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17-year-old girl sexually assaulted

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A 17-year-old girl was sexually assaulted and suffered bruising and swelling on her face from an attack Tuesday morning at 2:18 a.m. in the 900 block of University Drive East.

The College Station Police Department (CSPD) responded to the incident when the girl reported that a male in his early 20's grabbed her and forced her into a secluded area where he sexually assaulted her, said Sgt. Rodney Sigler, the CSPD public information officer.

The victim chose to enter the CSPD Pseudonym Program to keep her identity confidential. The program is designed for sexual assault cases to protect the identity, name and life of victims when an assault is reported, Sigler said.

He could not provide any further information about the assault because a formal investigation is in progress. Sigler confirmed no suspects were in custody as of noon Tuesday.

The victim was treated by College Station medics when the police responded to the incident.

"We will do whatever it takes to find [the assailant]," Sigler said. "But because of the investigation, I can't talk about anything else."

Two previous sexual

assaults have been reported this year in College Station. In 2001, three sexual assaults were reported.

Betty Lemay, the crime prevention specialist for the University Police Department (UPD), said the UPD and the University have made concentrated efforts to help prevent sexual assaults on and off campus.

"We do pretty much everything we can to educate and prevent sexual assaults, but you can't always get to everyone," Lemay said.

The University now offers self-defense classes through the Health and Kinesiology Department which includes education about prevention of sexual assaults and steps to take if a sexual assault occurs.

The UPD also designed a Pseudonym Program similar to the CSPD's program. If a sexual assault occurs and is reported to the UPD, the victim's identity automatically becomes confidential. Even Lemay or those working with police on the investigation do not have access to the victim's identity.

The UPD Pseudonym Program also includes a victim's assistants coordinator to provide and help pay for medical bills, rape kits, and counseling, Lemay added.

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Beat the heat



Houston residents **Sammy Aguilar**, left, and **Kimber Sepeda**, right, A&M Softball Camp look on. Almost 200 high school softball players from Texas and neighboring states participate in the camp.

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Chilifest donates to local charities

By Sarah Walch
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Despite the rain and mud that plagued Chilifest patrons in April, Chilifest 2002 organizers earned over \$130,000 and donated 63 percent of that to various organizations in the community of Snook and surrounding areas.

Organizations such as the Burleson County Go-Texan, the Boys and Girls Club of Brazos Valley, the Snook Volunteer Fire Department, the Snook Lions Club, and the Burleson County Fair Association all received donations for the role they played in the event.

Chilifest 2002 surpassed its previous earnings and strengthened its reputation by better planning and communication between the organizers, the security teams and the community, said 2002 coordinating committee member and 2003 chairman Todd Gilmore.

Gilmore said students enjoyed the experience of playing in the mud and listening to the bands sing in the rain.

Burleson County Sheriff Gene Barber said the rain was a blessing in disguise for the safety planners. Better coordination and

cooperation between Chilifest's student organizers, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission, and the Burleson County Sheriff's Department created a system that did not crumble even with the unexpected rain that could possibly have created chaos.

The Texas Department of Public Safety had between 25 and 30 police officers patrolling the area who were available to help report and manage accidents. Due to better traffic control, they could quickly respond to accidents, Barber said.

Barber estimated attendance to be approximately 32,000 people over the two-day period. Barber noted that traffic was more of a hassle than expected because so many attendees immediately left when they realized how wet the event was going to be, making traffic control more complicated for the police officers on duty.

The number of automobile accidents outside Chilifest were less severe, however, because the rain, cold and quick departures cut down the amount of alcohol sold and consumed, said Barber.

The tallies for arrests and cita-

2002 Chilifest Effects

Organizations that received money

- Burleson County - Go Texan
- Boys and Girls Club Of Brazos Valley
- Snook Volunteer Fire Department
- Snook Lions club
- Burleson County Fair Association

Total Police Numbers

Arrests	Citations	Accidents
38	92	15

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tions by Burleson County constables totaled 67 citations, three arrests and 15 accidents, said Dennis Gaas, a constable in Pct. 2. Gaas said the TABC also issued 25 citations and arrested more than 35 people.

With all the problems with trash control last year, there were no complaints of any trash left behind this year and several local people were hired from Snook to

assist the cleanup effort, making it more efficient, Gilmore said.

The continued efforts of student organizers and meetings with the Texas Department of Public Safety helped things go more smoothly, Barber said.

