

NEWS IN BRIEF

After-party arrests include 4 robbers

Following the Greek Olympiad step show after-party Saturday, four Dallas-area men were arrested for aggravated robbery; police say they stole up to \$1,115.

University Police Department Director Bob Wiatt said the four men were taken into custody for robbery and marijuana possession charges.

Court documents said the four men approached two men in the Reed parking lot and asked them if they had change for a \$100 bill.

The men said they did not have change, which prompted one of the assailants to point a handgun at them and demand money.

UPD said the two men gave the suspects between \$890 and \$1,115.

Wiatt said a tip led police to the Ramada Inn on Texas Avenue, where the two men identified the four men who had robbed them.

College Station police arrested four men early Sunday morning when the after-party, sponsored by the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, grew out of control making the robbery one of several incidents that night.

Seven gunshots were fired in the air behind Reed Arena and 19 vehicles were burglarized behind G. Rollie White Coliseum. In addition, several fights broke out and there were reports of drug and alcohol use, Wiatt said.

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Landscape management sprinkled dry sand in high traffic areas on campus Tuesday so students, faculty and staff would not slip on any ice that formed in puddles around campus.

A spokesman for the Texas Department of Transportation said students should be careful when traveling this week.

"All the roads around A&M are open, but the bridges and overpasses have been sandblasted," he said. "Students should be careful and take a little extra time driving home."

Texas State Highways 6, 21 and 47, as well as Farm-to-Market roads 60 and 1687 reported closures due to icy conditions late Tuesday night.

The high for Tuesday, 34 degrees, was the lowest this year since the Jan. 12 high of 39 degrees, Herzog said.

The University of Texas and Baylor University canceled classes Tuesday due to severe weather conditions, according to their Web sites.

According to The Associated Press, sleet fell in Austin late Monday and left 11,000 people without power because of wind and ice. The outages started at 5:30 p.m. and all service was restored by midnight Monday.

Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport had numerous cancellations, with American Airlines canceling about half of their departures. More flight cancellations and delays were expected.

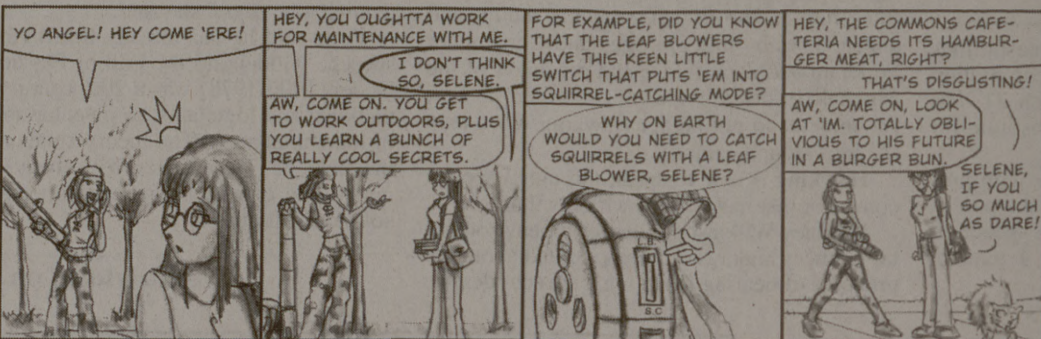
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"The example that is usually used is if there are two types of people in the world, those that shave themselves and those that are shaved by a barber, which group does the barber fall into," Pope said.

Hawking is the greatest physicist since Albert Einstein, said Dr. Edward Fry, head of the A&M physics department. Hawking gained notoriety in the 1970s and 1980s for his theories concerning black holes, and is the holder of the prestigious Lucasian Professorship at Cambridge University.

The Mitchell Institute is

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named after Cynthia W. and George P. Mitchell, Class of 1940, who gave \$2.5 million to fund the institute and the Stephen Hawking Chair in Fundamental Physics, presently being held by Pope.

Unlike Hawking's speech, the topic of the institute will focus mostly on holography, the theoretical field relating string-theory, the use of interactions of one-dimensional strings to explain quantum mechanics, to Einstein's theory of gravity, Pope said.

Along with Hawking, nine other visiting professors from universities such as Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will also be a part of the institute. Pope said that the presence of the visiting

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professors puts the institute on par with Ivy League Programs. "This Institute will be the place in the southern United States for string-theory and other research," Pope said.

Fry has said that the institute will not be developing new technology, but instead will bring more research grants to the University.

Tickets are still available for Hawking's speech at the Rudder Box Office for \$3 for students and children and \$5 for the general public. The speech will be preceded by an exhibition of hands-on science displays representing work from various departments at A&M. The exhibit will run from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

of A&M's Dairy Center with major corporations in the dairy industry.

Dairy Center employees will have a table at the Memorial Student Center the remainder of this week, where students are being asked to sign a petition to keep the dairy open.

"We encourage people to come out and support the dairy," Martindale said. "We need 10,000 signatures to submit to the Texas state legislature."

Cordell said last week that employees of the Dairy plan to take a stand to keep the Dairy open.

"We're not going down without a fight," Cordell said. "We are more than willing to fight for what we love."

Martindale said he was optimistic about the employees' efforts to save the dairy.

"The ball is starting to roll," he said, "and it's looking pretty good."

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