

National Police Blotter



(CPS)—Some of the best reading in the newspaper can be found in the small print, especially since new federal rules have eased restrictions on the release of university crime statistics.

The "crime beat" sections of college newspapers, detailing police reports of real and suspected criminal activity, give readers a whole new perspective on what's really happening, both on and off campus. College Press Service has been keeping track this fall of the oddest, funniest and most interesting items in police reports on student behavior, which are being passed along to the readers:

"A 20-year-old UA student was cited on a minor in possession of alcohol charge Sunday. A UAPD officer stopped (the man) at 1:35 a.m. after he fell down and rolled into the southbound lane at North Cherry Avenue and East Second Street..."—*The Daily Wildcat*, University of Arizona

"The East Lansing Police Department said they were called to the scene of a fight between two males who were biting each other.... One male had the lower portion of his ear bitten through and the other had bite wounds to his leg and back, police said."—*The State News*, Michigan State University

"UF police have recommended charges be pressed against two Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity members in connection with a burglary of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house... Three leather couches and an oil painting of Lambda Chi Alpha's coat of arms, valued at \$1,100, were reported stolen..." *The Florida Independent Alligator*, University of Florida

"Saturday night a dog was removed from the chancellor's house by ASU police."

"A student was charged with possession of a weapon on campus after a caller reported the student shooting a bow and arrow outside of East Hall." *The Appalachian*, Appalachian State University (Boone, N.C.)

"Oct. 2, 8:30 a.m. While in the library, a student was approached by a suspicious man. He began harassing her and grabbed a hold of her feet. She yelled and he left the scene."—*The Griffin*, Canisius College (N.Y.)

"Oct. 11. Two hungry UCSB students were arrested for the theft of three lobsters after conducting a raid on commercial traps off Del Playa Drive. The two males, in their early 20s, were taken into custody and booked for a court appearance. Their names are being withheld by university police."—*The Daily Nexus*, University of California, Santa Barbara

"A 21-year-old student reported seeing an exposed male drive past her on Maple Street. The incident occurred at 9 p.m. on Aug. 17 outside the Chi Omega sorority house. Lt. Mike Terry, UA Police Department, said that apparently the driver was already exposed before he drove past the sorority house."—*The Arkansas Traveler*, University of Arkansas

Report of a dormitory fight between members of two groups: "One member, an ex-roommate of one of the males, tried to get into the room. Once he got into the room he was confronted by a 2-by-4 piece of wood. The male with the 2-by-4 was then pushed into a closet and struck with a closed fist by the other male. No charges have been filed at the time."—*The Eastern Echo*, Eastern Michigan University

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Library preserves Nevada gaming history

by Nancy Vega

Gambling is the economic mainstay of Las Vegas and UNLV has become the reservoir for the history of this unique industry.

The task of preserving gaming history for Nevada has fallen upon the shoulders of Susan Jarvis, director of the Gaming Resource Center at the James R. Dickinson Library.

The Gaming Resource Center's purpose is to acquire information relating to all aspects of gaming and to preserve the integrity of the material for the use by future generations. It

also provides storage and retention space as well as organizes and allows access to the gaming resources.

"The Gaming Resource Center is the largest research facility of its type," Jarvis said. "Most of the students who use our materials are hotel administration or history majors."

Materials in the collections include such items as photographs, posters, postcards, publicity and promotional literature, audio and video cassettes and recorded discs as well as corporate newsletters and financial reports.

"Students as well as the

general public are allowed to view these materials," Jarvis said. "However, because of the rarity of the material we do ask that everyone sign the check-in roster so that we can keep track of the materials to ensure their safety."

"The resource center gives people more detailed access to information than other parts of the library can.

"I really get a sense of satisfaction knowing I was able to help a person find the information they needed," Jarvis said. "Making that connection makes my job enjoyable."

Scholarship tax relief bill killed

WASHINGTON (CPS)—An amendment that would have reduced federal taxes on student scholarships was dropped from a compromise version of a tax bill.

The amendment, sponsored by U.S. Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., would have repealed taxes on the segments of scholarships that pay for rent, food, and travel, his spokesman said.

However, the amendment was tacked onto the tax bill late in the recent session of Congress. In early October, a conference committee deleted the amendment from the final version of the bill. Depending on a student's income, undergraduate scholarships can be taxed at a 14 percent or higher rate for room, board and travel.

It is up to the student to declare the income from the scholarship, and the Internal Revenue Service is beginning to investigate students who aren't paying taxes on scholarships.

"We'll look for some other way to get it repealed next year. It doesn't mean he's giving up," said a spokesman for the senator. Lott's amendment was a watered down version sponsored

by U.S. Rep. Tom Lewis, R-Fla., and the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students.

That bill would have rescinded a 17 percent tax on graduate and professional students' stipends, scholarships and fellowships. However, the bill was never scheduled for a hearing and Congress is now out of session.

The 1986 Tax Reform Act put a 17 percent tax on all scholarships and other money awarded to post-baccalaureate students in graduate and professional schools. Lewis wanted the tax rescinded. When the House didn't take up the measure, Lott offered his version on the Senate side.

A key difference is that Lott's amendment dealt with both undergraduate and graduate students, while Lewis' focused on graduate and professional students.

Survey Shows College Tuition Continues to Rise

NEW YORK (CPS)—The average student at a four-year public institution will pay a whopping 10 percent more for tuition and fees in 1992-93 according to a new survey from the College Board.

The average tuition fee and charges for in-state students was \$2,315 at public four-year colleges or universities, the survey said, which comes to 10 percent more than in 1991-92.

The survey also states that tuition and charges at two-year public institutions averaged \$1,292, which also reflects a 10 percent increase. At private institutions, tuition and fees av-

erage \$10,498 at a four-year college or university, and \$5,621 at a two-year college, increases of 7 and 6 percent respectively over last year. The increases were not as high as anticipated.

"Given the state of the economy and its impact on state budgets, many people expected much larger increases this year, particularly in the public sector," said Donald M. Stewart, president of the College Board.

Stewart pointed out that last year public colleges raised their tuition and fees an average of 13 percent. While the College Board survey represents what students are actually paying, Peterson's, a company that specializes in information on American colleges and universities, recently announced that colleges are charging an average of 11.7 percent more in tuition and charges.

The Peterson survey also revealed more than 60 percent of all undergraduates receive some form of financial aid, both merit, and need, based. Private institutions have the highest level of students who receive financial aid.

The College Board also develops sample budgets for a year of education, based on average tuition and fees, plus institutional estimates of room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and personal expenses.

This year, sample budgets range from \$5,282 for a student who lives at home and commutes to a two-year public college, to \$17,027 for a student in a dormitory at a four-year private institution.

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