smith, her husband, was charged on Sunday with one count of burglary of six Culpepper Plaza businesses and is being held at the Brazos County Jail on \$50,000 bail. "We went to the Days Inn to ask her some questions about her husband and the officers saw that there was a lot of property in her car that was out of place," Jones said. "Her arrest was a result of her husband's arrest."

The stolen property, 10 Nokia cellular phones and four Ericsson cellular phones, is estimated to be worth \$615. The couple has been linked to other robberies in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Jones said, adding that CSPD is working with Dallas-Fort Worth police. "It looks like these two were involved with the [Culpepper] burglaries," Jones said. "[Kenneth] Smith was the one that went

through the vents, and his wife was probably in the car." Jones said it is unclear why the six Culpepper stores were chosen. After a five-hour search, Smith was found hiding behind a piano in Holze Music with \$500 cash. The police are trying to determine whether the money was taken from the cash registers of the businesses. Jones said investigation of the burglaries of the six Culpepper businesses is still ongoing.

News in Brief Bryan Frito Lay delivery van stolen

A Frito Lay delivery van was stolen at 4:48 a.m. Thursday with about \$3,000 worth of potato chips, a computer and a printer inside. The van was parked in the 4300 block of Boonville Road in Bryan packed and ready for the morning deliveries. "When the driver came outside to make his deliveries, the van was gone and there was broken glass where it should have been parked," said Sgt. Ernie Montoya, public relations officer with the Bryan Police Department. "[The perpetrators] must have busted through the glass and hot wired [the van]." "Rold Gold Pretzels" is written on the stolen van, and the van is one of the only two vans of its kind, said the Frito Lay office. David Haddock, district manager of Frito Lay in Bryan-College Station, said that the van distributes to the B-CS and campus areas. "Not too many [stops were interrupted]," Haddock said. "A lot of the stuff [stolen] was from campus stops, but we moved some stuff around to different routes, and some drivers added on a couple of stops to their routes." Haddock said that business was able to progress as usual.

Symposium addresses Hispanic issues

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The Hispanic population is part of a culture that predates English settlement in the colonies — and, as such, should be recognized as a viable way of life, said Michelle Hall Kells, program chair of the Texas A&M Fall 2000 Literacy Symposium, which focuses on language and Hispanic identities.

The symposium, which began Thursday night with a poetry reading by a respected Hispanic scholar, will continue today until 5:30 p.m. at the Memorial Student Center (MSC).

The symposium will address language, literacy and educational access issues of Hispanic students. "On a very grass-roots level, we have to respond to this and look at

the issues," Kells said, adding that the Hispanic enrollment at A&M is far less than it could be considering the strength of the Hispanic culture within Texas.

"It's an issue of justice — we're talking social justice for Mexican-American students and Hispanic students to be under-represented in our institution. If our student population doesn't reflect the emerging majority of our state, then we have a serious problem," she said.

Kells, a graduate student in the Department of English, calls Hispanic origin "our heritage." Kells, along with fellow symposium organizer Valerie Balester, co-edited a book last year that anticipated the growing diversity within classrooms. While a teacher at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Kells encountered her own limitations and the school's ethnocentric position, which made it difficult to truly teach her students. "Teachers, as a largely monolingual group, are not prepared to address the particular interests and needs and educational concerns of the emerging student population," Kells said. "By and large, in the process of training, [teachers] haven't had either the exposure or the experience or the preparation for the classroom. We're responding to a gap in our training."

In an effort to make the symposium not only an academic, scholarly enterprise, but a celebration of culture "linguistically, poetically and interpersonally," Kells began contacting speakers in January for the event. "Nine months of effort with the Discourse Studies Group in

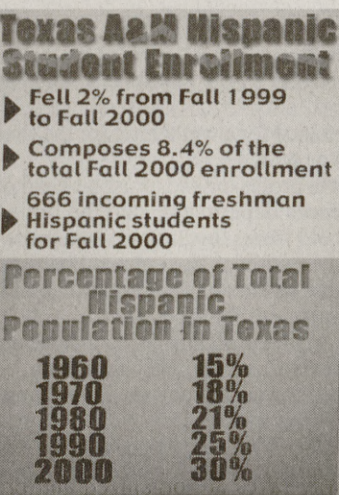
the Department of English and the Hispanic Graduate Student Association led to the symposium's combination of music, poetry and informed discussion.

Today's workshop will open with a small concert by Estudiana Corpus Christi, under the direction of Dr. Leonardo Carrillo of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Panelists will discuss educational issues, key-note speaker Juan Guerra of the University of Washington will present information on multiple literacies and demographics, and speaker Jamie Mejia of Southwest Texas State University will lecture on critical teaching methods in Mexican-American studies.

Jan Swearingen, a panelist for the symposium and an English professor at A&M, will discuss how far scholars have come since the '60s on issues of bilingualism and encouraging Hispanic communities to become part of the larger community of Texas.

Swearingen said educational patterns for Hispanics have not improved as much as early Hispanic workers had hoped after bilingual programs and other support programs came in.

"There's concern about the low percentage of Hispanic students in Texas who complete high school, and the even lower percentage who complete college," Swearingen said. "We are nearing a majority of Hispanics in the state now, and the high school graduation rate is much lower than it should be, and that is for whites. The question is, why is that happening, and what can we do to improve the situation. There are a lot of discussions that need to be had."



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Panel answers questions about sexual responsibility

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Parodying MTV's sex advice show "Loveline," Kappa Alpha Psi members and A.P. Beutel Health Center education coordinator Margaret Griffith discussed sexual responsibility at Texas A&M's Rumours Coffee House last night.

The panel answered audience questions ranging from the truth about combining alcohol and sex to the reasons women are emotional during menstruation.

Sexual responsibility among college students varies widely, Griffith said, saying that some students are responsible, while others have problems with sex. Griffith drew silence when she quoted a statistic to the crowded coffeehouse. "One in five people over the age of 12 has genital herpes," she said. "And half of them will never know it."

Griffith said she hopes to see more college students educated about what can happen when they engage in intercourse.

"It's almost like if you're going to be sexually active — and most people will at some point in their lives — it's a really important thing to be educated about," she said, listing the sexually transmitted infections (STIs) that can be contracted through oral, anal or vaginal sex.

"A lot of people don't realize that these things are out there. We are comparable to most college campuses — which means we have a higher incidence of STIs than in the general population for sure," she said.

October is National AIDS Awareness Month. According to AIDS Services of Brazos Valley, there are 52,292 known AIDS cases in Texas, including 3,754 new cases reported from January 1999 to March 2000. Although rates of HIV — the virus that causes AIDS — are stabilizing in Texas, the number of cases in Brazos Valley are cause for concern.

In the Brazos Valley, there are 148 known AIDS cases, and of the people

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