"The feedback was completely positive, and I look forward to another great event next year," Gilmore said. "Chilifest was successful despite the rain."

Investigators find 9/11 mastermind

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigators believe they have identified a Kuwaiti lieutenant of Osama bin Laden as the likely mastermind of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, a senior U.S. counterterrorism official said Tuesday.

Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, designated as one of the FBI's most-wanted terrorists, is at large in Afghanistan or nearby, the official told The Associated Press.

U.S. investigators believe Mohammed planned many aspects of the Sept. 11 attacks, turning bin Laden's calls for dead Americans into reality.

"There's lots of links that tie him to 9-11," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "He's the most significant operational player out there right now."

A second U.S. official, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said Mohammed played a key role in planning the attacks as did Abu Zubaydah, the al-Qaida leader now in U.S. custody.

Within three months of Sept. 11, according to the offi-

cial, the FBI learned that Mohammed had moved money that was used to pay for the attacks and since then the United States has gathered other significant evidence pointing to him as the key planner. The official declined to go into detail, citing a need to protect intelligence information.

Mohammed is accused of working with Ramzi Yousef in the first bombing of the World Trade Center, which left six dead in 1993.

He and Yousef, hiding in the Philippines, also are accused of plotting in 1995 to hijack and bomb several trans-Pacific airliners heading for the United States. Yousef, now serving a life sentence in the United States, also has been accused of plotting to crash a plane into CIA headquarters.

Mohammed was charged by federal prosecutors in New York in 1996 in connection with the alleged 1995 plot. The FBI describes him as in his mid-thirties, sometimes wearing a beard and glasses, and slightly overweight.

Andersen helps students find new jobs

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While the future of Arthur Andersen LLP continues to look uncertain, the accounting department in the Lowry Mays College and Graduate School of Business created a program to help those students whose permanent job offers were rescinded to search for new opportunities.

In the midst of many uncertainties, Andersen ended recruiting efforts in early April. Later that month, Andersen decided to rescind permanent job offers from some A&M accounting students. Many students who graduated in May or will graduate in August began to worry and are now scrambling for other offers due to Andersen's uncertainties.

Dr. James Benjamin, professor and accounting department head, said they decided to create the program because Andersen's future is extremely ambiguous. The department no longer wanted to wonder whether Andersen would continue to honor the job

commitments.

The program created a hard copy and an Internet-based resume book that will be sent to a variety of public and private accounting firms. The accounting department will also personally contact many companies to let them know about the situation, Benjamin said.

The program was set up mainly for students who were scheduled to begin permanent jobs for Andersen within the next six months.

"[Andersen] pulled back a few offers from students who would begin working this summer, mostly in the consulting practice," said Brent Admanson, director of recruiting in the Houston offices.

Some students originally expecting to work for Andersen are now finding themselves in the same job but with a different firm, because some pieces of the sector have already been bought out, Benjamin said.

Robert Half Inc. bought out Andersen's Risk Management Department allowing some accounting students to keep their promised jobs.

Many other sectors of Andersen may be taken over by the remaining four Big 5 accounting firms, he added.

"Reality is, some students may work for us but at a different firm," Admanson said.

Students graduating in May or August of 2003 who accepted internships with Andersen will most likely be able to find new offers. Most have already begun to find different internships, Benjamin said.

Benjamin is assured that the job market for accounting students remains promising and feels students will continue to find jobs during the next 12 months.

"There is still a lot of auditing and business to take care of, other firms are picking up Andersen's business," Benjamin said. "As accounting firms grow with more business, they will need to hire more."

Benjamin believes the A&M accounting students will be able to capitalize on those job opportunities.

"The program seems to be going well and we are definitely moving in the right direction. Hopefully by fall, all our students affected will have jobs," he said.

Connections in the terrorist network

U.S. counterterrorism officials believe they know who organized the Sept. 11 attack. Officials say Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, a Kuwaiti lieutenant under Osama bin Laden, has been coordinating attacks against U.S. interests since 1993. He is thought to be alive and at large in the Afghanistan region.

Osama bin Laden
Nov. 9 videotape shows he had foreknowledge of Sept. 11 attack.

The money man: Shaikh Saïd al-Sharif
Wired money to hijackers. Officials believe he is alive.

The commander: Khalid Shaikh Mohammed
Believed to have organized and coordinated key aspects of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Sept. 11 hijackers

SOURCE: U.S. officials

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