

News

CAMPUS POLICE

Thefts under investigation

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Between controlling driving issues and investigating a series of random thefts, Campus Police has been busy lately.

Beginning at the end of last semester, the rate for thefts increased, said Chief Barry Johnson. TVs, VCRs, CDs, radios and PlayStations were just a few items stolen from dorm rooms.

"Anytime someone loses personal equipment, we consider it a big problem," Johnson said. "We have increased patrol to keep certain areas secured."

Johnson said theft usually increases slightly toward the end of each semester, but it is important to remember to always lock room and car doors anytime.

At the end of last semester, toys were reported missing from Lindsey Hall. The toys were donated items to help less fortunate children at Christmas time. Moreover, a professor in Lindsey reported that some of her personal items were stolen from her office.

Johnson said the police station has a few suspects in mind and the theft cases are still under investigation. He encourages everyone to lock all doors and report any unusual activity to Campus Police at ext. 4444.

Johnson also said the police station has an engraver, which will put an identification number on items. If these items are stolen and sold at a

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pawnshop, the police may be able to return the items to the owner.

Driving

The police station has also been busy cracking down on reckless driving. With the weather starting to get better and an increased number of outdoor practices beginning, Johnson said patrolling will increase on Stadium Drive.

The police have access to a speed trailer, which displays the speed on coming cars.

The station was also recently given an Alco-Sensor. An Alco-Sensor can measure the blood alcohol level of a person by breathing on a stick. Johnson is hoping this will help to decrease any drunk driving on campus.

Johnson said driving will be strictly enforced, and he encourages all drivers to obey speed limits.

Emergency call box

Within the next month, the police station will be placing an emergency call box on campus. Johnson said they are considering putting the long, blue pole near the

lake or another central location on campus and away from the residence halls. It will be reserved for emergency purposes only.

The call box will have a flashing blue light that will let the police station know when someone has activated it. The box will call the police desk immediately when it has been activated. The call box will be used for emergency purposes only.

"This will certainly help improve safety," said Johnson. "Anything to improve safety is necessary."

Johnson said he is not sure of the cost, but believes it will be relatively inexpensive. If the emergency call box proves useful, Johnson said more might go up around campus.

Terrorism

As of last week, campus police was working on an emergency plan in case of a chemical or biological terrorist attack. A memo was e-mailed to all students informing them that the police station has access to top-quality equipment in case of an attack.

If anyone is concerned about a terrorist attack and has any questions, please feel free to contact campus police.

You can help

• The police are asking anyone to call ext. 4444 if they see anything out-of-the-ordinary such as moving television sets or peaking in cars.

NEW DIRECTOR NAMED

Gilliam replaces Varley

Angela Lachney
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As of February, LouAnn Gilliam is the new Director of Alumni Relations.

Many students know Gilliam as the former Assistant Director of Admissions, who left for about a year for the birth of her daughter.

The position entitles her to "strengthen the relationship between our graduates and the University," said Gilliam.

Gilliam is excited to be back at GWU and wants to "continue the

relationship building process with students," said Gilliam "and to help them to become good alumni and with past students to keep them engaged in the life of our school."

Gilliam graduated with a B.S. in Psychology in 1994 from Gardner-Webb, and her Master's of Divinity from GWU in 1998.

Since Gilliam has been involved with Gardner-Webb for so long, "her

work as a well-connected and involved undergraduate grant her an excellent insight into the spirit of our University, while her work as a graduate student and employee have given her the tools she needs to advance our alumni relations program in significant ways," said Steve Varley, Vice President for Advancement, who formerly held the position of Director of Alumni relations.

Varley said that Gilliam was the right choice to fill this position because her attitude toward the students will help the alumni succeed.



Gilliam

WORLD IN BRIEF

Four killed in Alabama

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Four people were killed Tuesday when a man opened fire after an argument at a temporary employment office, authorities said.

A fifth victim was being treated for minor injuries at Huntsville Hospital following the shooting spree at a Labor Ready office in Huntsville.

"Officers responded to this house. He did fire shots at the officers," said Huntsville Police Department spokesman Wendell Johnson. "We do have the suspect contained," he said.

— United Press International

U.S. press toward war resolution

WASHINGTON -- The Bush administration was preparing its closing argument Sunday in the case for war on Saddam Hussein's regime as Iraqi officials test-fired a short-range missile to try to show inspectors that it does not exceed the allowed 93-mile range.

Iraq said it was considering the United Nations weapons inspectors' demand that it destroy 100 to 120 of the al-Samoud 2 missiles.

The Bush administration, meanwhile, was struggling to line up votes at the U.N. Security Council for a resolution that would declare that Saddam's regime had not complied with past resolutions requiring Iraq to end its chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs. Syria indicated Sunday that it would not vote with the United States. France, Russia and China -- all of whom have veto power on the Security Council -- oppose such a resolution.

— USA TODAY

More Shuttle Debris Could Have Hit Wing

WASHINGTON, Feb 22, 2003 -- As many as three pieces of debris were ripped off and propelled at hundreds of miles per hour toward the shuttle Columbia, possibly hitting the left wing, according to a document made public Friday by NASA.

All three pieces were 20 inches long, with one 16 inches wide and the other two 10 inches wide. Their thickness varied from 6 inches to 2 inches.

At the same time NASA published more e-mails of engineers at the Langley Research Center in Virginia, one warning that were one of the chunks of debris composed of ice instead of foam it would have hit the wing with the force of a 500 pound safe traveling 365 miles per hour.

Aviation Week magazine earlier reported that NASA documents as far back as 1988 showed that Columbia's left wing was exceptionally rough, presenting a possibility of more damage were there any impact of debris.

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